

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD JUNE 2, 2020**

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 Gary Cowen, Jennifer W. Smith and Willie Moore, III, Mayor David P. O’Mary, City Clerk/Administrator Kathy Chambless and City Attorney Russell B. Robertson, Esq.

Absent: V. L. “Sonny” Posey

Invocation: Assistant Chief Paul Tucker

Pledge of Allegiance: City Planner, Keith Pike

Approval of Minutes:

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Cowen that the minutes of the regular meeting held May 19, 2020, be approved.

Vote

Councilmember V. L. “Sonny” Posey	Absent
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
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 Moore, seconded by Councilmember Cowen that the agenda be approved.

Vote

Councilmember V. L. “Sonny” Posey	Absent
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Yes

Conduct a public hearing and consider approval of a Retail Table Wine License and a Retail Beer License, (for on and off premise consumption) for Jasper Bottle and Tap, LLC, DBA Jasper Bottle and Tap, located at 1810 4th Avenue South, Suite 110. Following a public hearing during which no comments were made concerning the license, a motion was considered.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Moore to approve a Retail Table Wine License and a Retail Beer License, (for on and off premise consumption) for Jasper Bottle and Tap, LLC, d/b/a Jasper Bottle and Tap, located at 1810 4th Avenue South, Suite 110.

Vote

Councilmember V. L. "Sonny" Posey	Absent
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Yes

Consider adoption of Mid-Year Budget Amendment #2019/2020-08.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Smith to adopt Budget Amendment #2019/2020-08.

Vote

Councilmember V. L. "Sonny" Posey	Absent
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Yes

Receive report on Trophies and Awards.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Moore to receive the report of the Purchasing Agent, reject the bid and negotiate a contract.

Vote

Councilmember V. L. "Sonny" Posey	Absent
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Yes

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

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to adopt a Resolution for Nuisance Abatement of grass and weeds.

Vote

Councilmember V. L. “Sonny” Posey	Absent
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Yes

Consider adoption of a Resolution for Nuisance Abatement of Unsafe Structures.

Motion

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

Vote

Councilmember V. L. “Sonny” Posey	Absent
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Yes

Consider adoption of a Resolution vacating a portion of Birmingham Avenue Right of Way located in front of the After Hours Clinic, 1800 Birmingham Avenue in District One. A public hearing was conducted during which no comments were made concerning the vacation.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Smith to adopt a Resolution vacating a portion of Birmingham Avenue Right of Way located in front of the After Hours Clinic, 1800 Birmingham Avenue in District One.

Vote

Councilmember V. L. “Sonny” Posey	Absent
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Yes

Consider adoption of a Resolution vacating a portion of 4th Avenue just south of 14th Street West in District Four. A public hearing was conducted during which no comments were made concerning the vacation.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to adopt a Resolution vacating a portion of 4th Avenue just south of 14th Street West in District Four.

Vote

Councilmember V. L. “Sonny” Posey	Absent
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Yes

Comments:

Mayor O’Mary commending the council for approving the Resolution to vacate a portion of Birmingham Avenue Right of Way in front of the After Hours Clinic, praising the facility and its owners.

Mayor O’Mary commented on the Coronavirus and the emergency powers that were granted to him as Mayor in April. He will continue to resist the call to relax the current standards in place, wanting to err on the side of caution, and will continue to manage the city in a conservative fashion moving forward.

Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith is thankful to have been a part of yesterday’s peaceful protest. She went with her 19 year old daughter who was adamant that they attend. She commented that we must listen to the younger generations. She commended the City Police Department, County Police Department and Walker County Sheriff’s Department for their work during the protest.

Councilmember Gary Cowen thanked the protesters for exercising their constitutionally protected right to protest and right to freedom of speech and for doing it the right way. He also thanked the Police Department and Walker County Sheriff’s Department for their work in serving and protecting everyone present.

Councilmember Willie Moore, III thanked Chief Poe for communicating with him yesterday while he was out of town.

Consider adjournment of the meeting.

Motion

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

Vote

Councilmember V. L. “Sonny” Posey	Absent
Councilmember Danny Gambrell Willie Moore, III	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Presiding Officer Willie Moore, III Danny Gambrell	Yes

10:19 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