

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD MAY 5, 2026**

10:00 a.m. - The meeting was called to order by Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 121 17th Street West, Jasper.

Present: Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short, Councilmembers Lincoln Moody, Sam Watts, Jennifer W. Smith, and Willie Moore III, Mayor Josh Gates, City Clerk/Administrator Kathy Chambless, City Attorney Russ Robertson

Absent:

Invocation: Councilmember Sam Watts

Pledge of Allegiance: Aquatics Director/Natatorium Manager Stacy Smothers

Approval of Minutes:

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Watts that the minutes of the regular meeting held April 21, 2026, be approved.

Vote

Councilmember Lincoln Moody	Yes
Councilmember Sam Watts	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore III	Absent
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

Consider amendments to the agenda. There were no amendments.

Consider approval of the agenda.

Motion

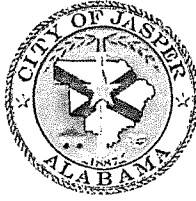
Moved by Councilmember Watts, seconded by Councilmember Moody that the agenda be approved.

Vote

Councilmember Lincoln Moody	Yes
Councilmember Sam Watts	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore III	Absent
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

Present a Proclamation for Water Safety Month. Mayor Gates read the proclamation aloud and presented it to Aquatics Director/Natatorium Manager Stacy Smothers.

(See following page)



PROCLAMATION

Office of the Mayor of Jasper, Alabama

WHEREAS, the month of May is designated as National Water Safety Month, a time to raise awareness about the importance of water safety and drowning prevention; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jasper recognizes the vital role that swimming and aquatic-related activities have for good physical and mental health, and ultimately, enhances the quality of life for all people; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jasper understands the essential role that education, regarding the topic of water safety, plays in preventing drownings and recreational water-related injuries; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jasper is aware of the contributions made by the recreational water industry in developing safe swimming facilities, aquatic programs, home pools, spas and related activities providing healthy places to recreate, learn and grow, and build confidence, which contributes to the quality of life in our community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jasper recognizes the ongoing efforts and commitments to educate the public on pool and spa safety issues; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jasper understands the vital importance of communicating water safety rules and programs to families and individuals of all ages, whether owners of private pools, users of public swimming facilities or visitors to waterparks;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Josh Gates, Mayor of the City of Jasper, Alabama, and on behalf of the Jasper City Council, do hereby proclaim May 2026, as WATER SAFETY MONTH in the City of Jasper.

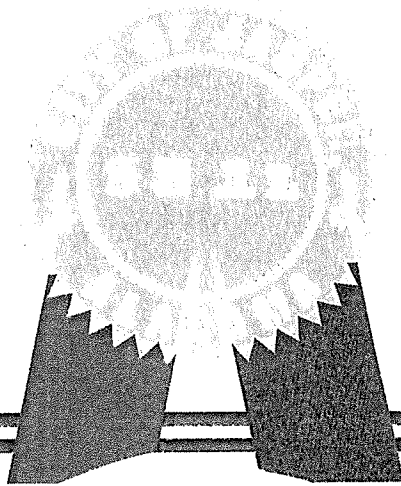
In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed this 5th day of May 2026.

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Josh Gates, Mayor

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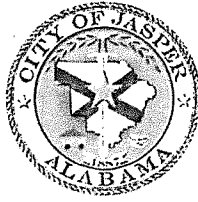
Attest: Kathy Chambless, City Clerk



Councilmember Willie Moore III arrived at approximately 10:05 am.

Present a Proclamation for Mental Health Awareness Month. Mayor Gates read the proclamation aloud and presented it to Northwest Alabama Mental Health Center Walker County Director of Outpatient Services Annalee Rubley and other representatives from NWAMHC.

(See following page)



PROCLAMATION

Office of the Mayor of Jasper, Alabama

WHEREAS, there is a proven connection between good mental health and overall personal health;
and

WHEREAS, mental illnesses affect almost every family in America; and

WHEREAS, people with mental illnesses recover if given the necessary services and support in their communities; and

WHEREAS, people with mental illnesses make important contributions to our families and our communities; and

WHEREAS, millions of adults and children are disabled by mental illnesses every year; and

WHEREAS, only one out of two people with a serious form of mental illness seeks treatment for his or her mental illness; and

WHEREAS, stigma and fear of discrimination keep many who would benefit from mental health services from seeking help; and

WHEREAS, research shows that the most effective way to reduce stigma is through personal contact with someone with a mental illness; and

WHEREAS, good mental health is critical to the well-being of our families, communities, schools, and businesses; and

WHEREAS, greater public awareness about mental illnesses can change negative attitudes and behaviors toward people with mental illnesses;

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Josh Gates, Mayor of the City of Jasper, Alabama, and on behalf of the Jasper City Council do hereby proclaim the month of May 2026 as **MENTAL HEALTH MONTH** and call upon all Jasper citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, and schools to recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of mental illnesses, reducing stigma and discrimination, and promoting appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental illnesses.*

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed this 5th day of May 2026.

Josh Gates, Mayor

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Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

Consider approval of event permits for: 1) Community Praise & Worship requested by Remnant Ministries to be held May 9, 2026, at the Courthouse Square; 2) Relay for Life 2026 requested by the American Cancer Society to be held May 16, 2026, at Gamble Park, Jasper; 3) Jasper Cross Country Summer 5K Series requested by the JHS Cross Country Team to be held every Tuesday in June: June 2, June 9, June 16, and June 23, 2026, at T.R. Simmons as a start/end point; 4) Walk for Lives (with Lauren's Legacy and United Against Fentanyl) requested by Lauren's Legacy to be held July 11, 2026, at Gamble Park; 5) Jasper High School Homecoming Parade requested by the Jasper High School Student Council to be held September 18, 2026, with requested blockages of a portion of 18th and 19th Streets.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Moody to approve event permits for Community Praise & Worship, Relay for Life, Jasper Cross Country Summer 5K Series, Walk for Lives, and the Jasper High School Homecoming Parade.

Vote

Councilmember Lincoln Moody	Yes
Councilmember Sam Watts	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

Receive report and consider a recommendation for the following contracts:

- a) Grease, Oil & Lubricants
- b) Pool Chemicals
- c) Concessions Operations

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Moody to award the contract for grease, oil and lubricants, pool chemicals, and concessions operations to the lowest responsible bidders W.H. Thomas, Anders Pool & Spa, and Mc & Mc LLC, respectively.

Vote

Councilmember Lincoln Moody	Yes
Councilmember Sam Watts	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

(See following pages)

RESOLUTION NO.: 2026 - 29

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama has given its permission to send bid invitations for **Grease, Oil & Lubricant**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama has received bids from the below listed in the below listed amounts,

BIDDER

AMOUNT PER SERVICE CALL

- W. H. Thomas

Per Bid

AND, WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jasper is desirous of awarding the bid to the lowest responsible bidder who has met bid specifications,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid for **Grease, Oil & Lubricant** be awarded to _____ in the amount of **per bid**.

ADOPTED THIS THE 5th DAY OF May, 2026.

Jenny Brown Short

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Sam W...

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ATTEST:

Kelley Chandler

RESOLUTION NO.: 2026 - 30

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama has given its permission to send bid invitations for Pool Chemicals

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama has received bids from the below listed in the below listed amounts,

BIDDER

AMOUNT PER SERVICE CALL

- Per Bid

AND, WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jasper is desirous of awarding the bid to the lowest responsible bidder who has met bid specifications,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid for Pool Chemicals be awarded to _____ in the amount of per bid.

ADOPTED THIS THE 5th DAY OF May, 2026.

Jenny Brown Short
Pat Moore
Ann White
Jeff W. S.
Kathy Stott

ATTEST:

Kathy Chandler

RESOLUTION NO.: 2026 - 31

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama has given its permission to send bid invitations for Concessions Operations

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama has received bids from the below listed in the below listed amounts,

BIDDER

AMOUNT PER SERVICE CALL

- Mc & Mc LLC

Per Bid

AND, WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jasper is desirous of awarding the bid to the lowest responsible bidder who has met bid specifications,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid for Concessions Operations be awarded to _____ in the amount of per bid.

ADOPTED THIS THE 5th **DAY OF** May, 2026.

Jenny Brown Short
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ATTEST:

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Introduce Mid-Year Budget Amendment #2025/2026-11. The City Clerk introduced the budget amendment to be considered for approval at the next regular council meeting.

Introduce Budget Amendment #2025/2026-12. The City Clerk introduced the budget amendment to be considered for approval at the next regular council meeting.

Consider authorizing Mayor Gates to engage in formal negotiations with Curry Water Authority.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Moore to authorize Mayor Gates to engage in formal negotiations with Curry Water Authority.

Vote

Councilmember Lincoln Moody	Yes
Councilmember Sam Watts	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

Consider adoption of a resolution authorizing Mayor Gates to enter into an agreement with Sain Associates to perform engineering and design work for Industrial Drive resurfacing.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Moody to adopt a resolution authorizing Mayor Gates to enter into an agreement with Sain Associates to perform engineering and design work for Industrial Drive resurfacing.

Vote

Councilmember Lincoln Moody	Yes
Councilmember Sam Watts	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

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RESOLUTION NO.: 2026 – 32

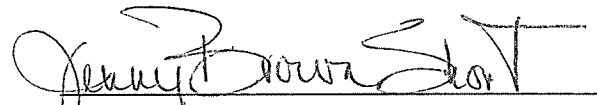
WHEREAS, the City of Jasper received an award of funds from the Alabama Industrial Access Road and Bridge Corporation on March 10, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the amount of funds awarded was \$1,349,900, to fund improvements along Industrial Drive to benefit Central States Manufacturing, and the award is to cover construction costs for the project, but all costs associated with preliminary engineering, right-of-way costs, utility costs, and any project cost overruns would be the responsibility of the City; and

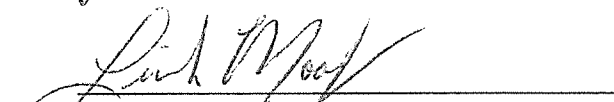
WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, will fund the project cost overruns and approves Sain Associates to proceed with topographic and right-of-way survey, roadway plans and reviews, geotechnical exploration, advertising, and bidding;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, that Mayor Josh Gates is hereby authorized to accept Sain Associates proposal to perform engineering and design work related to Industrial Drive – 2026 Industrial Access Grant.

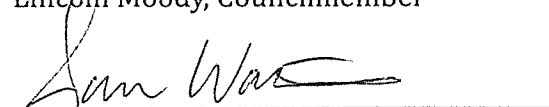
ADOPTED this the 5th day of May 2026.



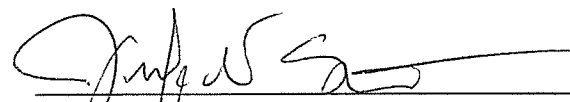
 Jenny Brown Short, Presiding Officer



 Lincoln Moody, Councilmember



 Sam Watts, Councilmember




 Jennifer W. Smith, Councilmember



 Willie Moore III, Councilmember

ATTEST:



 Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

Consider a request to waive a sign permit fee for the Heman Drummond Center of Innovation.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Moody to waive a sign permit fee for the Heman Drummond Center of Innovation.

Vote

Councilmember Lincoln Moody	Yes
Councilmember Sam Watts	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 for grass/weeds.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Watts to adopt a resolution for nuisance abatement for grass/weeds.

Vote

Councilmember Lincoln Moody	Yes
Councilmember Sam Watts	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

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RESOLUTION NO: 2026 – 33

WHEREAS, the Jasper City Council finds a nuisance for grass/weeds exists at:

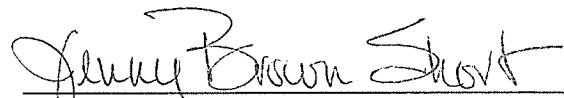
1. 711 4th Ave S, Teresia Hardin, District 4
2. 1203 10th St W, Jose Gabriel Sanchez Garcia & Maria Laura Reyes Garcia, District 4

pursuant to ORD. 2001-718-A; and

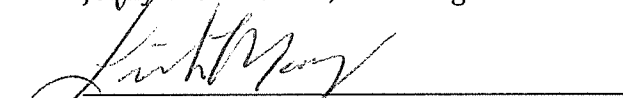
WHEREAS, the Jasper City Council finds that the abatement of said nuisances should be taken.

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


DONE and ADOPTED this the 5th day of May 2026.




 Jenny Brown Short, Presiding Officer



 Lincoln Moody, Councilmember



 Sam Watts, Councilmember




 Jennifer W. Smith, Councilmember



 Willie Moore III, Councilmember

ATTEST:



 Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

Consider adoption of a resolution for an unsafe structure.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moody, seconded by Councilmember Watts to adopt a resolution for nuisance abatement for an unsafe structure.

Vote

Councilmember Lincoln Moody	Yes
Councilmember Sam Watts	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

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RESOLUTION NO: 2026 – 34

WHEREAS, the Jasper City Council finds a nuisance for an unsafe structure that exists at:


- 1. 907 Birmingham Ave, Randall Garrigan, District 1

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.

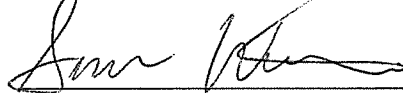
DONE and ADOPTED this the 5th day of May 2026.



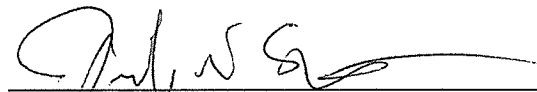
 Jenny Brown Short, Presiding Officer



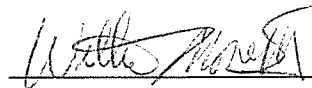
 Lincoln Moody, Councilmember



 Sam Watts, Councilmember



 Jennifer W. Smith, Councilmember



 Willie Moore III, Councilmember

ATTEST:



 Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

Consider adoption of a resolution for accumulation.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Moore to adopt a resolution for nuisance abatement for accumulation.

Vote

Councilmember Lincoln Moody	Yes
Councilmember Sam Watts	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

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RESOLUTION NO: 2026 – 35

WHEREAS, the Jasper City Council finds a nuisance for accumulation exists at:

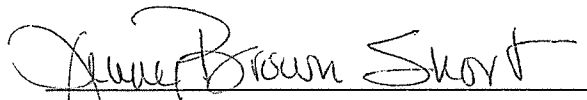
- 1. 810 Airport Rd S, John David O’Mary, District 1
- 2. 302 Crest Cir, Grand Manor Holdings LLC, District 1
- 3. 802 South Airport Rd, Herbert C Pickrell, District 1

pursuant to ORD. 1963-19; and

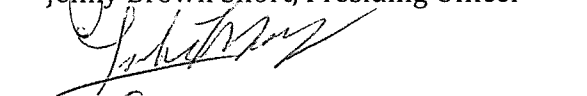
WHEREAS, the Jasper City Council finds that the abatement of said nuisances should be taken.

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

DONE and ADOPTED this the 5th day of May 2026.



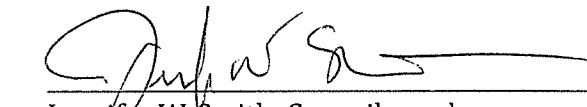
 Jenny Brown Short, Presiding Officer



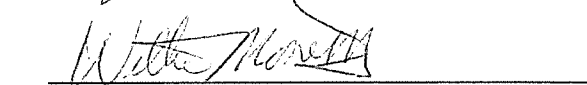
 Lincoln Moody, Councilmember



 Sam Watts, Councilmember




 Jennifer W. Smith, Councilmember



 Willie Moore III, Councilmember

ATTEST:



 Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

Introduce an ordinance to annex a parcel of land on Redmill Boulevard. (District 3) The Building Inspector introduced an ordinance to annex a parcel of land located on Redmill Boulevard (Parcel #64-10-04-17-0-000-014.002) which will be considered for approval at a subsequent council meeting.

Recognize Auburn Managing Director of Community & Collegiate Programs for the College of Human Sciences Dr. Brittany Spillman to present the 2026 Alabama Nonprofit Employee of the Year award to Jade Kennedy, Assistant Director of the Children’s Advocacy Center of Walker County. Dr. Spillman commented on the importance of the work being done by the Advocacy Center and specifically by Jade Kennedy and then presented the award to Jade Kennedy.

Comments: Mayor Gates commented on the progress on Blackwell Dairy Road. Construction will be commencing today, but moving forward the remainder of the work will be on a weather-dependent timeline and is expected to take several more weeks. He announced that the City has received notification from Senator Katie Britt that her office has awarded \$893,000 to the City to assist with flood water mitigation efforts.

Councilmember Smith reminded everyone about Art in the Park and the Home and Garden show happening this Saturday, May 9. She also asked everyone to save the date for Jasper Reads on Saturday, June 6 when multiple community leaders will be reading to children at various locations, including Mayor Gates at 2:00 PM at the Courthouse Square. She then thanked Chief Poe for helping with a citizen’s concern recently.

Councilmember Watts reminded everyone of Mother’s Day on Sunday.

Consider adjournment of the meeting.

Motion

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

Vote

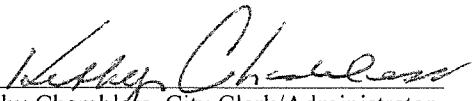
Councilmember Lincoln Moody	Yes
Councilmember Sam Watts	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

10:24 a.m. – Meeting adjourned.

A P P R O V E D:

Jenny Brown Short, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:


Kathy Chambliss, City Clerk/Administrator

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