

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD JUNE 15, 2021**

10:01 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, Jennifer W. Smith, Willie Moore, III, Mayor David P. O'Mary, City Clerk/Administrator Kathy Chambless, and City Attorney Russ Robertson

Absent: Councilmember Cowen

Invocation: Charles Sanders

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 June 8, 2021, be approved.

Vote

Councilmember Jed Daniel	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Absent
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 Smith that the agenda be approved.

Vote

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

Consider adoption of a Resolution to declare surplus property unneeded.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Moore to adopt a Resolution to declare various surplus property unneeded.

Vote

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

Consider a request for permission to renew the contract for Crushed Stone at the same terms and pricing.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Daniel to renew the contract for Crushed Stone at the same terms and pricing.

Vote

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

Consider a request to purchase four (4) vehicles from either the state contract list, cooperative program, or through the bid process.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Daniel to approve the purchase of four (4) vehicles from either the state contract list, cooperative program, or through the bid process.

Vote

Councilmember Jed Daniel	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Absent
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/Weeds.

Motion

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

Vote

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

Introduce an Ordinance rezoning a .20 +- acre parcel of land located at 1300 Highway 69 South from the B-1 (Neighborhood Business) Zoning District to the B-2 (Community Service) Zoning District for the purpose of operating a restaurant (commissary for a mobile food truck). (District Five) The Ordinance was introduced by the City Planner and will be considered at the next council meeting.

Introduce an Ordinance annexing parcels of land located at the end of Shepherd's Loop and near 25379 Highway 69 North. (District One) The Ordinance was introduced by the City Planner and will be considered at the next council meeting.

Consider adoption of an Ordinance to expand the Entertainment District.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Smith to expand the entertainment district.

Vote

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

Recognize Gene Hyche.

Mr. Hyche began by recognizing several members of his neighborhood present at the meeting – Margaret Handlin, Kay Smith, Paul Allen, Mark Hester, Charles Sanders, Don Strickland, and Jimmy Alexander. Mr. Hyche would like Eagles Circle and Eagles Lane paved. He strongly disagrees with the firm out of Birmingham that was hired to inspect the streets whose recommendation was not to repave. He would like to know when both roads will be paved.

Presiding Officer Gambrell responded to explain that there is a process to rank the condition of roads from worst to best, and to prioritize the worst roads first.

Comments:

Mayor O'Mary commented in response to Mr. Hyche and paving roads. He noted that the council hired Sain Engineering out of Birmingham. Sain engineering came to Jasper and developed a grading criteria, from best to worst, and identified which streets needed paving first. Over \$7 million was set forth toward

paving based on the firm’s recommendation. Mayor wants to use a scientific approach for paving and is extremely proud of the approach that has been taken.

Councilmember Smith addressed the paving process. The engineering firm ranked the city’s roads and then broke it down to district. Districts 4 and 5 had level 2 roads, which are considered the worst in the city. There are a considerable amount of level 3 roads. The council may be able to let Mr. Hyche know if or when the roads he addressed qualify for paving once the next evaluation is done.

Councilmember Daniel spoke to the paving process eight years ago and agrees the current process is better than how things were previously done.

Paul Engle, a neighbor of Gene Hyche, spoke about Eagles Circle and Eagles Lane and asked that the pot holes be filled. He also commented on 14th Avenue NE, which runs parallel to his subdivision, saying there needs to be a solution to the high speed traffic.

Mayor O’Mary responded to Mr. Engle’s request, noting the pot holes will be filled by the end of the week.

Councilmember Smith stated the next work session might need to be scheduled for a different date due to the July 4th holiday.

Zann Brock who lives at 1200 East Ridgewood Road addressed the council. Since July of 2020 there have been four accidents on a .7 mile stretch of road (Airport Rd. to Ridgewood Drive). Three of the accidents happened in front of her property. They were on 7/1/20, 1/9/21, and 4/28/21. Zann has spoken to Councilmember Cowen previously and has requested speed humps, but was told there is a moratorium on them. A radar trap has been put on the road before, but it was placed in the curve of the road.

Chief Poe and City Engineer Joe Matthews will evaluate the speed limit on the stretch of road Ms. Brock spoke to.

Consider adjournment of the meeting.

Motion

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

Vote

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

10:42 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