

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD AUGUST 4, 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 V.L. “Sonny” Posey (by phone), 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:

Invocation: Police Chief J.C. Poe

Pledge of Allegiance: Revenue Compliance Officer Brent McCarver

Approval of Minutes:

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Smith that the minutes of the regular meeting held July 21, 2020, be approved.

Vote

Councilmember V. L. “Sonny” Posey	Did Not Vote
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 Moore that the agenda be approved.

Vote

Councilmember V. L. “Sonny” Posey	Did Not Vote
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Yes

Conduct a public hearing and consider approval of a Retail Restaurant Liquor License for Apple of North Alabama, Inc. d/b/a Applebees Neighborhood Grill and Bar, located at 2009 Hwy 78 East. (This item was on the 7/21/20 agenda, however, at that time advertising requirements had not been met yet.) 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 approve a Retail Restaurant Liquor License for Apple of North Alabama, Inc. d/b/a Applebees Neighborhood Grill and Bar, located at 2009 Hwy 78 East.

Vote

Councilmember V. L. "Sonny" Posey	Did Not Vote
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Yes

Recognize Chief Poe to address the replacement of a donated 2004 Ford Crown Victoria with a 2006 Ford Crown Victoria to Yerkwood Volunteer Fire Department.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to replace the 2004 Ford Crown Victoria donated to Yerkwood Volunteer Fire Department due to mechanical issues with a 2006 Ford Crown Victoria (VIN 2FAPF71W56X138179). Both vehicles are surplus property and unneeded for municipal purposes.

Vote

Councilmember V. L. "Sonny" Posey	Did Not Vote
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Yes

Consider a request for approval of travel and seminar expenses for City Prosecutors to attend the Alabama League of Municipalities Fall Conference September 24-26, 2020.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Smith to approve travel and seminar expenses for City Prosecutors Emily Donaldson and Greg Ellis to attend the Alabama League of Municipalities Fall Conference September 24-26, 2020.

Vote

Councilmember V. L. "Sonny" Posey	Did Not Vote
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 declare only one person has filed a statement of candidacy for municipal offices and, therefore, will be duly elected to the office described in said statement.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Moore to adopt a Resolution to declare only person has filed a statement of candidacy for Mayor, Councilmember District 1, Councilmember District 2, Councilmember District 3, Councilmember District 4, and Councilmember District 5, and therefore, will be duly elected to the office described in said statement.

Vote

Councilmember V. L. “Sonny” Posey	Did Not Vote
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Yes

Present a Certificate of Election to Mayor O’Mary. Council President Danny Gambrell presented Mayor O’Mary with a Certificate of Election.

Present a Certificate of Election to Jed Daniel, Danny Gambrell, Gary Cowen, Jennifer W. Smith, and Willie Moore, III. Mayor O’Mary presented a Certificate of Election to Jed Daniel, Danny Gambrell, Gary Cowen, Jennifer W. Smith, and Willie Moore, III.

Consider adoption of a Resolution to apply for community development block grant funding for improvements on 19th Street around the Old West Jasper School building.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Smith to allow Mayor O’Mary to apply for community development block grant funding for improvements on 19th Street around the Old West Jasper School building.

Vote

Councilmember V. L. “Sonny” Posey	Did Not Vote
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 sign an agreement with ALDOT for improvements on Elliott Boulevard.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Moore to allow Mayor O’Mary to sign an agreement with ALDOT for improvements on Elliott Boulevard.

Vote

Councilmember V. L. “Sonny” Posey	Did Not Vote
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 the City Attorney to take necessary steps to have the “Limitation of Use” clause incorporated in to property deeds comprising all properties included in the Memorial Park LWAC Boundary Map.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Smith to adopt a Resolution to add the required “Limitation of Use” clause to deeds comprising all properties included in the Memorial Park LWAC Boundary Map.

Vote

Councilmember V. L. “Sonny” Posey	Did Not Vote
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 sign the FY2021 Nutrition Agreement with Middle Alabama Area Agency on Aging.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Smith to adopt a Resolution to allow Mayor O’Mary to sign the FY2021 Nutrition Agreement with Middle Alabama Area Agency on Aging (MA4).

Vote

Councilmember V. L. “Sonny” Posey	Did Not Vote
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 Moore to adopt a Resolution for Nuisance Abatement of Unsafe Structures.

Vote

Councilmember V. L. "Sonny" Posey	Did Not Vote
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Yes

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to adopt a Resolution for Nuisance Abatement of Grass/Weeds.

Vote

Councilmember V. L. "Sonny" Posey	Did Not Vote
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Yes

Conduct a Public Hearing and consider adoption of a Resolution to set cost for Nuisance Abatement of Grass/Weeds. Following a public hearing during which no one commented, a motion was considered.

Motion

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

Vote

Councilmember V. L. "Sonny" Posey	Did Not Vote
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 in the past 35 years there has not been an election where the full slate of candidates went unchallenged, which is a good indication that things are being done right. Jasper is financially better prepared today than possibly it has ever been to make things happen for the benefit of the city. He stressed that in the next 4 years, the question that should continue to be asked is: is it best for Jasper? He said he looks forward to working with the council and congratulated them.

Councilmember Smith congratulated Jed Daniel. She expressed her thanks for the support over the past 8 years and is proud to serve a second term as Chair of the Human Development Policy Committee with the Alabama League of Municipalities.

Councilmember Cowen welcomed Jed back to the council and stated that the financial and political situation is brought about by the spirit of teamwork. He commented on looking forward to the next 4 years.

Councilmember Moore stated that he is looking forward to working with Jed again. He is glad to be back with the same team.

Jed Daniel thanked the council for their support and nice comments. He looks forward to the next 4 years.

Consider adjournment of the meeting.

Motion

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

Vote

Councilmember V. L. “Sonny” Posey	Did Not Vote
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Yes

10:26 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