

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD JULY 21, 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: J.C. Poe, Police Chief

Pledge of Allegiance: City Planner, Keith Pike

Approval of Minutes:

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Smith that the minutes of the regular meeting held July 7, 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 Cowen, 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

Present a Proclamation for COVID-19 Awareness Day. Mayor O'Mary read and presented the Proclamation for COVID-19 Awareness Day to Ervin "Jock" Allen.

Conduct a public hearing and consider approval of a Retail Restaurant Liquor License for Apple of North Alabama, Inc. d/b/a Applebee's Neighborhood Grill and Bar, located at 2009 Hwy 78 East. Following a public hearing during which no comments were made concerning the license, a motion was considered.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Moore to conduct a Public Hearing and consider approval of a Retail Restaurant Liquor License for Apple of North Alabama, Inc. d/b/a Applebee's Neighborhood Grill and Bar, located at 2009 Hwy 78 East.

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 to use Nelson Engineering Associates, Incorporated and McGehee Engineering Corporation to provide engineering services for federal grant projects.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Smith to adopt a Resolution to use Nelson Engineering Associates, Incorporated and McGehee Engineering Corporation to provide engineering services for federal grant projects.

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 to use Community Consultants to provide grant administrative services required for federal grant projects.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to adopt a Resolution to use Community Consultants to provide grant administrative services required for federal grant projects.

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 to approve a promotion pay rule and senior designation pay rule.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to adopt a Resolution to approve a promotion pay rule and senior designation pay rule.

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 and Grass/Weeds.

Councilmember Moore went on the record to ask for an update on the status of Nuisance Abatement's and noted that it's terrible in District 5.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Smith 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

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Moore to adopt a Resolution for Nuisance Abatement of Grass/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 an Ordinance rezoning a 1.5 acre +- parcel of land located at 2200 Gamble Avenue from the B-T (Transition Business) Zoning District to the B-1 (Neighborhood Business) Zoning District for the purpose of operating a Public Assembly Facility in District Five. Following a public hearing during which no comments were made concerning the rezoning, a motion was considered.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Smith to adopt an Ordinance to rezone a 1.5 acre +- parcel of land located at 2200 Gamble Avenue from the B-T (Transition Business) Zoning District to the B-1 (Neighborhood Business) Zoning District for the purpose of operating a Public Assembly Facility in District Five.

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 an Ordinance rezoning a .38 acre +- parcel of land located at and near 1310 22nd Street West from the R-2 (Single Family Residential) Zoning District to the R-3 (Affordable Housing) Zoning District for the purpose of placing a Class B (Singlewide) Manufactured Home in District Five. Following a public hearing during which Councilmember Moore stated several citizens have said they are not in favor of the rezoning, a motion was considered.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to **deny** the adoption of an Ordinance to rezone a .38 acre +- parcel of land located at and near 1310 22nd Street West from the R-2 (Single Family Residential) Zoning District to the R-3 (Affordable Housing) Zoning District for the purpose of placing a Class B (Singlewide) Manufactured Home in District Five.

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 an Ordinance, by unanimous consent, to place a moratorium on the issuance of carnival (category #713990) and traveling show (category #711190) business licenses.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Moore that the rules be suspended and unanimous consent be given for immediate consideration of and action on said Ordinance.

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

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Moore to place a moratorium on the issuance of carnival (category #713990) and traveling show (category #711190) business licenses for 120 days.

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 commented that despite COVID-19, there are things to be excited about. Through cultivating relationships, Jasper became the first city in Alabama to receive C Spire’s services for high speed, fiber optic internet. The investment on the part of AL Power Company and C Spire is the largest private investment that has ever been made in Jasper.

Councilmember Smith asked about C Spire coverage. Mayor O’Mary responded that they intend to have blanket coverage within approximately the next year.

Revenue Compliance Officer Brent McCarver encouraged citizens to go online and let C Spire know of interest because C Spire will determine where to construct based on demand.

Councilmember Smith commented on the Natatorium. She commended Stacy Smothers’ effort for her research of different facilities and different protocols. Stacy has proposed setting up by reservation to reserve a lane or open swim hours.

Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell suggested this should be on the next work session agenda for July 31.

Councilmember Smith thanked Ervin “Jock” Allen and his family for coming.

Consider adjournment of the meeting.

Motion

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

Vote

Councilmember V. L. “Sonny” Posey	Absent
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes

Councilmember Willie Moore, III
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell

Yes
Yes

10:35 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