

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD APRIL 16, 2024**

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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, 400 19<sup>th</sup> Street West, Jasper.

**Present:** Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short, Councilmembers Danny Gambrell, Gary Cowen, Jennifer W. Smith, Willie Moore, III, Mayor David P. O’Mary, City Clerk/Administrator Kathy Chambless, City Attorney Russ Robertson

**Absent:**

**Invocation:** City Planner Brent McCarver

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Fire Chief Dante Fields

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Cowen that the minutes of the regular meeting April 2, 2024, be approved.

**Vote**

Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
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: Consider adoption of a Resolution authorizing Mayor O’Mary to award a construction contract to Gillespie Construction in the amount of \$658,793 for sidewalks for a portion of 19<sup>th</sup> Street and Highway 69.

**Consider approval of the agenda.**

**Motion**

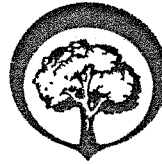
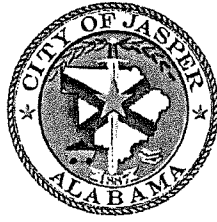
Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell that the agenda be approved.

**Vote**

Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

**Present a Proclamation for Arbor Day.** Mayor O'Mary read the Proclamation. There was no recipient present.

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TREE CITY USA®

# PROCLAMATION

*Office of the Mayor of Jasper, Alabama*

*WHEREAS in 1872 the Nebraska Board of Agriculture established a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and*

*WHEREAS this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and*

*WHEREAS Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and*

*WHEREAS trees can be a solution to combating climate change by reducing the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cutting heating and cooling costs, moderating the temperature, cleaning the air, producing life-giving oxygen, and providing habitat for wildlife; and*

*WHEREAS trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, and countless other wood products; and*

*WHEREAS trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and*

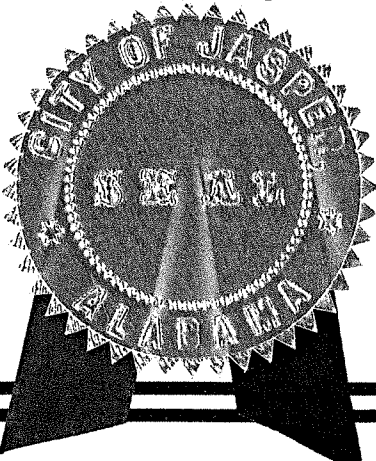
*WHEREAS trees – wherever they are planted - are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and*

*WHEREAS the city of Jasper, Alabama, has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree planting traditions.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, David P. O'Mary, Mayor of the city of Jasper, Alabama, do hereby proclaim April 16, 2024, as*

## **ARBOR DAY**

*in the city of Jasper, and I urge all citizens to support Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and further, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.*



*In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024.*

*David P. O'Mary, Mayor*

*Kathy Chambless*  
Attest: Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

City Council Meeting Minutes 4/16/2024

**Consider approval of an event permit for the Downtown Jasper Home & Garden Show by Justin Harbin, May 11, 2024, with a requested street blockage of 5<sup>th</sup> Ave between 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Streets.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to approve an event permit for the Downtown Jasper Home & Garden Show by Justin Harbin, May 11, 2024, with a requested street blockage of 5th Ave between 18th and 19th Streets.

**Vote**

Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

**Consider adoption of a Resolution to declare surplus property unneeded.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Smith to adopt a Resolution to declare surplus property unneeded.

**Vote**

Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

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RESOLUTION NO. 2024-27

WHEREAS, over the past few years, several pieces of office furniture, telecommunications equipment, vehicles, grounds equipment and computer and office equipment have become obsolete due to the purchase of newer items and age; and

WHEREAS, the Jasper Police Department is requesting authorization to sell, recycle, donate, and/or dispose of these items; using its discretion to determine manner of removal, resale value and the most effective marketplace for sale; and

WHEREAS, the Jasper Police Department is requesting authorization to sell, recycle, donate, and/or dispose of the following unneeded/surplus items:

2007 Ford Explorer VIN/ 1FMEU63847UB14287

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of City of Jasper, Alabama authorizes the City Purchasing Agent to sell, recycle, donate, and/or dispose of these items; using its discretion to determine manner of removal, resale value and the most effective marketplace for sale.

ADOPTED THIS THE 16th DAY OF April, 2024.

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ATTEST:

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**Consider a request for permission to purchase three (3) Ford Explorers from the state bid list.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Moore to purchase three (3) Ford Explorers from the state bid list.

**Vote**

Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

**Consider adoption of Budget Amendment #2023/2024-09 to provide funding for striping on Walston Bridge Road, and a trailer for the Cemetery Department.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to adopt Budget Amendment #2023/2024-09 to provide funding for striping on Walston Bridge Road, and a trailer for the Cemetery Department.

**Vote**

Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

**Consider adoption of Budget Amendment #2023/2024-10, by unanimous consent, for the purchase of three (3) police vehicles.**

**Motion**

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

**Vote**

Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to adopt Budget Amendment #2023/2024-10 to provide funding for the purchase of three (3) police vehicles.

**Vote**

Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

**Conduct a public hearing and consider adoption of a Resolution to set cost for Nuisance Abatement.**  
Following a public hearing during which no comments were made, a motion was considered.

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Moore to adopt a Resolution to set cost for Nuisance Abatement.

**Vote**

Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

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**RESOLUTION NO: 2024 - 28**


**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 4/16/24" 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 4/16/24" 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.

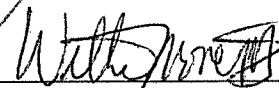
**ADOPTED** this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024.

  
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Jenny Brown Short, Presiding Officer


  
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Danny Gambrell, Councilmember

  
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Gary Cowen, Councilmember

  
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Jennifer W. Smith, Councilmember

  
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Willie Moore, III, Councilmember

**ATTEST:**

  
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Kathy Chambless, City Clerk



**COST HEARING REPORT**  
**4/16/24**

**2511 9<sup>th</sup> Ave (John E. Mathis), District Five**

\$5,336.00	Removal of Unsafe Structure
25.00	Administrative Fees
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<b>\$5,361.00</b>	<b>Total</b>

**Consider a request for permission to vacate a portion of 23<sup>rd</sup> Street West and 7<sup>th</sup> Place.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Smith to approve the vacation of a portion of 23<sup>rd</sup> Street West and 7<sup>th</sup> Place.

**Vote**

Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

**Consider adoption of a Resolution for nuisance abatement of an inoperative vehicle.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Gambrell, seconded by Councilmember Smith to adopt a Resolution for nuisance abatement of an inoperative vehicle (district 2).

**Vote**

Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

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**RESOLUTION NO.: 2024 - 30**


**WHEREAS**, the Jasper City Council finds a nuisance for inoperative vehicle exists at:

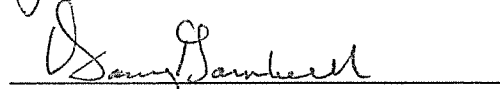
- 1. 2611 Robinwood Dr, Thomas Barry & Beth B Moon, District Two
- pursuant to ORD. 2001-718-A; and

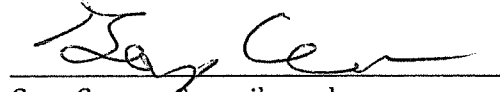
**WHEREAS**, the Jasper City Council finds that the abatement of said nuisances should be taken.

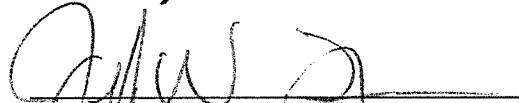
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Jasper City Council hereby approves the abatement of said nuisances.

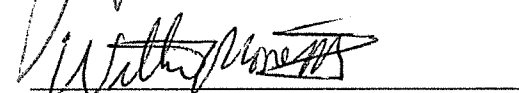
**DONE** this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024.

  
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 Jenny Brown Short, Presiding Officer


  
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 Gary Cowen, Councilmember

  
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 Jennifer W. Smith, Councilmember

  
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 Willie Moore, III, Councilmember

**ATTEST:**

  
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 Kathy Chambliss, City Clerk

**Consider adoption of a Resolution to approve a petition seeking permission to form and incorporate an improvement district and authorize such incorporation.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Moore that the rules be suspended and unanimous consent be given for immediate consideration of and action on said approval.

**Vote**

Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Moore to adopt a Resolution to approve a petition seeking permission to form and incorporate an improvement district and authorize such incorporation for Viking Cove.

**Vote**

Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Moore that the rules be suspended and unanimous consent be given for immediate consideration of and action on said approval.

**Vote**

Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Smith to adopt a Resolution to approve a petition seeking permission to form and incorporate an improvement district and authorize such incorporation for Blackwell Meadows.

**Vote**

Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
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Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

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**Comments:** Mayor O'Mary reflected on the state funding the city has received for the sidewalk projects and looked ahead to phase VI, the next sidewalk project set to begin.

**Consider adjournment of the meeting.**

**Motion**

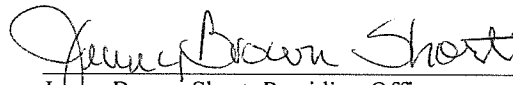
Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Moore to adjourn the meeting.

**Vote**

Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

10:27 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