

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD JULY 16, 2024**

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

**Present:** Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short, Councilmembers Gary Cowen, Jennifer W. Smith, Willie Moore, III, Mayor David P. O’Mary, City Clerk/Administrator Kathy Chambless, City Attorney Russ Robertson

**Absent:** Councilmember Danny Gambrell

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

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Ron Harris, *Daily Mountain Eagle*

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Moore that the minutes of the regular meeting July 9, 2024, be approved.

**Vote**

Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Absent
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 were no amendments to the agenda.

**Consider approval of the agenda.**

**Motion**

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

**Vote**

Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Absent
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 Overdose Awareness Walk by The Recovery Den, August 31, 2024, at 6:30 pm, on the Courthouse Square, and Sober Fest by The Recovery Den, September 28, 2024, at 6:00 pm, on the Courthouse Square.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to approve event permits for the Overdose Awareness Walk by The Recovery Den, August 31, 2024, at 6:30 pm, on the Courthouse Square, and Sober Fest by The Recovery Den, September 28, 2024, at 6:00 pm, on the Courthouse Square.

**Vote**

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

**Consider a request for approval of overnight travel for Officer Blair Huddleston to attend active shooter threat instructor training July 7-12, 2024, in Woodfin, NC, and for Sgt. Jacob O’Rear and Officer Matt Hensley to attend the Alabama Narcotics Officers Association Conference August 17-22, 2024, in Orange Beach, AL. Chief Poe requested to also add overnight travel for him and Assistant Chief Tucker to attend the AACOP Chiefs Conference July 28-31, 2024, in Orange Beach, AL**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Smith to approve a request for overnight travel for: 1. Officer Blair Huddleston to attend active shooter threat instructor training July 7-12, 2024, (retroactively) in Woodfin, NC, 2. Sgt. Jacob O’Rear and Officer Matt Hensley to attend the Alabama Narcotics Officers Association Conference August 17-22, 2024, in Orange Beach, AL, and 3. Chief Poe and Assistant Chief Tucker to attend the AACOP Chiefs Conference July 28-31, 2024, in Orange Beach, AL.

**Vote**

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

**Consider adoption of Budget Amendment #2023/2024-14 to provide funds to reimburse the County for paving in the amount of \$61,500.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Moore to adopt Budget Amendment #2023/2024-14 to provide funds to reimburse the County for paving in the amount of \$61,500.

**Vote**

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

**Conduct a public hearing and consider adoption of a Resolution to set cost for Nuisance Abatement.**  
Following a public hearing during which no comments were made, a motion was considered.

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Smith to adopt a Resolution to set cost for Nuisance Abatement.

**Vote**

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

(See following pages)

**RESOLUTION NO: 2024 – 46**

**WHEREAS**, the Jasper City Council has held a cost hearing on the abatement of nuisances on the following properties as presented in Exhibit “Cost Hearing Report 7/16/24” attached and made a part of this resolution;

**WHEREAS**, the Jasper City Council has affixed the costs associated with and incurred by the City of Jasper, Alabama as presented in Exhibit “Cost Hearing Report 7/16/24” attached and made a part of this resolution;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Jasper City Council hereby adopts and approves the setting of said cost of abatement of said properties.

**ADOPTED** this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of July 2024.

  
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Jenny Brown Short, Presiding Officer

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Danny Gambrell, Councilmember

  
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Gary Cowen, Councilmember

  
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Jennifer W. Smith, Councilmember

  
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Willie Moore, III, Councilmember

**ATTEST:**

  
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Kathy Chambliss, City Clerk

**COST HEARING REPORT**  
**7/16/24**

**2304 13<sup>th</sup> Street W. (Stephen Guy Crump), District Five**

\$7,064.00	Removal of Unsafe Structure
25.00	Administrative Fees
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<b>\$7,089.00</b>	<b>Total</b>

**Consider adoption of an Ordinance annexing a parcel of land located at 308 Center Street.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Moore to adopt an Ordinance annexing a parcel of land located at 308 Center Street.

**Vote**

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

(See following pages)

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF JASPER, ALABAMA  
Ordinance No.: 2024 – 09

**WHEREAS,** ON THE 16th day of July, 2024, Kristin Perry and Mark E Perry being the owner(s) of all the real property hereinafter described, did file with the City Clerk a petition that the said tract or parcels of land be annexed to and become a part of the City of Jasper, and

**WHEREAS,** said petition did contain the signature of all the owner(s) of the described territory and a map of said property showing its relationship to the corporate limits of the City of Jasper, and

**WHEREAS,** the governing body did determine that it is in the public interest that said property be annexed to the City of Jasper and it did further determine that all legal requirements for annexing said real property have been met pursuant to Sections 11-42-20 through 11-42-24, Code of Alabama 1975:

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, ALABAMA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, finds and declares, as the legislative body of the City that it is in the best interest of the citizens of the City, and the citizens of the affected area, to bring the territory described in Section 2 of the Ordinance into the City of Jasper.

SECTION 2. The boundary line of the City of Jasper, Alabama, be, and the same is hereby, altered or rearranged so as to include all the territory heretofore encompassed by the corporate limits of the City of Jasper, Alabama, and in addition thereto the following described territory, to-wit:

(See following page)

A parcel of land lying in the SW ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 30, Township 13 South, Range 6 West of the Huntsville Meridian, Walker County, Alabama, being more particularly described as follows:

BEGIN at the NW corner of the SW ¼ of the NE ¼ of said Section 30 and run N S 86° 12' 55" E along the north boundary line of said SW ¼ of the NE ¼ a distance of 627.24 feet to a set of 5/8 inch rebar; thence run S 21° 30' 37" W a distance of 563.47 feet to a set 5/8 inch rebar; thence run N 61° 39' 22" W a distance of 497.15 feet to a set 5/8 inch rebar on the west boundary of said SW ¼ of the NE 1/4 ; thence run N 3° 10' 26" E along the west boundary of said SW ¼ of the NE ¼ a distance of 330.11 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Said parcel contains 5.5 acres more or less. Subject to any easements, covenants, restrictions and reservations on record.



STATE OF ALABAMA

WALKER COUNTY

PETITION FOR ANNEXATION TO THE  
CITY OF JASPER

We, the undersigned property owners of the hereinafter described lands, do hereby petition the Mayor and City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, to adopt an ordinance assenting to the annexation of the hereinafter described property into the City of Jasper, Alabama.

Said property or territory is hereby described as follows:

(Property description including all subdivisions into lots, blocks, streets and alleys within the area if any and an accurate metes and bounds description of the territory. Also include map showing relationship to the Corporate City Limits.)

This 17<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024.

Property Owners:

Name

Kristen Perry

Address

308 Center Street Jasper, AL 35504

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SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall be published as provided by law and a certified copy of same, together with a certified copy of the petition of the property owners, shall be filed with the Probate Judge of Walker County, Alabama.


SECTION 4. This territory described in the Ordinance shall become a part of the corporate limits of Jasper, Alabama, upon publication of this Ordinance as set forth in Section 3 above.

SECTION 5. On the effective date of this ordinance, said territory shall be temporarily zoned Municipal Reserve.

ADOPTED THIS THE 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024.

  
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Jenny Brown Short, Presiding Officer

Approve/Veto

  
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David P. O'Mary, Mayor

  
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Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

**Comments:** Councilmember Smith welcomed back Emily Riedel and congratulated Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short on her new grandbaby. She also shared her appreciation for the library's summer reading program, the Walker County summer intern program, and for Adam Bolton's help recently. She shared that Mayor O'Mary will be DreamFit's special guest this week.

Councilmember Moore thanked the citizens of Jasper and city employees on behalf of the Walker County Homecoming Committee. He recognized Kevin Lambert and Arthur Hood for their help.

**Consider a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.** City Attorney Russ Robertson certified that the proposed Executive Session falls within the exception in section 36-25A-7(A)(3) to discuss legal options related to pending litigation.

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Smith to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.

**Vote**

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

**10:13 a.m. – Recessed to Executive Session.**

**10:15 a.m. - Executive Session convened.**

**10:30 a.m. – Executive Session concluded.**

**10:31 a.m. – Convened regular meeting.**

**Consider adjournment of the meeting.**

**Motion**

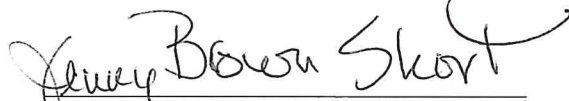
Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Moore to adjourn the meeting.

**Vote**

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

**10:31 a.m. – Meeting adjourned.**

APPROVED:

  
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Jenny Brown Short, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

  
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Kathy Chambless, City Clerk/Administrator