

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD MARCH 3, 2020**

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

Present: Presiding Officer Willie Moore, III, 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:

Invocation: Chief J. C. Poe

Pledge of Allegiance: Russell B. Robertson, Esquire

Approval of Minutes:

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held February 18, 2020 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	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 Gambrell 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	Yes

Present a Proclamation for International Women’s Day. Mayor O’Mary read the Proclamation and presented it to a group of women who are employed by the City of Jasper. Councilmember Smith spoke regarding the importance of women in government and various other roles.

Consider approval of Event Permits: 1) Good Walk of Faith-A-Thon, March 21, 2020; 2) Safe Kids Expo 2020, April 11, 2020; 3) Walt Williams Golden Deeds Ride, April 25, 2020. (Lisa Myers, Events Coordinator)

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Smith to approve Event Permits for Good Walk of Faith-A-Thon, Safe Kids Expo 2020, and Walt Williams Golden Deeds Ride.

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	Yes

Introduce Budget Amendment #2019/20-07. The Amendment was introduced by the city clerk and will be considered at the next regular meeting.

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

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, 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	Yes

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, 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	Yes

Consider a request for permission to vacate a portion of right-a-way located in front of Afterhours Clinic at 1800 Birmingham Avenue.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Posey, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to grant permission to proceed with the vacation of a portion of right-a-way located in front of Afterhours Clinic.

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	Yes

Comments:

Mayor O'Mary spoke concerning the economics of housing in our city. He shared photos of lots in Blackwell Meadows Subdivision which will expand by 35 houses and 10 additional houses in other areas. The additional housing will bring extra revenue into Jasper through sales tax, ad valorem tax, and student growth in the school system.

Councilmember Smith asked Chief Poe to introduce Stacy Welborn, a full-time female police officer employed with the City's Police Department.

Former Councilmember Sandi Sudduth was present at the meeting. She addressed the Council and expressed her appreciation for recognition given to female employees of the City of Jasper. She also thanked the Council for their continuous hard work for the citizens of Jasper.

Consider rotation of Presiding Officer.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Posey, seconded by Councilmember Smith to appoint Danny Gambrell as the Presiding Officer of the Council.

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	Yes

Consider adjournment of the meeting.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Cowen 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	Yes

10:36 a.m. - Meeting adjourned.

A P P R O V E D:

Willie Moore, III, Presiding Officer

A T T E S T:

Kathy Chambless, City Clerk/Administrator