

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD FEBRUARY 16, 2021**

10:00 a.m. - The meeting was called to order by Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 400 19th Street West, Jasper.

Present: Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell, Councilmembers Jed Daniel, Gary Cowen, Jennifer W. Smith, and Willie Moore, III, Mayor David P. O'Mary, City Clerk/Administrator Kathy Chambless, and City Attorney Russ Robertson

Absent:

Invocation: Police Captain Justin Tidwell

Pledge of Allegiance: Revenue Compliance Officer Brent McCarver

Approval of Minutes:

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Smith that the minutes of the regular meeting held February 2, 2021, be approved.

Vote

Councilmember Jed Daniel	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Absent
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Yes

Consider amendments to the agenda. No amendments were made to the agenda.

Consider approval of the agenda.

Motion

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

Vote

Councilmember Jed Daniel	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Absent
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Yes

Present a Proclamation for Arbor Day. Mayor O’Mary read the Proclamation.

Consider accepting a Good Roots grant in the amount of \$1,000 from Alabama Power Foundation, Inc.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Daniel to accept a Good Roots grant in the amount of \$1,000 from Alabama Power Company.

Vote

Councilmember Jed Daniel	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Absent
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Yes

Consider approval of travel for police personnel to attend training in Dothan, AL, March 1 – March 4, 2021.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Daniel to approve travel for police personnel to attend training in Dothan, AL, March 1 – 4, 2021.

Vote

Councilmember Jed Daniel	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Absent
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Yes

Consider a request for permission to lease uniforms through Unifirst.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to continue to lease uniforms through Unifirst.

Vote

Councilmember Jed Daniel	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Absent
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Yes

Receive report on Bullet Resistant Vests.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Daniel to accept the report of the Purchasing Agent to award the contract to Municipal & Commercial Uniforms as the lowest bidder for Bullet Resistant Vests.

Vote

Councilmember Jed Daniel	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Absent
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Yes

Consider a request for permission to renew the contract for Tires, Tubes, and Service.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Daniel to approve the request to renew the contract with Southern Tire Mart for Tires, Tubes, and Service.

Vote

Councilmember Jed Daniel	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Absent
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Yes

At 10:09 a.m. Councilmember Moore joined the meeting already in progress.

Consider adoption of Budget Amendment #2020/2021-5.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Smith to approve Budget Amendment #2020/2021-5.

Vote

Councilmember Jed Daniel	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Yes

Consider adoption of a Resolution to provide financing for the garbage and fire truck.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Moore to adopt a Resolution to provide financing for the garbage and fire truck

Vote

Councilmember Jed Daniel	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Yes

Consider a request for permission to send out bids for various sections of 18th Street, Sixth Avenue, Alabama Avenue, and Commerce Avenue.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Moore to approve a request for permission to send out bids for various sections of 18th Street, Sixth Avenue, Alabama Avenue, and Commerce Avenue.

Vote

Councilmember Jed Daniel	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Yes

Consider adoption of a Resolution for Nuisance Abatement of unsafe structures.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Daniel to adopt a Resolution for Nuisance Abatement of unsafe structures.

Vote

Councilmember Jed Daniel	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Yes

Introduce an Ordinance levying Ad Valorem Taxes. The Ordinance was introduced by the City Clerk and will be considered at the next regular council meeting.

Comments:

Mayor O'Mary thanked the council for being at the meeting despite the winter weather. Mayor was in communication with fire and police officials this morning to make sure passage on the roads were safe. Mayor spoke about his lunch meeting last week with Congressman Aderholt during which he shared with him an overview of the need for assistance with a major drainage problem along Highway 69. Information has been passed on to Congressman Aderholt's lieutenant in Jasper with hope of receiving help. Mayor also spoke about the upcoming "State of the City" meeting next week with Senator Reed and Representative Rowe. This will be the fifth meeting of its kind, which helps to build a relationship so they are aware of our plans and needs.

Councilmember Cowen reminded everyone that free COVID-19 testing is beginning at Fritz Clinic this week, starting on February 22.

Fire Chief David Clark addressed the council to say it has been an honor to work with them and a pleasure to work for the fire department. He thanked the council for their work with him.

Presiding Officer Gambrell praised the fire department for the work they have done under Chief Clark. He congratulated the Chief for his work.

Councilmember Cowen spoke about Chief Clark's leadership in dropping the ISO rating, and thanked him for doing so.

Interview of candidates for Fire Chief. Captain Dante Fields was interviewed for Fire Chief. Councilmembers asked questions to Captain Fields until approximately 11:20 a.m. at which time a 5-minute recess was announced before the next interview. At approximately 11:30 a.m. Deputy Chief Alan Clark was interviewed. Councilmembers asked questions to Deputy Chief Clark until approximately 12:05 p.m. at which time council recessed until 2:00 p.m.

2:00 p.m. – Meeting reconvened. At 2:10 p.m. consideration of candidate selection for Fire Chief commenced, and the following votes were cast:

Councilmember Jed Daniel	Alan Clark
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Alan Clark
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Alan Clark
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Alan Clark
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Alan Clark

Presiding Officer Gambrell announced that Alan Clark will be the next Fire Chief by unanimous vote.

Consider adjournment of the meeting.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Daniel to adjourn the meeting.

Vote

Councilmember Jed Daniel	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Yes

2:15 p.m. – Meeting adjourned.

A P P R O V E D:

Danny Gambrell, Presiding Officer

A T T E S T:

Kathy Chambless, City Clerk/Administrator