

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD MAY 21, 2024**

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

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

Absent: City Attorney Russ Robertson

Invocation: Police Chief J.C. Poe

Pledge of Allegiance: Deputy Fire Chief Heath Smith

Approval of Minutes:

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Cowen that the minutes of the regular meeting May 7, 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 to the agenda: Consider adoption of a Resolution to authorize Mayor O'Mary to submit an application for TAP funds related to the new City Hall pedestrian walking bridge and sidewalks.

Consider approval of the amendment.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Moore that the amendment 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 approval of the agenda.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Smith that the agenda be approved with the 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

Consider approval of an event permit for the Jasper High School Cross Country Summer 5K Series by Jasper High School to be held on June 4, 11, 18, & 25 along the old Simmons at Sunset route.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to approve an event permit for the Jasper High School Cross Country Summer 5K Series by Jasper High School to be held on June 4, 11, 18, & 25 along the old Simmons at Sunset route.

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

Receive report and consider a recommendation for Hauling Services and Concrete-Ready Mix.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to receive the report of the Purchasing Agent and based on her recommendation, reject the bids for Hauling Services and Concrete-Ready Mix, and rebid.

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 a request for permission to send bid invitations for HVAC replacement at the Jasper Civic Center (Activity Room).

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to send bid invitations for HVAC replacement at the Jasper Civic Center.

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 an appointment to the Jasper City Board of Education for District One. Presiding Officer Short opened the floor for nominations.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Moore to nominate Scott Thornley to the Jasper City Board of Education for District One.

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 an appointment to the Jasper City Board of Education for District Four. Presiding Officer Short opened the floor for nominations.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to nominate Reed Pilling to the Jasper City Board of Education for District Four.

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 authorize Mayor O'Mary to enter into an agreement with Sain Engineering and McGehee Engineering for signal design and conceptual planning and layout related to the Viking Drive and 20th Avenue project.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Moore to adopt a Resolution to authorize Mayor O'Mary to enter into an agreement with Sain Engineering and McGehee Engineering for signal design and conceptual planning and layout related to the Viking Drive and 20th Avenue project.

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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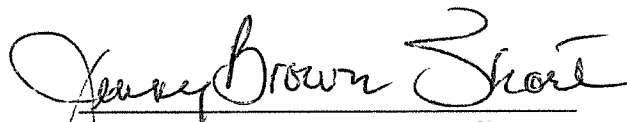
RESOLUTION NO: 2024 – 39

WHEREAS, based on a traffic study plan conducted by Norris Development, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, desires to proceed with the road project at Viking Drive and 20th Avenue East; and

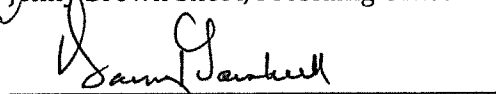
WHEREAS, the City of Jasper intends to accept the proposal submitted by Sain Associates to prepare traffic signal design sheets related to the Viking Drive at 20th Avenue East project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor David P. O'Mary is authorized to enter into an agreement with Sain Associates for traffic signal design related to the road project at Viking Drive and 20th Avenue East.

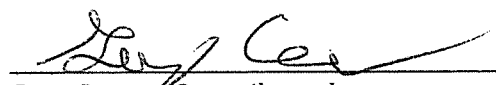
ADOPTED this the 21st day of May 2024.



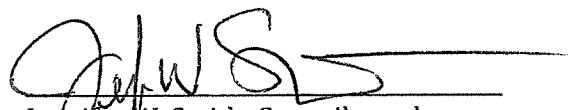
Jenny Brown Short, Presiding Officer



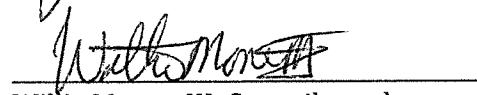
Danny Gambrell, Councilmember



Gary Cowen, Councilmember




Jennifer W. Smith, Councilmember



Willie Moore, III, Councilmember

ATTEST:



Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

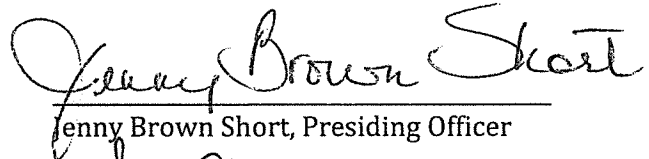
RESOLUTION NO: 2024 - 40

WHEREAS, based on a traffic study plan conducted by Norris Development, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, desires to proceed with the road project at Viking Drive and 20th Avenue East; and

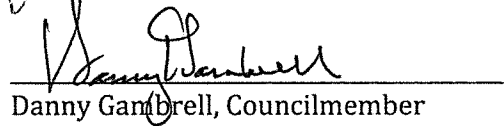
WHEREAS, the City of Jasper intends to accept Proposal 24-106-1 submitted by McGehee Engineering Corp to perform conceptual planning/layout related to the Viking Drive at 20th Avenue East project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor David P. O'Mary is authorized to enter into an agreement with McGehee Engineering Corp to perform conceptual planning/layout related to the road project at Viking Drive and 20th Avenue East.

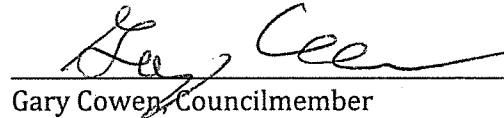
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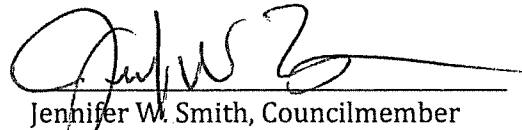
Jenny Brown Short, Presiding Officer



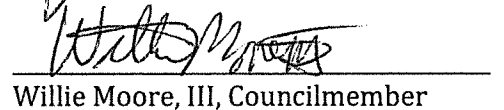
Danny Gambrell, Councilmember



Gary Cowen, Councilmember



Jennifer W. Smith, Councilmember



Willie Moore, III, Councilmember

ATTEST:



Kathy Charables, City Clerk

Consider adoption of a Resolution to authorize Mayor O’Mary to enter into an agreement with Capstone to provide Back-to-School Health Care promotion.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to adopt a Resolution to authorize Mayor O’Mary to enter into an agreement with Capstone to provide Back-to-School Health Care promotion.

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 - 41

WHEREAS, Capstone Health, a nonprofit corporation, will conduct its Back-to-School Health Care promotion; and

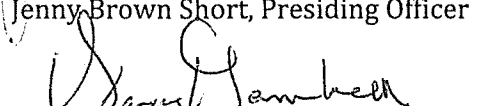
WHEREAS, the City of Jasper desires to provide financial support to Capstone with regard to its upcoming Back-to-School Health Care promotion.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor David P. O'Mary is authorized to enter into an agreement with Capstone Health to provide financial support for the Back-to-School Health Care promotion provided Capstone agrees it will continue the provision of health care services to citizens of Jasper and surrounding areas.

ADOPTED this the 21st day of May, 2024.



Jenny Brown Short, Presiding Officer



Danny Gambrell, Councilmember



Gary Cowen, Councilmember



Jennifer W. Smith, Councilmember



Willie Moore, III, Councilmember

ATTEST:



Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

Consider adoption of Mid-Year Budget Amendment #2023/2024-11.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to adopt Mid-Year Budget Amendment #2023/2024-11.

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

Introduce Budget Amendment #2023/2024-13 to provide funding for an HVAC unit for the Jasper Civic Center, additional garbage containers, Viking Drive and 20th Avenue traffic signal design, and Capstone Health Back to School Health Care event. The Budget Amendment was introduced by the City Clerk and will be considered at the next regular council meeting.

Councilmember Moore left the council meeting at approximately 10:15 a.m.

Conduct a public hearing and consider adoption of a Resolution to set cost for Nuisance Abatement. Ms. Dasi Tucker spoke to the council regarding the price she has been given for the tear-down of the property. Presiding Officer Short suggested Ms. Tucker meet with the City Clerk and City Planner after the meeting to discuss.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to table this item until the next council meeting.

Vote

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

Consider adoption of a Resolution to authorize Mayor O'Mary to submit an application for TAP funds related to the new City Hall pedestrian walking bridge and sidewalks.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Smith to submit an application for TAP funds related to the new City Hall pedestrian walking bridge and sidewalks.

Vote

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

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RESOLUTION NO.: 2024 – 43

WHEREAS, the City of Jasper desires to construct a pedestrian walking bridge, rehabilitate, and construct new handicapped accessible sidewalks in the downtown area surrounding the new Jasper City Hall.

WHEREAS, the City of Jasper proposes to submit an application to the Alabama Department of Transportation for grant assistance available through the FY2025 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP); and

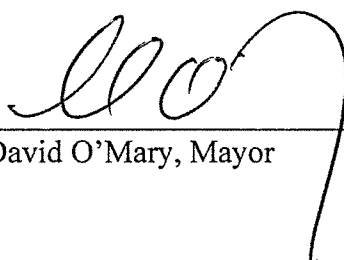
WHEREAS, the total project cost is \$1,108,400.00 with available grants funds of \$800,000.00 and the program requires a cash match of at least 20% of eligible project cost;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the City of Jasper will provide the required local cash match of \$308,400.00, as well as all cost associated with administrative services (\$15,000); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to file an application for these funds, and in the event a grant is awarded, the Jasper City Council understands that the Mayor will be required to sign certifications and assurances to comply with applicable Federal and State laws, rules and regulations.


ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the City of Council of Jasper, Alabama on this the 21st day of May 2024.

Signed for the Jasper City Council:



David O'Mary, Mayor

Attest:



Kathy Chambliss, City Clerk

Consider amending the employee handbook concerning the accumulation of holidays.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to amend the employee handbook concerning the accumulation of holidays.

Vote

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

Introduce an Ordinance to permit and regulate the operation of short-term building rentals. The Ordinance was introduced by the City Clerk and will be considered for approval at a subsequent council meeting.

Comments: Mayor O'Mary reflected on the success of pickleball in Jasper. Presiding Officer Short provided the leadership for the pickleball court project and deserves recognition. Mayor also commented on the success of the recent Kiwanis pickleball tournament recently held at the new courts.

Councilmember Smith spoke about her participation at the recent Alabama League of Municipalities conference. She announced that she was reelected to serve on the state board representing the 14th Congressional District. She is honored to serve and thanked the city and citizens for the opportunity to participate.

Consider adjournment of the meeting.

Motion

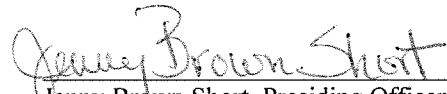
Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Smith to adjourn the meeting.

Vote

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


10:30 a.m. – Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:



Jenny Brown Short, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:



Kathy Chambless, City Clerk/Administrator

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