

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD FEBRUARY 18, 2020**

10:00 a.m. - The meeting was called to order by Councilmember Gary Cowen in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 400 19th Street West, Jasper.

Present: Councilmembers V. L. “Sonny” Posey, Danny Gambrell, Gary Cowen and Jennifer W. Smith, Mayor David P. O’Mary, City Clerk/Administrator Kathy Chambless and Russell B. Robertson

Absent: Presiding Officer Willie Moore, III

Invocation: Keith Pike, City Planner

Pledge of Allegiance: Matt Adams, Managing Director for Raymond James Financial

Approval of Minutes:

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held February 4, 2020 be approved.

Vote

Councilmember V. L. “Sonny” Posey	Abstained
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Abstained
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Presiding Officer Willie Moore, III	Absent

Consider amendments to the agenda. The agenda was amended to add the Presentation of a Proclamation for Rare Disease Day 2020.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to approve the amendment to the agenda.

Vote

Councilmember V. L. “Sonny” Posey	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Presiding Officer Willie Moore, III	Absent

Consider approval of the agenda.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Gambrell, seconded by Councilmember Posey that the agenda be approved.

Vote

Councilmember V. L. “Sonny” Posey	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Presiding Officer Willie Moore, III	Absent

Present a Proclamation for Rare Disease Day 2020. Mayor O’Mary read the Proclamation and presented it to 5-year old Gus Matthews who has been diagnosed with Wiedemann-Steiner syndrome, a rare genetic disorder. The Proclamation declares February 29, 2020 as International Rare Disease Day in Jasper, in hopes of raising awareness of rare diseases.

Present a Proclamation for Arbor Day. Mayor O’Mary read the Proclamation and expressed the importance of trees in our city. He also encouraged everyone to plant a tree.

Consider adoption of Budget Amendment #2019/20-06.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to adopt Budget Amendment #2019/20-06.

Vote

Councilmember V. L. “Sonny” Posey	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Presiding Officer Willie Moore, III	Absent

Consider a request for permission to send Bid Invitations for a Storm Shelter and LED Lighting.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to approve the request to send Bid Invitations for a Storm Shelter and LED Lighting.

Vote

Councilmember V. L. “Sonny” Posey	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes

Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Presiding Officer Willie Moore, III	Absent

Consider approval of travel for Councilmembers attending the National League of Cities Conference in Washington, D.C., March 6-11, 2020.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Gambrell, seconded by Councilmember Posey to approve travel for Councilmembers attending the National League of Cities Conference in Washington, D.C., March 6-11, 2020.

Vote

Councilmember V. L. "Sonny" Posey	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Presiding Officer Willie Moore, III	Absent

Consider adoption of a Resolution to allow Mayor O'Mary to enter into a contract with Walker County Sports Hall of Fame to promote athletics within the city of Jasper.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Posey, seconded by Councilmember Smith to adopt a Resolution to allow Mayor O'Mary to enter into a contract with Walker County Sports Hall of Fame to promote athletics within the city of Jasper.

Vote

Councilmember V. L. "Sonny" Posey	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Presiding Officer Willie Moore, III	Absent

Conduct a Public Hearing and consider adoption of a Resolution to set cost for Nuisance Abatement of an Unsafe Structure. A Public Hearing was conducted however the property owner was not present at the meeting and no other persons spoke concerning the cost for abatement of the unsafe structure.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to adopt a Resolution to set cost for Nuisance Abatement of an Unsafe Structure.

Vote

Councilmember V. L. "Sonny" Posey	Yes
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Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Presiding Officer Willie Moore, III	Absent

Consider adoption of Resolutions for Nuisance Abatement of Unsafe Structures and an Inoperative Vehicle.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to adopt a Resolution for Nuisance Abatement of Unsafe Structures.

Vote

Councilmember V. L. "Sonny" Posey	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Presiding Officer Willie Moore, III	Absent

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Posey, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to adopt a Resolution for Nuisance Abatement of an Inoperative Vehicle.

Vote

Councilmember V. L. "Sonny" Posey	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Presiding Officer Willie Moore, III	Absent

Consider adoption of an Ordinance, by Unanimous Consent, to provide for the issuance of a \$38,770,000 Taxable General Obligation Warrant Series 2020.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Gambrell, seconded by Councilmember Posey that the rules be suspended and unanimous consent be given for immediate consideration of and action on said Ordinance.

Vote

Councilmember V. L. "Sonny" Posey	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Presiding Officer Willie Moore, III	Absent

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Gambrell, seconded by Councilmember Posey to adopt the Ordinance to provide for the issuance of a \$38,770,000 Taxable General Obligation Warrant Series 2020.

Vote

Councilmember V. L. "Sonny" Posey	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Presiding Officer Willie Moore, III	Absent

Comments:

Mayor O'Mary recognized members of the Fire Department for their recent outstanding performance in extinguishing an 18-wheeler hauling cattle. The truck burst into flames while sitting near the gas pumps at Loves Travel Stop. The quick response of the firefighters prevented loss of life and property.

Consider adjournment of the meeting.**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to adjourn the meeting.

Vote

Councilmember V. L. "Sonny" Posey	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Presiding Officer Willie Moore, III	Absent

10:41 a.m. - Meeting adjourned.

A P P R O V E D:

Gary Cowen, Acting Presiding Officer

A T T E S T:

Kathy Chambless, City Clerk/Administrator