

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD MAY 18, 2021**

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

Present: Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell, Councilmembers Jed Daniel, Gary Cowen, Jennifer W. Smith, Mayor David P. O'Mary, City Clerk/Administrator Kathy Chambless, and City Attorney Russ Robertson

Absent: Councilmember Willie Moore, III

Invocation: Police Captain Justin Tidwell

Pledge of Allegiance: City Planner Keith Pike

Approval of Minutes:

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Daniel that the minutes of the regular meeting held May 4, 2021, be approved.

Vote

Councilmember Jed Daniel	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Abstain
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Absent
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Yes

Consider amendments to the agenda. No amendments were made to the agenda.

Consider approval of the agenda.

Motion

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

Vote

Councilmember Jed Daniel	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Absent
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Yes

Consider a motion to change the next regular council meeting from June 1 to June 8, 2021.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Smith to change the next regular council meeting from June 1 to June 8, 2021.

Vote

Councilmember Jed Daniel	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Absent
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Yes

Consider approval of event permits for: 1) Walker County Arts Alliance, Art in the Park, October 30, 2021; 2) Desperation Church, Summer Jam, June 5, 2021.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to approve event permits for Walker County Arts Alliance, Art in the Park, October 30, 2021, and Desperation Church, Summer Jam, June 5, 2021.

Vote

Councilmember Jed Daniel	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Absent
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Yes

Receive report on tree service.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Daniel to award Newman’s Tree Service the contract for tree removal pursuant to the Purchasing Agent’s recommendation.

Vote

Councilmember Jed Daniel	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Absent
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Yes

Consider a request for permission to renew the contract to provide asphalt cold mix.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Daniel to allow the Purchasing Agent to renew the contract for asphalt cold mix at the same terms and pricing.

Vote

Councilmember Jed Daniel	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Absent
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Yes

Consider a request for permission to purchase capital outlay items.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Daniel to allow the Purchasing Agent to purchase various capital outlay items either through bid process, state contract, or cooperative program.

Vote

Councilmember Jed Daniel	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Absent
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Yes

Consider adoption of Mid-Year Budget Amendment #2020/2021-11.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Smith to adopt the Mid-Year Budget Amendment #2020/2021-11.

Vote

Councilmember Jed Daniel	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Absent
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Yes

Introduce Budget Amendment #2020/2021-12. The Budget Amendment was introduced by the City Clerk and will be considered at the next regular council meeting.

Consider adoption of a Resolution to adopt the Hazard Mitigation Plan for Jasper, Alabama.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Daniel to adopt the Northwest Alabama Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Action Plan.

Vote

Councilmember Jed Daniel	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Absent
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Yes

Consider adoption of a Resolution to approve a proposal from Eli Ford to donate bat boxes to be located at various City parks.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Daniel, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to adopt a Resolution to approve a proposal from Scout Eli Ford to donate bat boxes to be located at various City parks.

Vote

Councilmember Jed Daniel	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Absent
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Yes

Consider funding for tree removal on the West side of North Airport Road between Hillsdale & Arkadelphia Roads.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Daniel to approve funding for tree removal on the West side of North Airport Road between Hillsdale & Arkadelphia Roads.

Vote

Councilmember Jed Daniel	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Absent
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Yes

Consider adoption of a Resolution for Mayor O’Mary to enter into an agreement with ALDOT Rail Division to install a blankout sign on Old Birmingham Highway to service the Whitehouse Road rail crossing.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Daniel to adopt a Resolution for Mayor O'Mary to enter into an agreement with ALDOT Rail Division to install a blankout sign on Old Birmingham Highway to service the Whitehouse Road rail crossing.

Vote

Councilmember Jed Daniel	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Absent
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Yes

Consider adoption of a Resolution for Nuisance Abatement of Grass/Weeds.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to adopt a Resolution for Nuisance Abatement of Grass/Weeds.

Vote

Councilmember Jed Daniel	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Absent
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Yes

Consider adoption of an Ordinance rezoning a .16 acre +- parcel of land located at 2614 Florida Avenue from R-2 (Single Family Residential) to R-3 (Affordable Housing) Zoning District for the purpose of placing a Class A (Doublewide) manufactured home. After a public hearing was conducted, during which no comments were made, a motion was considered.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Daniel to adopt an Ordinance rezoning a .16 acre +- parcel of land located at 2614 Florida Avenue from R-2 (Single Family Residential) to R-3 (Affordable Housing) Zoning District for the purpose of placing a Class A (Doublewide) manufactured home.

Vote

Councilmember Jed Daniel	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Absent
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Yes

Consider adoption of an Ordinance amending the Ordinance providing for a Jasper Park and Recreation Board.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to amend the Ordinance providing for a Jasper Park and Recreation Board.

Vote

Councilmember Jed Daniel	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Absent
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Yes

Comments:

Mayor O’Mary made no comments.

Councilmember Smith thanked the council for approving the Park & Recreation Board Ordinance. She mentioned beginning to look at the Tree Commission Board, and suggested Sandra Underwood come to speak with the council at the next work session to discuss the Library Board.

Greg Farris talked about Nuisance Abatement of grass/weeds, and the delay in getting trimmings picked up in his neighborhood. There is also a backyard near his house that is high and needs cut, and another house nearby that has items to be picked up from residents repairing/remodeling the inside of their home.

Mr. Farris also talked about the Park & Recreation Board and his hope that the council chooses people who know a lot about various sports, instead of just one particular sport.

Consider adjournment of the meeting.

Motion

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

Vote

Councilmember Jed Daniel	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Absent
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Yes

10:35 a.m. – Meeting adjourned.

A P P R O V E D:

Danny Gambrell, Presiding Officer

A T T E S T:

Kathy Chambless, City Clerk/Administrator