

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD FEBRUARY 3, 2026**

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10:00 a.m. - The meeting was called to order by Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 121 17<sup>th</sup> Street West, Jasper.

**Present:** Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short, Councilmembers Lincoln Moody, Jennifer W. Smith, and Willie Moore III, Mayor Josh Gates, City Clerk/Administrator Kathy Chambless, City Attorney Russ Robertson

**Absent:** Councilmember Sam Watts

**Invocation:** Building Inspector Adam Bolton

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Assistant Police Chief Paul Tucker

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Moore that the minutes of the regular meeting held January 20, 2026, be approved.

**Vote**

Councilmember Lincoln Moody	Yes
Councilmember Sam Watts	Absent
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

**Consider amendments to the agenda.** There was one amendment to the agenda: Consider a temporary street closure on a portion of 19<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Consider approval of the agenda.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Smith that the agenda be approved.

**Vote**

Councilmember Lincoln Moody	Yes
Councilmember Sam Watts	Absent
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

**Recognize and introduce members of the Homelessness Response Steering Committee.** Community and Economic Development Director and Committee Chair Tana Collins-Allred introduced members of the committee: Heath Allred, Iris Jarvis, Vernell Johnson, Paul Kennedy (represented by Pauletta Windham), April Knight, Carlos Pedraza, Chris Sherer, Sandi Sudduth, and Councilmember Jenny Brown Short.

**Consider approval of an event permit for Art in the Park requested by the Walker County Arts Alliance to be held at Gamble Park on May 9, 2026, with temporary road blockages on Gamble Ave in the morning and afternoon for setup and takedown.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Smith to approve an event permit for Art in the Park requested by the Walker County Arts Alliance to be held at Gamble Park on May 9, 2026, with temporary road blockages on Gamble Ave in the morning and afternoon for setup and takedown.

**Vote**

Councilmember Lincoln Moody	Yes
Councilmember Sam Watts	Absent
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

**Consider closing a portion of 19<sup>th</sup> Street East from 8:30 am – 1:30 pm on Friday, February 6, 2026, to allow for the installation of HVAC units at the future site of Tazikis.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Moody, seconded by Councilmember Smith to close a portion of 19<sup>th</sup> Street East from 8:30 am – 1:30 pm on Friday, February 6, 2026, to allow for the installation of HVAC units at the future site of Tazikis.

**Vote**

Councilmember Lincoln Moody	Yes
Councilmember Sam Watts	Absent
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

**Consider a request for permission to send bids for concessions operations.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Moody to allow the Purchasing Agent to send bids for concessions operations.

**Vote**

Councilmember Lincoln Moody	Yes
Councilmember Sam Watts	Absent
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

**Consider adoption of a resolution to create the Jasper Junior Council.** Before action was taken, Councilmember Smith commented that she is excited to create an opportunity for high school students to be engaged and actively involved in the Jasper community. She thanked the Council and Jasper High School.

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Moore adopt a resolution to create the Jasper Junior Council.

**Vote**

Councilmember Lincoln Moody	Yes
Councilmember Sam Watts	Absent
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

(See following pages)

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF JASPER, ALABAMA**

**Resolution No.: 2026-04**

WHEREAS, the City of Jasper, Alabama has been presented with a proposal to approve the creation of the City of Jasper Junior City Council, to provide the opportunity for youth in the City of Jasper to interact and participate in leadership activities in and for the benefit of the City of Jasper, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, that the Junior City Council would educate local youth about processes and operations of local government, while providing an opportunity for input from the younger population of the City of Jasper on issues such as parks & recreation, entertainment, education, traffic, law enforcement, and other quality-of-life matters within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that both the youth who participate in the Junior Council and the City at large will benefit from the existence of and participation in Junior Council activities;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, as follows:

1). That the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, does approve the creation of the City of Jasper Junior City Council, and authorizes the City of Jasper to provide a meeting place for said Junior Council and to otherwise expend municipal funds and efforts in support of the activities of the Junior Council;

2). That the City of Jasper, Alabama, shall coordinate with the Jasper City Board of Education to develop application, qualification, operating provisions and other criteria for selection and retention of membership of the Junior Council, which rules and qualifications shall be subject to the approval and ratification of the City Council of the City of Jasper; provided, however, that the application process shall provide for all of the following:

- a. a reasonable minimum grade point average, which should not be less than a 2.5 on a 4.0 scale;
- b. specific disciplinary standards, including that the applicant not have had any disciplinary referrals which have resulted in off-campus suspension or any punishment more severe than such suspension;
- c. submission of a signed (by parent/guardian and participant) application indicating the understanding of the applicant that the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, must approve the applicant's membership on the Junior Council and may remove any member of the Junior Council for good cause shown, which cause shall be determined at the sole discretion of the City Council; and
- d. provision for conduct requirements demonstrating good citizenship and adherence to local, state and federal laws, and for forfeiture of membership in the unlikely event of a violation of such requirements.

3). That Mayor Josh Gates and Councilmember Jennifer Smith, or their designees, are authorized to act on behalf of the City of Jasper, Alabama, and to work with the Jasper City Board of Education to prepare drafts of application criteria, an application form, and other pertinent rules and regulations for approval by the City Council.

WHEREUNTO, we have set our hands and seals on this the 3rd day of February, 2026.

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, ALABAMA

By: Jenny Brown Short  
Hon. Jenny Brown Short, Presiding Officer

By: Lincoln Moody  
Hon. Lincoln Moody

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Hon. Sam Watts

By: Jennifer W. Smith  
Hon. Jennifer W. Smith

By: Willie Moore III  
Hon. Willie Moore, III

ATTEST:

Kathy Chambless  
Hon. Kathy Chambless  
City Clerk

**Consider adoption of a resolution to authorize Mayor Gates to enter into an agreement with ALDOT for right-of-way mowing.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Moody to adopt a resolution to authorize Mayor Gates to enter into an agreement with ALDOT for right-of-way mowing.

**Vote**

Councilmember Lincoln Moody	Yes
Councilmember Sam Watts	Absent
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

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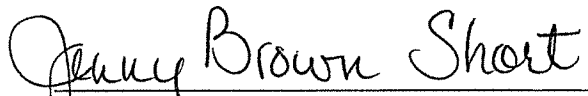
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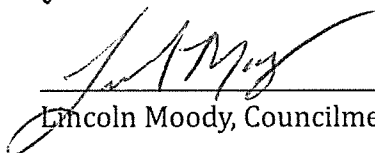
**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, believes that the continued beautification of AL-118, AL-5, AL-269, and AL-69 which run through the city limits is vital to the city's beautification program; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama feels that its beautification goals can be better achieved through control of the mowing along sections of AL-118, AL-5, AL-269, and AL-69.

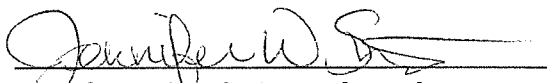
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, that Mayor Josh Gates is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation for cooperative maintenance of public right-of-way, as it relates to portions of AL-118, AL-5, AL-269, and AL-69.

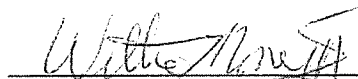
**ADOPTED** this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2026.

  
Jenny Brown Short, Presiding Officer

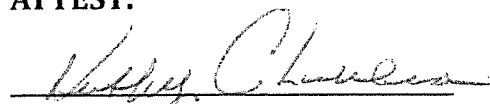
  
Lincoln Moody, Councilmember

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Sam Watts, Councilmember

  
Jennifer W. Smith, Councilmember

  
Willie Moore III, Councilmember

**ATTEST:**

  
Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

**Consider adoption of a resolution to authorize Mayor Gates to enter into an agreement with LaBella Associates for the installation of a monitoring well and groundwater monitoring plan preparation at the landfill.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Smith to adopt a resolution to authorize Mayor Gates to enter into an agreement with LaBella Associates for the installation of a monitoring well and groundwater monitoring plan preparation at the landfill.

**Vote**

Councilmember Lincoln Moody	Yes
Councilmember Sam Watts	Absent
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

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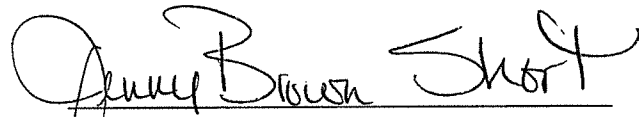
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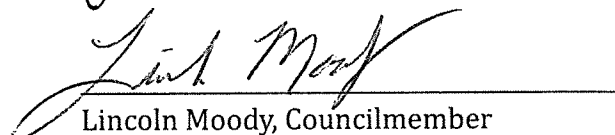
**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, wishes to retain professional consulting services for the installation of a monitoring well at the landfill; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Jasper intends to enter into an agreement with LaBella Associates, D.P.C. (LaBella) under which LaBella will provide professional and contracted services for the installation of a new groundwater monitoring well and groundwater plan preparation at the landfill.

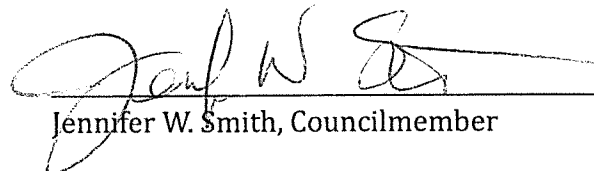
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, that Mayor Josh Gates is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with LaBella for professional services for the installation of a monitoring well and groundwater plan preparation at the Jasper landfill.

**ADOPTED** this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2026.

  
Jenny Brown Short, Presiding Officer

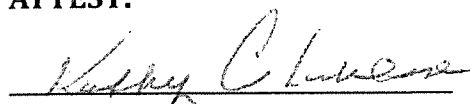
  
Lincoln Moody, Councilmember

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Sam Watts, Councilmember

  
Jennifer W. Smith, Councilmember

  
Willie Moore III, Councilmember

**ATTEST:**

  
Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

**Consider adoption of a resolution to authorize Mayor Gates to enter into an agreement with Contamination Control Services, LLC, to purchase property at the corner of Birmingham Avenue and 23rd Street East.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Moore to adopt a resolution to authorize Mayor Gates to enter into an agreement with Contamination Control Services, LLC, to purchase property at the corner of Birmingham Avenue and 23rd Street East.

**Vote**

Councilmember Lincoln Moody	Yes
Councilmember Sam Watts	Absent
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Abstain

(See following pages)

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF JASPER, ALABAMA**

**Resolution No. 2026-07**

WHEREAS, the City of Jasper, Alabama has been presented with a proposal to purchase property located at the southeast corner of the intersection of 23<sup>rd</sup> Street and Birmingham Avenue in the City of Jasper; and

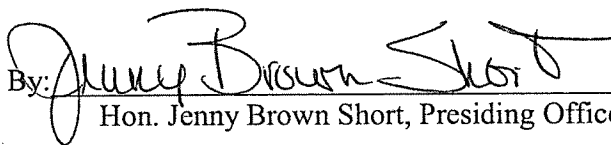
WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, that it would benefit the City in its governmental operations and would benefit the citizens of the City of Jasper for the City of Jasper to purchase the property;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, as follows:

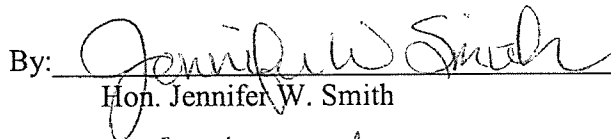
- 1). That the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, does approve the proposed Real Estate Sales Contract between the City of Jasper and Contamination Control Services, LLC; and
- 2). That Mayor Josh Gates is authorized to act on behalf of the City of Jasper, Alabama, and execute the Real Estate Sales Contract between the City of Jasper and Contamination Control Services, LLC.

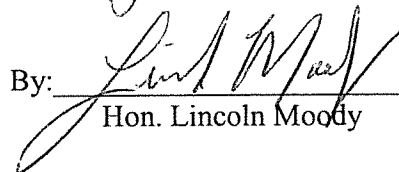
WHEREUNTO, we have set our hands and seals on this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2026.


CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, ALABAMA

By:   
Hon. Jenny Brown Short, Presiding Officer

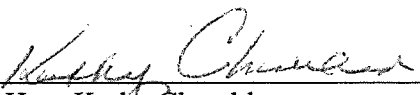
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Hon. Sam Watts

By:   
Hon. Jennifer W. Smith

By:   
Hon. Lincoln Moody

By:   
Hon. Willie Moore, III

ATTEST:

By:   
Hon. Kathy Chambless  
City Clerk

**Consider adoption of Budget Amendment #2025/2026-06 by unanimous consent for funds for the purchase of property at the corner of Birmingham Avenue and 23rd Street East and for maintenance shed repairs, a mower, and a side-by-side for the Cemetery Department.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Moody that the rules be suspended and unanimous consent be given for immediate consideration of and action on said budget amendment.

**Vote**

Councilmember Lincoln Moody	Yes
Councilmember Sam Watts	Absent
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Moore to adopt Budget Amendment #2025/2026-06 by unanimous consent for funds for the purchase of property at the corner of Birmingham Avenue and 23rd Street East and for maintenance shed repairs, a mower, and a side-by-side for the Cemetery Department.

**Vote**

Councilmember Lincoln Moody	Yes
Councilmember Sam Watts	Absent
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

**Introduce an ordinance levying ad valorem taxes.** The ordinance was introduced by the City Clerk to be considered for approval at a subsequent council meeting.

**Introduce an ordinance rezoning a 6.06 acre+- a portion of parcel # 64-17-07-35-0-000-001.000 off Whitehouse Rd from the temporary MR (Municipal Reserve) Zoning District to the permanent B-4 (I-22 Business Corridor) Zoning District to apply permanent zoning to a newly annexed parcel. (District 1)** The ordinance was introduced by the Building Inspector to be considered for approval at the next regular council meeting.

**Comments:** Mayor Gates thanked the members of the Homelessness Response Steering Committee for agreeing to serve. He shared that an online community survey is open and ready for the community to share their responses. He stressed the value of receiving insight and feedback for future planning. The survey is on the website at [jaspercitey.com/survey](http://jaspercitey.com/survey). He thanked the Junior Council for their work and appreciates their enthusiasm and participation. He shared that a centralized community calendar is now live on the city's

website at [jaspercity.com/events](http://jaspercity.com/events). Anyone interested in having an event added to the calendar should send information to [jaspercommunitycalendar@gmail.com](mailto:jaspercommunitycalendar@gmail.com).

Councilmember Smith encouraged the Jasper Junior Council to help spread the word about the community survey and calendar.

**Consider adjournment of the meeting.**

**Motion**

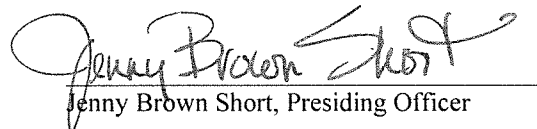
Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Moody to adjourn the meeting.

**Vote**

Councilmember Lincoln Moody	Yes
Councilmember Sam Watts	Absent
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

10:21 a.m. – Meeting adjourned.

A P P R O V E D:

  
Jenny Brown Short, Presiding Officer

A T T E S T:

  
Kathy Chambless, City Clerk/Administrator