

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD JUNE 18, 2024**

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

**Present:** Acting Presiding Officer Gary Cowen, Danny Gambrell, Jennifer W. Smith, Willie Moore, III, Mayor David P. O'Mary, City Clerk/Administrator Kathy Chambless, City Attorney Russ Robertson

**Absent:** Councilmember Jenny Brown Short

**Invocation:** Police Chief J.C. Poe

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Police Captain David Mize

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell that the minutes of the regular meeting June 4, 2024, be approved.

**Vote**

Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Presiding Officer Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	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 Gambrell that the agenda be approved.

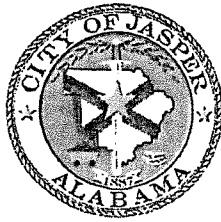
**Vote**

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

**Present a Proclamation for Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month.**

Mayor O'Mary read the Proclamation and presented it to members of the Alzheimer's Association.

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ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION®

# PROCLAMATION

*Office of the Mayor of Jasper, Alabama*

*WHEREAS, over six million Americans, including more than 103,000 Alabamians, are living with Alzheimer's disease and someone new is added to those ranks every 65 seconds; and*

*WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States, and the only leading cause of death that cannot be cured or prevented; and*

*WHEREAS, Alabama has the second highest mortality rate from Alzheimer's and other dementia in the nation; and*

*WHEREAS, researchers are working diligently to develop accurate ways to diagnose and treat Alzheimer's disease; and*

*WHEREAS, the Alzheimer's Association is the largest Non-Profit funder of Alzheimer's and dementia care and support programs, and research; and*

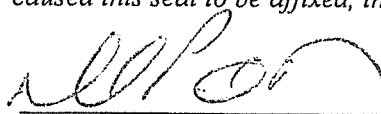
*WHEREAS, the Alzheimer's Association is here today, encouraging Jasper businesses and residents to join the fight against this devastating disease by decorating their storefronts and spaces with purple as well as to wear purple to raise awareness about Alzheimer's disease and all other dementia.*


*NOW, THEREFORE, I, David P. O'Mary, Mayor of the City of Jasper, Alabama, do hereby proclaim June 2024, as*

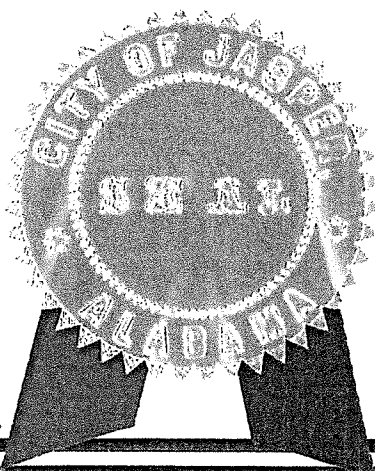
## **ALZHEIMER'S & BRAIN AWARENESS MONTH**

*in the City of Jasper and urge all citizens to take steps to act now to end Alzheimer's, open their minds to learn the facts about Alzheimer's and all other dementia, voice their support, and become an advocate to move the mission of the Alzheimer's Association forward.*

*In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024.*

  
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David P. O'Mary, Mayor

  
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Attest: Kathy Chambless, City Clerk



**Consider approval of an event permit for Coke Oven/Frisco Day Community Event on June 29, 2024, at and near A.P. Howell Park with a requested roadblock on a portion of 25<sup>th</sup> Street.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Smith to approve the event permit and the requested road blockage.

**Vote**

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

**Consider a request for permission to send bids for Demolition Service.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Moore to approve a request for permission to send bids for demolition service.

**Vote**

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

**Consider an appointment to the Jasper Housing Authority for District Two.** Councilmember Gambrell nominated Wayne Rector. Councilmember Moore made a motion to close nominations, seconded by Councilmember Smith.

**Vote**

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

**Motion to approve appointment of Wayne Rector to the Jasper Housing Authority for District Two.**

**Vote**

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

**Consider an appointment to the Jasper Housing Authority for District Three.** Councilmember Moore nominated Don Kilgore to remain appointed to the Jasper Housing Authority. Councilmember Smith made a motion to close nominations, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell.

**Vote**

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

**Motion to approve appointment of Don Kilgore to the Jasper Housing Authority for District Two.**

**Vote**

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

**Consider granting permission to allow the placement of a bronze sculpture and marker regarding a trading post that was once located on Town Creek near the sidewalk at the bridge on 19<sup>th</sup> Street.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Moore that permission be granted to place a bronze sculpture and marker on Town Creek near the sidewalk at the bridge on 19th Street.

**Vote**

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

**Consider adoption of a Resolution for nuisance abatement of an unsafe structure.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Smith to adopt a Resolution for nuisance abatement of an unsafe structure.

**Vote**

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

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**RESOLUTION NO.: 2024 - 44**

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

1. 2300 Gamble Ave, Lewis Grady Jean c/o William & Taylor Matthews,  
District Five

pursuant to ORD. 2001-718-A; and

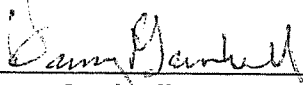
**WHEREAS**, the Jasper City Council finds that the abatement of said nuisances should be taken.

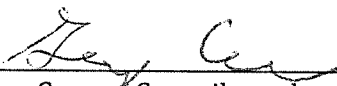
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Jasper City Council hereby approves the abatement of said nuisances.

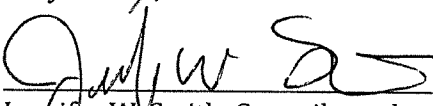
**DONE** this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

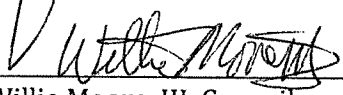
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Jenny Brown Short, Presiding Officer

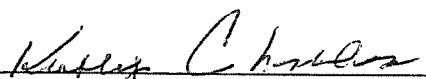
  
 Danny Gambrell, Councilmember

  
 Gary Cowen, Councilmember

  
 Jennifer W. Smith, Councilmember

  
 Willie Moore, III, Councilmember

**ATTEST:**

  
 Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

**Consider granting a 60-day extension to abate a nuisance for property located at 2100 Delaware Avenue.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Smith that a 60-day extension be granted to abate a nuisance for property located at 2100 Delaware Ave.

**Vote**

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

**Comments:** Mayor called the council's attention to the progress of the Tap 6 project, also known as the Alternative Transportation project. Mayor O'Mary informed the Council that the Alabama Department of Transportation recently provided an additional \$100,000 of grant money to help ensure that the city is able to stay within budget while working on this project.

**Announcement**

Presiding Officer Cowen announced that there will be a work session immediately following the Council meeting to discuss park improvements and further announced that the next council meeting will be held on July 9, 2024, due to the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday.

**Consider adjournment of the meeting.**

**Motion**

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

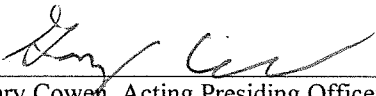
**Vote**

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


10:41 a.m. – Meeting adjourned.



APPROVED:

  
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Gary Cowan, Acting Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

  
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Kathy Chambless, City Clerk/Administrator

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