MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD FEBRUARY 18, 2025

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

<u>Present</u>: Presiding Officer Willie Moore, III, Councilmembers Jenny Brown Short, Danny Gambrell, and Jennifer W. Smith, City Clerk/Administrator Kathy Chambless, City Attorney Russ Robertson

Absent: Mayor Gary Cowen, Councilmember Josh Gates

Invocation: Assistant Police Chief Daryl Atkins

<u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>: Sanitation Superintendent Carmen Harris

Approval of Minutes:

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Short that the minutes of the regular meeting February 4, 2025, be approved.

Vote

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Josh Gates	Absent
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Presiding Officer Willie Moore, III	Yes

Consider amendments to the agenda. There were no amendments to the agenda.

Consider approval of the agenda.

Motion

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

<u>Vote</u>

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Josh Gates	Absent
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Presiding Officer Willie Moore, III	Yes

Conduct a public hearing and consider approval of a Retail Liquor Class II (Package) License, for off premises consumption for FB LLC d/b/a Jasper Chevron Package Store, located at 475 Highway 195, Ste A. After a public hearing during which no comments were made, a motion was considered.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to approve a Retail Liquor Class II (Package) License, for off premises consumption for FB LLC d/b/a Jasper Chevron Package Store, located at 475 Highway 195, Ste A

<u>Vote</u>

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Josh Gates	Absent
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Presiding Officer Willie Moore, III	Yes

Consider an appointment to the Jasper City Board of Education for District Two. Councilmember Gambrell nominated Teresa Sherer to be reappointed to the Jasper City Board of Education as Board Member for District Two.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Short to close nominations.

<u>Vote</u>

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Josh Gates	Absent
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Presiding Officer Willie Moore, III	Yes

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Gambrell, seconded by Councilmember Short to reappoint Teresa Sherer to the Jasper City Board of Education as the Board Member for District Two.

Vote

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Josh Gates	Absent
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Presiding Officer Willie Moore, III	Yes

Receive report and consider a recommendation for the Emergency Vehicle Light Package contract.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Gambrell, seconded by Councilmember Short to accept the recommendation of the Purchasing Agent and rebid after no responses were received in response to the first bid invitation.

Vote

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Josh Gates	Abser
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Presiding Officer Willie Moore, III	Yes

Consider a request for permission to send bids for medical services at the city jail and on-call concrete service.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to send bids for medical services at the city jail and for on-call concrete service.

<u>Vote</u>

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Josh Gates	Absent
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Presiding Officer Willie Moore, III	Yes

Consider a request for permission to renew the contract for grease, oil, and lubricant under the same terms and pricing.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to renew the contract for grease, oil, and lubricant under the same terms and pricing.

<u>Vote</u>

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Josh Gates	Absent
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Presiding Officer Willie Moore, III	Yes

(See following page)

RESOLUTION NO.: 2025 – 15

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama has previously awarded the contract for <u>Grease</u>, <u>Oil and Lubricant</u>, which contained an option to renew at the same terms,

AND, WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama is desirous of exercising the option to renew with WH Thomas Oil.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the contract be renewed at the same terms as previously stated for a third year.

ADOPTED THIS THE 18th DAY OF February, 2025.

ATTEST:

Consider adoption of Budget Amendment #2024/2025-10 to provide funds for shelving and HVAC for the library, a BBT truck, worker's compensation, and the Warming Center.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Short to adopt Budget Amendment #2024/2025-10 to provide funds for shelving and HVAC for the library, a BBT truck, worker's compensation, and the Warming Center.

Vote

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Josh Gates	Absent
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Presiding Officer Willie Moore, III	Yes

Consider adoption of Budget Amendment #2024/2025-12, by unanimous consent, to provide funds for the purchase of a new garbage truck.

Motion

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

Vote

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Josh Gates	Absent
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Presiding Officer Willie Moore, III	Yes

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Short to adopt Budget Amendment #2024/2025-12.

<u>Vote</u>

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Josh Gates	Absent
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Presiding Officer Willie Moore, III	Yes

Introduce Budget Amendment #2024/2025-13 to provide funding for two (2) ADA chair lifts for Memorial Park and Percy Goode swimming pools and fencing for the HVAC units at Memorial

Park. The Budget Amendment was introduced by the City Clerk and will be considered at the next regular council meeting.

Conduct a public hearing and consider adoption of a Resolution to set cost for Nuisance Abatement properties. During the public hearing, the following people addressed the council: 1. Brenda Aldridge, who lives at 147 Oak Ridge Rd., Parrish, AL, addressed the council claiming she felt she did not receive notice of demolition for property located at 3302 Calumet Road; 2. Sylvestor Ivory and another citizen commented that they felt the cost of demolition for property at 2807 Euclid Avenue is too high; and 3. Phyllis Bowers Boyle who owns property at 2508, 2807, and 2917 Florida Avenue shared that she believes the cost of demolition is too high. At the conclusion of the public hearing, a motion was considered.

Note: Presiding Officer Moore left the meeting at approximately 10:30 a.m. Upon his departure, Councilmember Short presided over the remainder of the meeting as Acting Presiding Officer.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to adopt a Resolution to set cost for Nuisance Abatement properties except for the cost associated with property demolished at 3302 Calumet Road.

<u>Vote</u>

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Josh Gates	Absent
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Presiding Officer Willie Moore, III	Absent

(See following pages)

RESOLUTION NO: 2025 - 16

WHEREAS, the Jasper City Council has held a cost hearing on the abatement of nuisances on the following properties as presented in Exhibit "Cost Hearing Report 2/18/25" attached and made a part of this resolution;

WHEREAS, the Jasper City Council has affixed the costs associated with and incurred by the City of Jasper, Alabama as presented in Exhibit "Cost Hearing Report 2/18/25" attached and made a part of this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jasper City Council hereby adopts and approves the setting of said cost of abatement of said properties.

ADOPTED this the 18th day of February 2025.

Willie Moore, III, Presiding Officer

Jewy Sown West
Jenny Brown Short, Councilmember

Danny Gambrell, Councilmember

Josh Gates, Councilmember

Jennifer W. Smith, Councilmember

ATTEST:

Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

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COST HEARING REPORT 2/18/25

2519 Corona Ave (Betty Jean Hill & Roberta Evans), District 5

\$9,444.00 Removal of Unsafe Structure 25.00 Administrative Fees

\$9,469.00 Total

800 15th Ave (Francis B Woods & Cathy Marquis), District 4

\$8,044.00 Removal of Unsafe Structure 25.00 Administrative Fees

\$8,069.00 Total

68 Falcon Drive (Ray & Jolene Dallas), District 3

\$9,708.00 Removal of Unsafe Structure 25.00 Administrative Fees

\$9,733.00 Total

2807 Corona Ave (Phyllis Bowers), District 5

\$6,480.00 Removal of Unsafe Structure
25.00 Administrative Fees

Total

811 Highland Ave (Brian L. Gann), District 1

\$5,580.00 Removal of Unsafe Structure 25.00 Administrative Fees

\$5,605.00 Total

2203 Indiana Ave (JoJe Property LLC), District 1

\$4,800.00 Removal of Unsafe Structure 25.00 Administrative Fees

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Total

3302 Calumet Rd (James E. & Brenda Aldridge), District 4

\$14,200.00 Removal of Unsafe Structure

25.00 Administrative Fees

\$14,225.00 Total

2807 Euclid Ave (Charles Crutchfield), District 5

\$9,660.00 Removal of Unsafe Structure

25.00 Administrative Fees

\$9,685.00 Total

2705 Corona Ave (Herman & Shell Davis), District 5

\$9,380.00 Removal of Unsafe Structure

25.00 Administrative Fees

\$9,405.00 Total

2900 Gerald Kennedy Drive (Rhonda L. Noles), District 1

\$6,536.00 Removal of Unsafe Structure

25.00 Administrative Fees

\$6,561.00 Total

Consider adoption of an Ordinance levying ad valorem taxes.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Gambrell, seconded by Councilmember Smith to adopt an Ordinance levying advalorem taxes

<u>Vote</u>

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Josh Gates	Absent
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Presiding Officer Willie Moore, III	Absent

(See following pages)

ORDINANCE NO.: 2025 - 02

ORDINANCE LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES IN THE CITY OF JASPER, ALABAMA

Be it ordained by the City of Jasper, Alabama as follows:

Section 1. That there is hereby levied for the City of Jasper, Alabama a tax on all real

and personal property within the said City for the year beginning October 1, 2025, and for each

succeeding tax year thereafter as assessed for state and county taxation for the preceding tax year

at the rate of 16.5 Mills.

Section 2. The tax assessor of Walker County, Alabama, is authorized to include the

assessments for City taxes on the same blanks containing assessments for state and county taxes,

showing the assessments of the property for taxes for the City of Jasper, Alabama, separate from the

assessments for state and county taxes.

Section 3. The tax collector of Walker County, Alabama, is authorized to collect taxes

for the City of Jasper, Alabama, and in all cases of default in payment thereof to proceed to enforce

collection thereof in the same manner in which collection of state and county taxes are enforced.

Section 4. The tax collector is authorized to retain out of the tax collected for the City of

Jasper, Alabama of .50% for the tax assessor of Walker County, Alabama for assessing the same

.50% for the county tax collector for collecting the same and he shall remit the balance to the City of

Jasper, Alabama.

ADOPTED this the 18th day of February, 2024.

Willie Moore, III, Presiding Officer

APPROVED/VETO

Gary Cowen, Mayor

Date

ATTEST:

Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

Consider adoption of an Ordinance, by unanimous consent, to declare the City Hall Annex building and property located at 1814 4th Avenue as unneeded for municipal use.

Motion

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

<u>Vote</u>

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Josh Gates	Absent
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Presiding Officer Willie Moore, III	Absent

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to adopt an Ordinance to declare the City Hall Annex building and property located at 1814 4th Avenue as unneeded for municipal use.

<u>Vote</u>

Yes
Yes
Absent
Yes
Absent

(See following pages)

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF

THE CITY OF JASPER, ALABAMA

Ordinance No. 2025 - 03

To declare certain real property owned by the City of Jasper, Alabama, to be unneeded for municipal purposes

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, as follows:

Section 1. The City of Jasper, Alabama, is the owner of record of the real property described generally as the "City Hall Annex", and which is more particularly described as follows:

Part of the E ½ of Block 192; commence at the intersection of North right-of-way of 19th Street and 4th Avenue thence North 190' to point of beginning; thence West approximately 140' to the East right-of-way of an unnamed north-south alleyway; thence North 28' along East right-of-way of said unnamed alleyway; thence East 140' to West right-of-way of 4th Avenue, thence South 28' along West right-of-way 4th Avenue to point of beginning. Map of Jasper Plat 1-4, Jasper, Section 16, Township 14 South, Range 7 West.

AND BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING:

PARCEL ONE:

Commence at the SE corner of the said Block 192 and run N 0 degrees 01 minutes 14 seconds W along the East boundary of said Lot 192 (168.00 ft) to the point of beginning; thence continue N 0 degrees 01 minutes 14 seconds W along the East boundary line of said Block 192, 2 ft.; thence N 87 degrees 47 minutes 45 seconds W parallel to the South boundary line of said Block 192, 140.04 feet to the East boundary of an alley; thence S 0 degrees 02 minutes 01 seconds along the East boundary of alley 2 ft.; thence S 87 degrees 47 minutes 45 seconds E 140.04 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL TWO:

Commence at the SE corner of said Block 192; thence North 165 feet on the West right of way of Fourth Avenue to the point of beginning; thence run West 140 feet; thence run North 23 feet; thence run East 140 feet, more or less, to the West right of way of Fourth Avenue; thence run South 23 feet, more or less, on the West right of way line of Fourth Avenue to the point of beginning. Mineral and usual mining rights and privileges.

Section 2. The real property described hereinabove is, in the opinion of the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, not needed for public or municipal purposes, and constitutes surplus property of the City of Jasper.

Section 3. The Mayor and City Clerk are directed and authorized to execute a Warranty Deed to said property for and on behalf of the City of Jasper, Alabama, to Jasper Consulting, LLC, in exchange for property owned by Jasper Consulting, LLC, located at 1707 2nd Avenue South, Jasper, AL 35501, which property is identified in the records of the Revenue Commissioner of Walker County, Alabama, as Parcel No. 64-17-05-16-01-102.009.000.

DONE and ORDAINED, this the 18th day of February, 2025.

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, ALABAMA

By: With Man It

Hon. Willie Moore, III Council Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

Kathy Chambless

City Clerk

APPROVED/VETO

Hop! Gary Cowen

Introduce an Ordinance establishing the use of electronic vote counting devices. The Ordinance was introduced by the City Clerk and will be considered at the next regular meeting.

<u>Comments</u>: Councilmember Smith mentioned that Rotary Trivia night and the Kiwanis pancake breakfast fundraisers will be held this weekend.

A citizen spoke about a dilapidated building in Mill Village that has not been torn down. She spoke about various properties she felt may not have necessitated being torn down.

A citizen would like the streets in the Frisco area paved, specifically Crutchfield Blvd. The City Planner confirmed that another portion of Crutchfield Blvd will be paved this spring.

Sylvestor Ivory addressed the council about his desire to attend more work sessions to discuss various items in his district.

Consider adjournment of the meeting.

Motion

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

Vote

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Josh Gates	Absent
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Presiding Officer Willie Moore, III	Absent
10:43 a.m Meeting adjourned.	

APPROVED:

Willie Moore, III, Presiding Officer

Jenny Brown Short, Acting Presiding Officer

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Kathy Chambless, City Clerk/Administrator

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