

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD AUGUST 1, 2023**

10:00 a.m. - The meeting was called to order by Presiding Officer Jennifer W. Smith in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 400 19th Street West, Jasper.

Present: Presiding Officer Jennifer W. Smith, Councilmembers Jenny Brown Short, Danny Gambrell, Gary Cowen, and Willie Moore, III, Mayor David P. O'Mary, City Clerk/Administrator Kathy Chambless, City Attorney Russell B. Robertson

Absent:

Invocation: City Planner Brent McCarver

Pledge of Allegiance: Students of the Sky Youth Program

Approval of Minutes:

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Moore that the minutes of the regular meeting July 18, 2023, be approved.

Vote

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

Consider amendments to the agenda. There were no amendments to the agenda.

Consider approval of the agenda.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell that the agenda be approved.

Vote

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

Recognize Jasper Parks & Recreation lifeguards. Stacy Smothers, Aquatics Director/Natatorium Manager, recognized many of the Parks & Rec lifeguards who were present at the meeting, including 6 lifeguards for saves made during the summer season.

Consider approval of event permits:

- a) **Unity in the Community Block Party, August 12, 2023, at A.P. Howell Park, blocking part of 25th Street to MLK Drive.**
- b) **POW/MIA Ceremony, VFW, September 14, 2023, Courthouse Square.**
- c) **Walker County Sheriff's Office Fall Festival, October 28, 2023, in front of Sheriff's Office, blocking 2nd Ave from Albert Russell Way to 20th Street/Viking Drive.**
- d) **Veterans Day Fun Run, American Legion Woods-Smith Post 9, November 11, 2023.**

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Moore to approve event permits for Unity in the Community Block Party, POW/MIA Ceremony, Walker County Sheriff's Office Fall Festival, and Veterans Day Fun Run.

Vote

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

Receive report and consider a recommendation for the Memorial Park pickleball courts bid.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to receive the report of the Purchasing Agent and award the bid to Coston General Contractors, the lowest responsible bidder who met bid specifications.

Vote

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

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RESOLUTION NO.: 2023 – 46

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama has given its permission to send bid invitations for Memorial Park pickleball courts.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama has received bids from the below listed in the below listed amounts,

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>AMOUNT PER SERVICE CALL</u>
• COSTON GENERAL CONTRACTORS	\$586,708.00
• DENSMORE EXCAVATING	\$631,500.00
• GILLESPIE CONSTRUCTION	\$677,230.00

AND, WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jasper is desirous of awarding the bid to the lowest responsible bidder who has met bid specifications,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid for Memorial Park pickleball courts be awarded to Coston General Contractors

ADOPTED THIS THE 1ST **DAY OF** AUGUST , 2023 .

Jerry Brown Short
Sammy Samuels
Debra S
Fay C
Walter Morett

ATTEST:

Kestley Chubb

Introduce Budget Amendment #2022/2023-18 to provide funding for new sidewalks and gutter work surrounding property at 1508 5th Avenue S., nine pickleball courts at Memorial Park, and the replacement of the camera system at the jail and Jasper Police Department. The budget amendment was introduced by the City Clerk and will be considered at the next council meeting.

Consider adoption of Budget Amendment #2022/2023-19, by unanimous consent, for the emergency purchase of six police units.

Motion

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

Vote

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

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Short to approve Budget Amendment #2022/2023-19 to provide funding for six police units.

Vote

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

Consider adoption of a Resolution to allow Mayor O'Mary to enter into an agreement with Nelson Engineering Associates, Inc. for engineering services related to the design and construction of pickleball courts at Memorial Park.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to allow Mayor O'Mary to enter into an agreement with Nelson Engineering Associates, Inc. for engineering services related to the design and construction of pickleball courts at Memorial Park.

Vote

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes

Presiding Officer Jennifer W. Smith

Yes

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RESOLUTION NO.: 2023 - 47

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, desires to provide more recreational options by constructing pickleball courts at Memorial Park; and

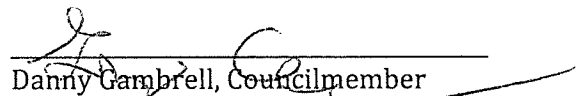
WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama desires to enter into an agreement with Nelson Engineering Associates, Inc. for engineering services related to the design and construction of pickleball courts at Memorial Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, that David P. O'Mary, in his capacity as Mayor, is hereby authorized to execute all required documents on behalf of the City of Jasper for execution of said contract with Nelson Engineering Associates, Inc.

ADOPTED this the 1st day of August, 2023.


Jennifer W. Smith, Presiding Officer

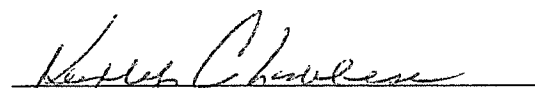

Jenny Brown Short, Councilmember


Danny Gambrell, Councilmember


Gary Cowen, Councilmember


Willie Moore, III, Councilmember

ATTEST:


Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

Consider adoption of a Resolution for Nuisance Abatement for grass/weeds.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Gambrell, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to adopt a Resolution for Nuisance Abatement of grass/weeds.

Vote

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

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RESOLUTION NO.: 2023 - 48

WHEREAS, the Jasper City Council finds a nuisance for grass/weeds exists at:

1. 2503 Briarcliff Road, Linda Clark, District Two
2. 709 19th Street E, Corey & Cassidy Young, District Five
3. 305 20th Street, Integrity First LLC, District Five
4. 3104 6th Avenue, Tamica Webster, District Five
5. 911 27th Street W, Howard Wells, District Five

pursuant to ORD. 2001-718-A; and

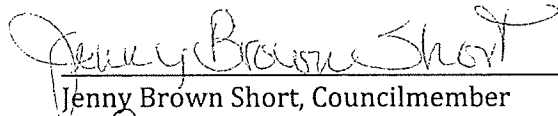
WHEREAS, the Jasper City Council finds that the abatement of said nuisances should be taken.

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

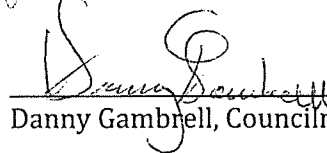
DONE this the 1st day of August, 2023.



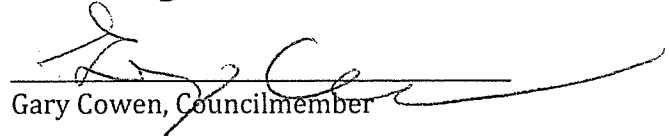
 Jennifer W. Smith Presiding Officer



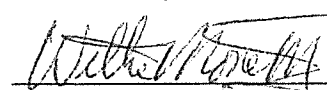
 Jenny Brown Short, Councilmember



 Danny Gambrell, Councilmember

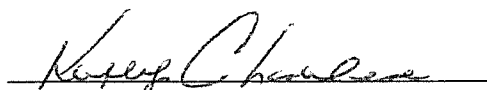


 Gary Cowen, Councilmember



 Willie Moore, III, Councilmember

ATTEST:



 Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

Comments: Clayton Mehearg, a representative for the Walker County Sports Hall of Fame, addressed the council to share that there will be a ceremony on Sunday at 2:00 pm. He thanked the city for sponsoring.

Andy Braden thanked the council for declaring property at 1807 Jones Dairy Road a nuisance and for having it removed. He named Councilmember Short, Brent McCarver, Billy Wade, Russ Smallwood, Russ Robertson, the council, Police Department, and Street Department for helping.

Councilmember Short responded to Mr. Braden, thanking him for coming to the meeting. She is impressed by the Jones Dairy Road community. After removing the home, the neighbors have maintained the lawn and the property looks like a small park.

Consider adjournment of the meeting.

Motion

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

Vote

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

10:26 a.m. – Meeting adjourned.

A P P R O V E D:

Jennifer W. Smith, Presiding Officer

A T T E S T:

Kathy Chambless, City Clerk/Administrator

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