

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD JULY 20, 2021**

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 Jed Daniel, Gary Cowen, Jennifer W. Smith, Willie Moore, III, Mayor David P. O'Mary, City Clerk/Administrator Kathy Chambless, and City Attorney Russ Robertson

Absent:

Invocation: Police Chief J.C. Poe

Pledge of Allegiance: Revenue Compliance Officer Brent McCarver

Approval of Minutes:

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Moore that the minutes of the regular meeting held July 6, 2021, be approved.

Vote

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

Consider amendments to the agenda. One item was added to the agenda: Consider adoption of a Resolution to apply for Community Development Block Grant funds for the purpose of constructing infrastructure improvements to the west-end of 19th Street in West Jasper.

Consider approval of the agenda.

Motion

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

Vote

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

Consider adoption of a Resolution to apply for Community Development Block Grant funds for the purpose of constructing infrastructure improvements to the west-end of 19th Street in West Jasper.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Smith to adopt a Resolution to apply for Community Development Block grant funds for the purpose of constructing infrastructure improvements to the west-end of 19th Street.

Vote

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

Consider approval of an event permit for Bevill State Community College, Bevill Now, August 21, 2021.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Moore to approve the event permit for Bevill State Community College, Bevill Now on August 21, 2021.

Vote

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

Consider approval of overnight travel for police employees attending the Police Chief Conference in Orange Beach from August 1 – 5, 2021.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to approve overnight travel for police employees attending the Police Chief Conference in Orange Beach from August 1 – 5, 2021.

Vote

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

Receive report on 25’ trailer.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Daniel to receive the report of the Purchasing Agent, and to reject the bid and negotiate.

Vote

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

Consider adoption of Budget Amendment #2020/2021-13.**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Smith to adopt Budget Amendment #2020/2021-13.

Vote

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

Consider amending the employee handbook to add Juneteenth (June 19th) as a paid city holiday.**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Smith to amend the employee handbook to add Juneteenth as a paid city holiday.

Vote

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

Consider adoption of a Resolution to provide for an extension of time to abate a nuisance for an unsafe structure located on property at 695 Curry Highway belonging to Jimmy Simms.**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Moore to adopt a Resolution to provide for an extension of time to abate a nuisance for an unsafe structure located on property at 695 Curry Highway belonging to Jimmy Simms.

Vote

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

Introduce a policy related to the personal use of telephone and cell phones by employees during work hours. The policy was introduced by the City Clerk and will be considered at the next council meeting.

Consider adoption of a Resolution to set cost for Nuisance Abatement for property at 2901 Simmons Road. Following a public hearing during which no comments were made, a motion was considered.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Smith to set cost for Nuisance Abatement of an unsafe structure.

Vote

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

Consider adoption of a Resolution to set cost for Nuisance Abatement for property at 2601 9th Avenue. Following a public hearing during which no comments were made, a motion was considered.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Smith to set cost for Nuisance Abatement of an unsafe structure.

Vote

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

Consider adoption of a Resolution to allow Mayor O'Mary to enter into an agreement with RiverTree Systems, Inc. for auditing services.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Daniel to allow Mayor O'Mary to enter into an agreement with RiverTree Systems, Inc. for auditing services.

Vote

Councilmember Jed Daniel	Yes
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 and Grass/Weeds.**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to adopt a Resolution for Nuisance Abatement of an Unsafe Structure.

Vote

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

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

Consider adoption of a Resolution to change the policy that provides for paid time off to employees who test positive for COVID-19.**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to adopt a Resolution to change the policy that provides for paid time off to employees who test positive for COVID-19.

Vote

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

Comments:

Mayor O’Mary thanked the Council for a productive work session on Friday. He noted that the council was previously provided with a list of roads for phase 3 paving.

Councilmember Smith reminded everyone that the Police Department’s National Night Out will be on Tuesday, August 3, at Jasper High School from 4-9 pm.

Councilmember Moore announced that the Arc of Walker County will be having their fundraiser on August 7, and if anyone would like tickets they can see him.

Consider adjournment of the meeting.

Motion

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

Vote

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

10:29 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