

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD AUGUST 20, 2024**

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

**Present:** Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short, Councilmembers Danny Gambrell, Gary Cowen, Willie Moore, III, City Clerk/Administrator Kathy Chambless, City Attorney Russ Robertson

**Absent:** Mayor David P. O'Mary, Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith

**Invocation:** Senior Pastor Rev. James Johnson, Jasper First Methodist Church

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Fire Chief Dante Fields

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Cowen that the minutes of the regular meeting August 6, 2024, be approved.

**Vote**

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

**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**

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

**Consider approval of an event permit for the following events: Foothills Festival by Jasper Area Entertainment, September 13 & 14, 2024, from Corona Ave to 6<sup>th</sup> Ave in downtown Jasper; Tailgate Party by First Methodist Church, September 29, 2024, at/near 1800 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave; Pets on Parade by the Walker County Humane Society, October 19, 2024, at Gamble Park.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to approve an event permit for the following events: 1) Foothills Festival by Jasper Area Entertainment, September 13 & 14, 2024, from Corona Ave to 6th Ave in downtown Jasper; 2) Tailgate Party by First Methodist Church, September 29, 2024, at/near 1800 3rd Ave; 3) Pets on Parade by the Walker County Humane Society, October 19, 2024, at Gamble Park.

**Vote**

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

**Consider an appointment to the Jasper Zoning Board of Adjustment for District Three.**

Councilmember Cowen nominated Trent Harris from District Three to fill a vacancy.

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Gambrell, seconded by Councilmember Moore to close the nominations.

**Vote**

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

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to appoint Trent Harris to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

**Vote**

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

**Consider adoption of Budget Amendment #2023/2024-15.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to adopt Budget Amendment #2023/2024-15.

**Vote**

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

**Consider adoption of a Resolution for nuisance abatement for grass/weeds.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to adopt a Resolution for nuisance abatement for grass/weeds.

**Vote**

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

(See following page)

**RESOLUTION NO.: 2024 - 53**

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

1. 1608 Barker Street, Judy Blaine, District Five
2. 501 Highland Ave, Robert & Ruby Mae Williams, District One

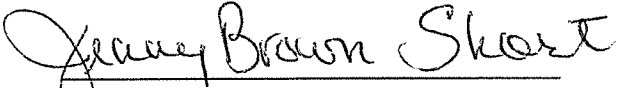
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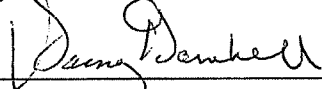
pursuant to ORD. 2001-718-A; and

**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 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024.

  
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Jenny Brown Short, Presiding Officer

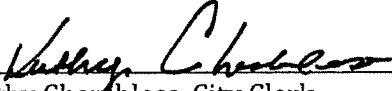
  
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Danny Gambrell, Councilmember

  
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Gary Cowen, Councilmember

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Jennifer W. Smith, Councilmember

  
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Willie Moore, III, Councilmember

**ATTEST:**

  
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Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

**Consider adoption of a Resolution for nuisance abatement for unsafe structures.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Gambrell, seconded by Councilmember Moore to adopt a Resolution for nuisance abatement for unsafe structures.

**Vote**

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

(See following pages)

**RESOLUTION NO.: 2024 - 54**

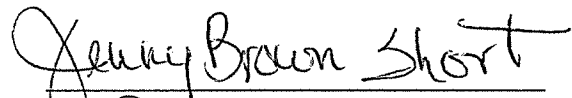
**WHEREAS**, the Jasper City Council finds a nuisance for unsafe structure exists at:

- 1. 2715 Florida Ave, Mary Philips, District Five
- 2. 2815 29<sup>th</sup> Street, \_\_\_\_\_, District Five
- 3. 2814 29<sup>th</sup> Street, \_\_\_\_\_, District Five
- 4. 2807 Euclid Ave, Charles B. Crutchfield, District Five
- 5. 2901 Florida Ave, Mary & Burt Lee Bowers, District Five
- 6. 1209 East 28<sup>th</sup> St, Anita M. & Christopher E. Hallmark, District Five
- 7. 1207 East 28<sup>th</sup> St, Mozelle McAdams, District Five
- 8. 1087 Williams St, \_\_\_\_\_, District Five
- 9. 1211 East 28<sup>th</sup> St, Mozelle McAdams, District Five
- 10. 3307 Florida Ave, Rick R. Garrison, District Five
- 11. 3100 Florida Ave, Bessie Albert Griggs & Jerome Griggs, District Five
- 12. 2712 Florida Ave, Tai Bondman, District Five
- 13. 2616 Florida Ave, Catherine Turner, District Five
- 14. 1801 Elliott Blvd, Elizabeth W. Brakefield (LE) & Ann B. Trotter Sparks, District Five
- 15. 1805 Elliott Blvd, Elizabeth W. Brakefield (LE) & Ann B. Trotter Sparks, District Five
- 16. 1807 Elliott Blvd, Elizabeth W. Brakefield (LE) & Ann B. Trotter Sparks, District Five
- 17. 1809 Williams Street, Jeffery Scott Johnsey & Kimberly Hold, District Five
- 18. 1807 Williams Street, Diane Hokanson, District Five
- 19. 2404 Crutchfield Blvd, \_\_\_\_\_, 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024.



Jenny Brown Short, Presiding Officer



Danny Gambrel, Councilmember



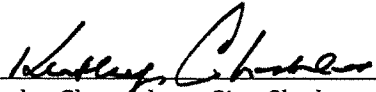
Gary Cowen, Councilmember

Jennifer W. Smith, Councilmember



Willie Moore, III, Councilmember

**ATTEST:**

  
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Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

**Consider adoption of an Ordinance rezoning a .25 acre+- parcel of land located at 801 31st St W Jasper, Al from the R-2 (Single Family Residential) Zoning District to the R-3 (Affordable Housing) Zoning District for the purpose of placing a manufactured home in District 5.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Gambrell, seconded by Councilmember Moore to adopt an Ordinance rezoning a .25 acre+- parcel of land located at 801 31st St W Jasper, Al from the R-2 (Single Family Residential) Zoning District to the R-3 (Affordable Housing) Zoning District for the purpose of placing a manufactured home in District 5.

**Vote**

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

(See following pages)



ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF JASPER, ALABAMA  
Ordinance No. 2024 – 10  
TO AMEND THE CITY OF JASPER ZONING ORDINANCE

Be it hereby Ordained by the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, as follows:

Section 1. That the Jasper Zoning Map as described in Article II, Sections 30-32, of the Jasper Zoning Ordinance, which was adopted by the City Council of the City of Jasper on or about January 2, 1990, and amended, inter alia, and further amended April 1, 2003, be and is hereby amended by the rezoning or redistricting of the parcel(s) of land hereinafter described so as to change such parcel(s) from one class or district to another class or district, to wit:

From R-2 (Single Family Residential) to R-3 (Affordable Housing District) Zoning District.

Section 2. Said parcel is described as follows:

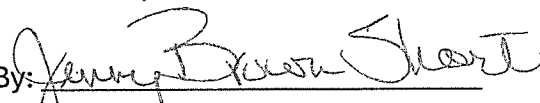
64-17-05-16-3-000-104.003 Lot 30 Re-Sub, Lots 11-15 Walker Highlands & Lots 1&2 1<sup>st</sup> Add Walker Highlands Plat 2-29, Jasper 16-14-7. SR Only. Sec: 16TWN: 14S RNG: 07W

Describes a parcel of land located at or near 801 31<sup>st</sup> St W, Jasper, AL.


Section 3. This ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and publication in the manner required by law.

ADOPTED this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024.


CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF JASPER, ALABAMA

By:   
Hon. Jenny Brown Short  
Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

By:   
Kathy Chambless  
City Clerk

APPROVED/VETO

By:   
Hon. David P. O'Mary  
Mayor

**Consider a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss settlement of a lawsuit.** City Attorney Russ Robertson certified that the proposed Executive Session falls within the exception in section 36-25A-7(A) to discuss legal options related to pending litigation and the settlement thereof. Action is expected at the conclusion of the Executive Session.

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to go into Executive Session to discuss settlement of a lawsuit.

**Vote**

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

**10:11 a.m. – Recessed to Executive Session.**

**10:12 a.m. - Executive Session convened.**

**10:18 a.m. – Executive Session concluded.**

**10:19 a.m. – Convened regular meeting.**

**Consider settlement of lawsuit discussed in Executive Session.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Moore to approve the settlement agreement as presented in Executive Session and to allow Mayor O’Mary and City Clerk Kathy Chambless to sign the agreement.

**Vote**

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

**Comments:** No comments were made.

**Consider adjournment of the meeting.**

**Motion**

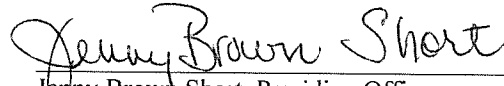
Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to adjourn the meeting.

**Vote**

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

10:21 a.m. – Meeting adjourned.

A P P R O V E D:

  
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Jenny Brown Short, Presiding Officer

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Kathy Chambless, City Clerk/Administrator