

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD AUGUST 18, 2020**

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10:00 a.m. - The meeting was called to order by Councilmember Willie Moore, III in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 400 19<sup>th</sup> Street West, Jasper.

**Present:** 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:** Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell

**Invocation:** Mayor O’Mary

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Keith Pike, City Planner

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Cowen that the minutes of the regular meeting held August 4, 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	Absent

**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 Smith 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	Absent

**Conduct a public hearing and consider approval of a Lounge Retail Liquor License for C and A Entertainment, Inc. d/b/a The Speakeasy, located at 305 Hwy 78 W.** 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 Cowen to approve a Lounge Retail Liquor License for C and A Entertainment d/b/a The Speakeasy, located at 305 Hwy 78 W.

**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	Absent

**Consider approval of travel for the City Engineer to attend the Alabama Chapter ASCE/APWA Conference September 30-October 2, 2020.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Smith to approve travel for the City Engineer to attend the Alabama Chapter ASCE/APWA Conference September 30-October 2, 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	Absent

**Consider adoption of a Resolution to allow Mayor O'Mary to renew the letter of credit for a building located on property owned by the Jasper Industrial Development Authority.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Smith to adopt a Resolution to allow Mayor O'Mary to renew the letter of credit for a building located on property owned by the Jasper Industrial Development Authority.

**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	Absent

**Receive report on safe room storm shelters.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to receive the report of the Purchasing Agent and to reject the bid for safe room storm shelters, as the sole bidder did not meet all required specifications, and rebid the same.

**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	Absent

**Consider adoption of a Resolution to declare surplus property unneeded.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to adopt a Resolution to declare the 2004 Ford Crown Victoria (VIN #2FAFP74W54X169442), originally donated to Yerkwood Fire Dept. and later replaced due to mechanical problems, as surplus property unneeded.

**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	Absent

**Consider adoption of a Resolution for Nuisance Abatement of Unsafe Structures, Inoperative Vehicles, and Grass/Weeds.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Cowen 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	Absent

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to adopt a Resolution for Nuisance Abatement of Inoperative Vehicles.

**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	Absent

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, 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	Absent

**Conduct a Public Hearing and consider adoption of a Resolution to set cost for Nuisance Abatement.**

Following a public hearing during which no one commented, a motion was considered.

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Smith 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	Absent

**Consider adoption of an Ordinance, by unanimous consent, to set the speed limit at 25 MPH for a section of Prospect Road.****Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Cowen 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	Did Not Vote
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes

Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell Absent

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Smith to set the speed limit at 25 MPH for a section of Prospect Road.

**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	Absent

**Comments:**

Mayor O’Mary shared that the 2021 budget is nearly ready to bring to the council for approval. He praised the Leadership team and was very pleased to state that every department in the city will operate inside budget. With the amount of reserves on hand, the city is in the position to weather the storm and do what’s needed moving forward.

Mayor O’Mary also mentioned the Greater Birmingham Humane Society. Jasper is the only non-Birmingham shelter that the Greater Birmingham Humane Society operates. The partnership with GBHS has been a win-win situation.

Councilmember Cowen spoke to the importance of having reserves, which gives the city the ability to operate in case of a downturn in economy or an unforeseen natural disaster.

Councilmember Smith spoke about the positive feedback she has received regarding the recent opening of the pools and the library.

Carlton Swann addressed the Council with concerns about his property on 1610 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Apt. #2.

**Consider adjournment of the meeting.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Smith 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	Absent

10:28 a.m. - Meeting adjourned.

A P P R O V E D:

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Willie Moore, III, Acting Presiding Officer

A T T E S T:

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Kathy Chambless, City Clerk/Administrator