

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD AUGUST 15, 2023**

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

Present: 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: Presiding Officer Jennifer W. Smith

Invocation: Assistant Police Chief Paul Tucker

Pledge of Allegiance: Police Captain David Mize

Approval of Minutes:

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell that the minutes of the regular meeting August 1, 2023, be approved.

Vote

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

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

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

Consider approval of an event permit for the Foothills Festival by Jasper Area Entertainment, September 15 & 16, 2023, in downtown Jasper.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Moore to approve an event permit for the Foothills Festival by Jasper Area Entertainment, September 15 & 16, 2023, in downtown Jasper.

Vote

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

Consider a request for approval of travel and seminar expenses for City Prosecutors to attend the Alabama League of Municipalities Fall Conference November 2-3, 2023, in Gulf Shores, AL.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Gambrell, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to approve travel and seminar expenses for City Prosecutors to attend the Alabama League of Municipalities Fall Conference November 2-3, 2023, in Gulf Shores, AL.

Vote

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

Consider a request for approval of travel for the City Clerk to attend the Municipal Clerk’s Conference September 6-8, 2023, in Tuscaloosa, AL.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to approve travel for the City Clerk to attend the Municipal Clerk’s Conference September 6-8, 2023, in Tuscaloosa, AL.

Vote

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

Consider adoption of 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.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to adopt 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.

Vote

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

Introduce Budget Amendment #2022/2023-20 to provide funding for Frisco Park lighting, tennis courts resurfacing, and basketball courts. The budget amendment was introduced by the City Clerk and will be considered at the next regular council meeting.

Introduce the 2023/2024 Budget. The budget was introduced by Mayor O'Mary and will be considered at the next regular council meeting.

Consider adoption of a Resolution to authorize Mayor O'Mary to enter into an agreement with United Way related to the construction of a community park.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Moore to authorize Mayor O'Mary to enter into an agreement with United Way related to the construction of a community park.

Vote

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

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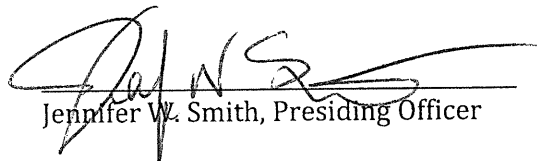
RESOLUTION NO: 2023 - 51

WHEREAS, United Way of Central Alabama, Inc. ("UWCA"), along with its affiliate, Hands On Birmingham, Inc., d/b/a/ United Way Hands On, wishes to construct a public park located at 26th Street between 2nd and 1st Avenue, Jasper, Al as part of their centennial celebration; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jasper and UWCA both desire that UWCA and Hands On Birmingham build a public park on property located at 26th Street between 2nd and 1st Avenue in Jasper.

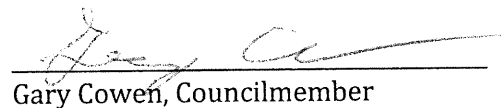
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor David P. O'Mary is authorized to enter into an agreement with United Way of Central Alabama, Inc.

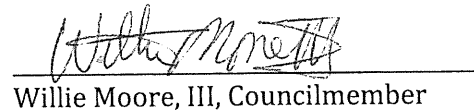
ADOPTED this the 15th day of August, 2023.


Jennifer W. Smith, Presiding Officer

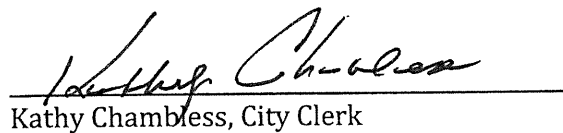
Jenny Brown Short, Councilmember


Danny Gambrell, Councilmember


Gary Cowen, Councilmember


Willie Moore, III, Councilmember

ATTEST:


Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

Consider paying employees time and a half overtime pay for hours worked during the Foothills Festival September 15 and 16, 2023.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to approve paying employees time and a half overtime pay for hours worked during the Foothills Festival September 15 and 16, 2023.

Vote

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

Consider adoption of a Resolution to adopt the annual Transportation Plan pursuant to the Rebuild Alabama Act for fiscal year 2024.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to adopt a Resolution to adopt the annual Transportation Plan pursuant to the Rebuild Alabama Act for fiscal year 2024.

Vote

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

(See following pages)

RESOLUTION NO.: 2023 – 49

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING TRANSPORTATION PLAN PURSUANT
TO THE REBUILD ALABAMA ACT (ACT 2019-2)**

WHEREAS, the 2019 Alabama Legislature has passed an HB2 to levy additional excise tax on gasoline and diesel fuel; and,

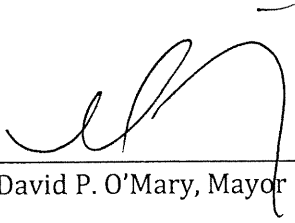
WHEREAS, the City of Jasper is to receive a portion of said tax based on the ratio of population of each municipality to the total population of all municipalities of the state; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jasper pledges to keep this money in separate funds and expend only for maintenance, improvement, replacement and construction of roads and as mandated by the law passed; and

WHEREAS, the Act provides that the City of Jasper shall adopt an annual Transportation Plan no later than August 31st for the fiscal year 2024 based on an estimate of revenues.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama estimates that its anticipated allocation from the Rebuild Alabama Act fund for the Fiscal Year 2024 will be approximately \$120,000.00 to be used for street maintenance, improvement, replacement, and construction of roads within the City of Jasper, with the increasing allocations for each fiscal year thereafter.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, this the 15th day of August, 2023.

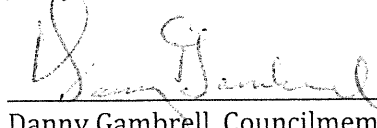
By: 

David P. O'Mary, Mayor


Jennifer W. Smith, Presiding Officer




Jenny Brown Short, Councilmember



Danny Gambrell, Councilmember




Gary Cowen, Councilmember



Willie Moore, III, Councilmember

ATTEST:



Kathy Chambliss, City Clerk

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 Gambrell, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to adopt a Resolution to set cost for nuisance abatement.

Vote

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

(See following pages)

RESOLUTION NO: 2023 - 50

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 8/15/23" 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 8/15/23" 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 15th 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

COST HEARING REPORT
8/15/23

1807 Jones Dairy Road (Edna Jean Hyché), District One

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| \$4,215.00 | Demolition of structure and three storage buildings, towing of 2004 Toyota Camry |
| 25.00 | Administrative Fees |
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| \$4,240.00 | Total |

Comments: Councilmember Moore thanked the city employees for assisting with Unity in the Community.

Chief Poe thanked the council for appropriations provided for the police department, particularly for a new camera system and new police units.

Councilmember Short thanked Billy Wade and Brent McCarver for facilitating the demolition of the structure at 1807 Jones Dairy Rd.

Consider adjournment of the meeting.

Motion

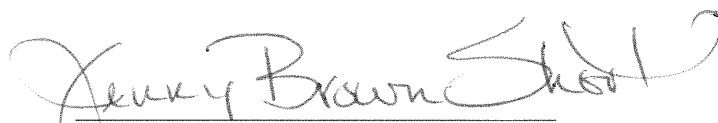
Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Moore to adjourn the meeting.

Vote

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

10:27 a.m. – Meeting adjourned.

A P P R O V E D:


 Jenny Brown Short, Acting Presiding Officer

A T T E S T:


 Kathy Chambless, City Clerk/Administrator

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