

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD MAY 23, 2023**

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

Present: Councilmembers Jenny Brown Short, Gary Cowen, and Willie Moore, III, City Clerk/Administrator Kathy Chambless, City Attorney Russell B. Robertson

Absent: Presiding Officer Jennifer W. Smith, Councilmember Danny Gambrell, Mayor David P. O'Mary

Invocation: Police Chief J.C. Poe

Pledge of Allegiance: Fire Chief Dante Fields

Approval of Minutes:

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Short that the minutes of the regular meeting May 2, 2023, be approved.

Vote

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

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Moore that the minutes of the special called meeting May 10, 2023, be approved.

Vote

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

Consider amendments to the agenda. There were no amendments to the agenda.

Consider approval of the agenda.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Short that the agenda be approved.

Vote

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

Consider approval of event permits:

- a) **A Taste on Main by Jasper Main Street, Friday, June 16, 2023, on 3rd Avenue between 18th and 19th Street.**
- b) **Jasper High School Cross Country Summer 5K Series by Jasper High School Cross Country Team, June 5, June 12, June 19, and June 26, 2023, starting at T.R. Simmons Elementary.**
- c) **Walker County Overdose Awareness Walk by Recovery Organization of Support Specialists, August 31, 2023, at the courthouse square.**
- d) **Recovery Rock by Recovery Organization of Support Specialists, September 30, 2023, at the courthouse square.**

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Moore to approve event permits for A Taste on Main, Jasper High School Cross Country Summer 5K Series, Walker County Overdose Awareness Walk, and Recovery Rock.

Vote

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

Consider a request for approval of overnight travel for police personnel to attend the Chiefs Conference July 30 – August 3, 2023, in Orange Beach, AL, and the ANOA Conference August 21 – 24, 2023, in Orange Beach, AL.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Short to approve travel for police personnel to attend the Chiefs Conference July 30 – August 3, 2023, in Orange Beach, AL, and the ANOA Conference August 21 – 24, 2023, in Orange Beach, AL.

Vote

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Absent
Acting Presiding Officer Gary Cowen	Yes

Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jennifer W. Smith	Absent

Introduce Budget Amendment #2022/2023-15 to provide funding for the summer reading program at Carl Elliott Regional/Jasper Public Library. The budget amendment was introduced by the City Clerk and will be considered at the next council meeting.

Consider adoption of a Resolution to authorize Mayor O'Mary to sign the FY2024 Nutrition Agreement with Middle Alabama Area Agency on Aging.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Moore to adopt a Resolution to authorize Mayor O'Mary to sign the FY2024 Nutrition Agreement with Middle Alabama Area Agency on Aging.

Vote

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

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RESOLUTION NO.: 2023 - 39

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, recognizes the need to enhance the provision of nutrition and other services to eligible senior citizens in the City of Jasper and the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, deems it advantageous to enter into an agreement with Middle Alabama Area Agency on Aging for Fiscal Year 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor David P. O'Mary has been authorized to enter into a contract agreement with Middle Alabama Area Agency on Aging.


ADOPTED this the 23rd day of May, 2023.

Jennifer W. Smith, Presiding Officer




Jenny Brown Short, Councilmember

Danny Gambrell, Councilmember

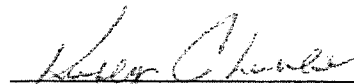


Gary Cowen, Councilmember



Willie Moore, III, Councilmember

ATTEST:



Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

Consider adoption of a Resolution for Nuisance Abatement of unsafe structures.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Moore to adopt a Resolution for Nuisance Abatement of unsafe structures.

Vote

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

Consider adoption of a Resolution for Nuisance Abatement of grass/weeds.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Short to adopt a Resolution for Nuisance Abatement of grass/weeds.

Vote

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

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RESOLUTION NO.: 2023 - 40

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

1. 2812 Longridge Dr, Alan G. Simmons, District Two
2. 1605 7th Ave, Bartolo Rojop, District Four


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 23rd day of May, 2023.

Jennifer W. Smith Presiding Officer



Jenny Brown Short, Councilmember

Danny Gambrell, Councilmember

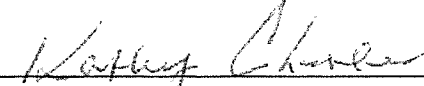


Gary Cowen, Councilmember



Willie Moore, III, Councilmember

ATTEST:



Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO.: 2023 - 41

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

1. 2807 Delaware Ave, John Hannah, District Five
2. 3604 Lenwood Circle, David Miller, District Two
3. 711 4th Ave, Teresa Hardin, District Four
4. 502 Glenview Dr, Faye Montgomery, District Four

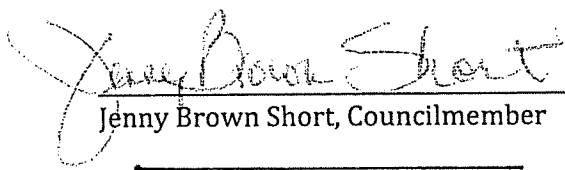
pursuant to ORD. 2001-718-A; and

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.

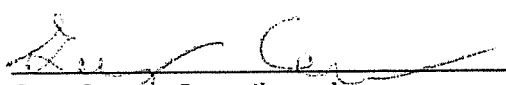
DONE this the 23rd day of May, 2023.

Jennifer W. Smith Presiding Officer

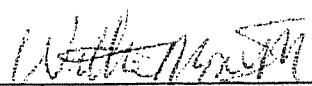


Jenny Brown Short, Councilmember

Danny Gambrell, Councilmember

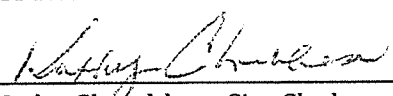


Gary Cowen, Councilmember



Willie Moore, III, Councilmember

ATTEST:



Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

Introduce an Ordinance annexing a parcel of land located at 3704 Florida Avenue. (District Five) The amendment was introduced by the City Planner and will be considered at the next council meeting.

Introduce an Ordinance annexing a parcel of land located at 4021 Crescent Lane. (District Three) The amendment was introduced by the City Planner and will be considered at the next council meeting.

Consider adoption of an Ordinance, by unanimous consent, to authorize Mayor O'Mary to enter into a lease agreement with Jasper Main Street for A Taste on Main event on June 16, 2023.

Motion

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

Vote

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

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Moore to authorize Mayor O'Mary to adopt an Ordinance to authorize Mayor O'Mary to enter into a lease agreement with Jasper Main Street for A Taste on Main event on June 16, 2023.

Vote

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

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**ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF JASPER, ALABAMA**

Ordinance No.: 2023 – 07

To declare certain real property owned by the City of Jasper, Alabama, to be unneeded for municipal purposes and approve leasing of the same

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, as follows:

Section 1. The City of Jasper, Alabama, is the owner of record of the real property described hereinbelow:

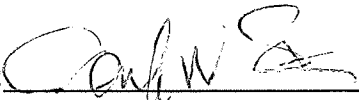
That portion of the right-of-way of Third Avenue South extending from the unnamed alleyway running east and west between the Walker County Courthouse and the Walker County Courthouse Annex #1, and a point twenty-five feet (25.00') north of the north right-of-way of 19th Street West

Section 2. The real property described hereinabove is, in the opinion of the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, not needed for public or municipal purposes on Friday, June 16, 2023, after 3:00 p.m.

Section 3. The Mayor and City Clerk are directed and authorized to execute and attest, respectively, a short-term lease for said property for and on behalf of the City of Jasper, Alabama, whereby the said City of Jasper, Alabama, leases said property to Downtown Jasper Business Association, for and in consideration of the purchase of a Nonprofit Special Event Alcohol License and other good and valuable consideration.


Adopted and approved this the 23rd day of May, 2023.

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
JASPER, ALABAMA

By: 


Hon. Jennifer W. Smith
Council Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

By: 

Kathy Chambless
City Clerk

APPROVED/VETO

By: 

Hon. David P. O'Mary
Mayor

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Motion

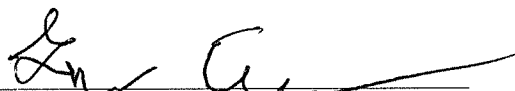
Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Short to adjourn the meeting.

Vote

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

10:17 a.m. – Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:



Gary Cowen, Acting Presiding Officer

ATTEST:



Kathy Chambless, City Clerk/Administrator

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