

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD SEPTEMBER 1, 2020**

10:00 a.m. - The meeting was called to order by Councilmember Willie Moore, III in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 400 19th 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: Police Chief J.C. Poe

Pledge of Allegiance: Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith

Approval of Minutes:

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Smith that the minutes of the regular meeting held August 18, 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 Smith, seconded by Councilmember Cowen 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

Present a Proclamation for Gynecological Cancer Awareness. Mayor O’Mary read the proclamation to proclaim September 2020, as Gynecological Cancer Awareness month. He presented the proclamation to representatives of the Laura Crandall Brown Foundation and several survivors of gynecological cancer.

Introduce 2020/2021 Budget. Mayor O’Mary presented the 2020/2021 budget and briefly described certain aspects of the budget to be considered at the next council meeting.

Receive report on Animal Transport Van.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to receive the report of the Purchasing Agent and allow negotiation with Stivers Ford who had previously submitted a quote.

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 list of items 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 a request for permission to donate a 2008 Ford Crown Victoria to the Carbon Hill Police Department.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Smith to grant permission to donate a 2008 Ford Crown Victoria to the Carbon Hill Police Department.

Vote

Councilmember V. L. “Sonny” Posey	Did Not Vote
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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 an Unsafe Structure, Inoperative Vehicles, and Grass/Weeds.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to adopt a Resolution for Nuisance Abatement of an Unsafe Structure.

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

Introduce an Ordinance annexing property located at 2300 Tommy Robinson Road. The Ordinance was introduced by the City Planner and will be considered at the next council meeting.

Consider adoption of an Ordinance, by unanimous consent, to place a 3-way stop at 12th Avenue and 20th Street West.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Smith 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 place a 3-way stop at 12th Avenue and 20th Street West.

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 commented on the 2020/2021 budget that was introduced. The goal of the budget is to put the city in the position to do the things that need to be done, such as paving roads around the city. Mayor also discussed the comparison of Jasper and Cullman and detailed the difference in population size and budget.

Councilmember Smith asked that a discussion of the Park & Recreation board be put on the next work session agenda, in addition to the budget that was introduced. She stated that she would also like to discuss all of the boards again.

Councilmember Moore asked that everyone keep Council President Danny Gambrell in their prayers as well as Josh, a street department employee whose son recently passed away.

Attorney Charles Tatum, Jr. expressed his concern with the city’s FMLA Paid Sick Leave Coronavirus policy. He asked the council to consider including laborers in the FMLA policy.

Councilmember Moore asked to add the subject of the FMLA Paid Sick Leave Coronavirus policy to the work session agenda.

Consider adjournment of the meeting.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Cowen 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

10:36 a.m. - Meeting adjourned.

A P P R O V E D:

Willie Moore, III, Acting Presiding Officer

A T T E S T:

Kathy Chambless, City Clerk/Administrator