

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD SEPTEMBER 8, 2026**

10:00 a.m. - The meeting was called to order by Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 121 17th Street West, Jasper.

Present: Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short, Councilmembers Lincoln Moody, Sam Watts, Jennifer W. Smith, and Willie Moore III, Mayor Josh Gates, City Clerk/Administrator Kathy Chambless

Absent:

Invocation: Councilmember Lincoln Moody

Pledge of Allegiance: Councilmember Sam Watts

Approval of Minutes:

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Moody that the minutes of the regular meeting held August 25, 2026, be approved.

Vote

Councilmember Lincoln Moody	Yes
Councilmember Sam Watts	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore III	Absent
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

Consider amendments to the agenda. There were no amendments.

Consider approval of the agenda.

Motion

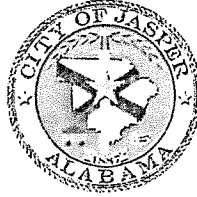
Moved by Councilmember Moody, seconded by Councilmember Watts that the agenda be approved.

Vote

Councilmember Lincoln Moody	Yes
Councilmember Sam Watts	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore III	Absent
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

Present a proclamation for Gynecologic Cancer Awareness Month. Mayor Gates read the proclamation aloud and presented it to Jim & Cecilia Crandall, founders of the Laura Crandall Brown Foundation.

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PROCLAMATION

Office of the Mayor of Jasper, Alabama

WHEREAS, gynecologic (GYN) cancers are among the leading cancer killers of women in the United States, and more than 125,000 women will be diagnosed, and more than 33,000 women will die from these diseases this year and the absence they leave in our hearts will be deeply felt forever, and

WHEREAS, the Laura Crandall Brown Foundation and their "A State of Teal" initiative brings awareness of all GYN cancers to the people throughout the State of Alabama; and

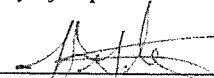
WHEREAS, the good health and well-being of women in our state and the City of Jasper are enhanced by increased awareness of GYN cancers and their symptoms and treatments; and

WHEREAS, it is also crucial that all women in our state and the City of Jasper take an active role in learning the symptoms and risk factors associated with GYN cancers, developing healthy habits, and undergoing regular medical examinations so that any occurrence of these diseases may be detected in their early and treatable stages; and

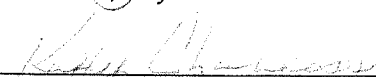
WHEREAS, we reflect upon the memory of those lost to these diseases, the bravery of those currently battling these diagnoses, and the need for increased awareness, screening, and research so that the women of our state might be spared from them in the future, and encourage all citizens to work together to raise awareness of GYN cancers.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Josh Gates, Mayor of the City of Jasper, Alabama, and on behalf of the Jasper City Council do hereby proclaim September 2026 as Gynecologic Cancer Awareness Month throughout the City and encourage all residents of Jasper to work together to raise awareness of GYN cancers and do commend this observance to all of our citizens.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed this 8th day of September 2026.



Josh Gates, Mayor



Attest: Kathy Chambers, City Clerk 9/8/2026



Councilmember Moore arrived at approximately 10:04 a.m.

Consider approval of an event permit for the following events: a) Poker Run/Car Show Benefit for Landon: Requested by Kim McGaha; October 3, 2026, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Crawfish Warehouse, 1825 6th Ave. S.; requested street closure: a portion of 6th Ave.; b) Aperó on Main: Requested by Jasper Main Street; October 9, 2026, from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; 407 19th St. W.; requested street closure: a portion of 19th St. at or near 4th Ave.; c) Walker County Campaign for Christ: Requested by Liberty Church of Christ; October 18–22, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; Jasper Mall parking lot.; d) Alabama Historical Association's Fall Pilgrimage: Requested by Jasper Main Street; October 23, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Jasper Welcome Center, 311 18th St. W.; requested street closure: 18th St. W. between 3rd Ave. and 4th Ave.; e) Pets on Parade: Requested by Walker County Humane Society, Inc.; October 31, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; Gamble Park.; f) Chamber of Commerce of Walker County Annual Christmas Parade: Requested by the Chamber of Commerce of Walker County; December 1, 2026; requested street closures along portions of Viking Dr., 19th St., 6th Ave., and 18th St.;, and White House on Fifth Museum & Gallery Holiday Event.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moody, seconded by Councilmember Moore to approve an event permit for the Poker Run/Car Show Benefit for Landon, Aperó on Main, Walker County Campaign for Christ, Alabama Historical Association's Fall Pilgrimage, Pets on Parade, Chamber of Commerce of Walker County Annual Christmas Parade, and White House on Fifth Museum & Gallery Holiday Event.

Vote

Councilmember Lincoln Moody	Yes
Councilmember Sam Watts	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

Introduce the 2026/2027 Budget. Mayor Gates introduced the budget to be considered for approval at a subsequent regular meeting.

Consider approval of a change order request for animal shelter improvements.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Watts, seconded by Councilmember Smith to approve a change order request for animal shelter improvements in the amount of \$10,432.80.

Vote

Councilmember Lincoln Moody	Yes
Councilmember Sam Watts	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore III	Yes

Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short

Yes

Consider adoption of a resolution to authorize Mayor Gates to enter into an agreement for professional legal services.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moody, seconded by Councilmember Watts to adopt a resolution to authorize Mayor Gates to enter into an agreement for professional legal services.

Vote

Councilmember Lincoln Moody	Yes
Councilmember Sam Watts	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

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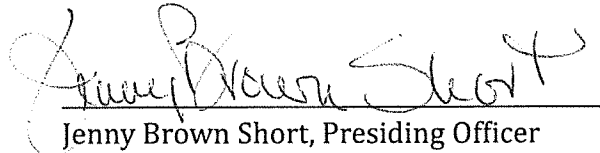
RESOLUTION NO.: 2026 - 67

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, wishes to retain professional legal services; and

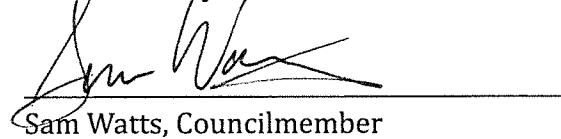
WHEREAS, the City of Jasper intends to enter a Professional Legal Services contract with Richard E. Fikes, Esquire to provide and handle routine legal services.

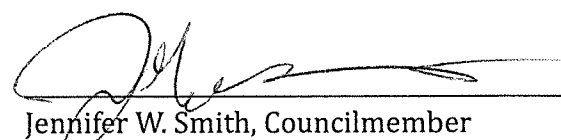
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, that Mayor Josh Gates is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Richard E. Fikes, Esquire to provide professional legal services

ADOPTED this the 8th day of September 2026.


Jenny Brown Short, Presiding Officer

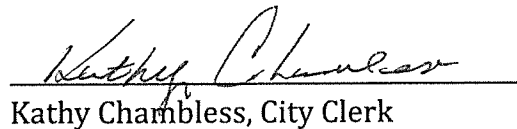

Lincoln Moody, Councilmember


Sam Watts, Councilmember


Jennifer W. Smith, Councilmember


Willie Moore III, Councilmember

ATTEST:


Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

Consider adoption of a resolution for nuisance abatement for accumulation.**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Moore to adopt a resolution for nuisance abatement for accumulation.

Vote

Councilmember Lincoln Moody	Yes
Councilmember Sam Watts	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

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RESOLUTION NO: 2026 – 68

WHEREAS, the Jasper City Council finds a nuisance for accumulation exists at:

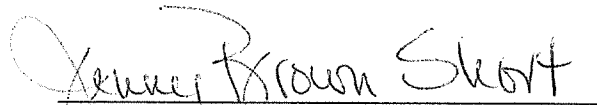
1. 1200 Ridgewood Rd. (Parcel No. 64-10-08-27-0-000-031.000), Brock, Zandra K., District 3
2. 608 13th St. W. (Parcel No. 64-17-02-09-3-301-072.000), Smith, Jeremy Chad, District 4

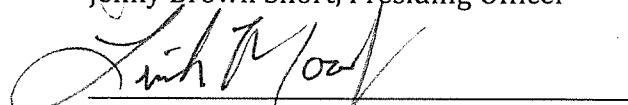
pursuant to ORD. 1963-19; and

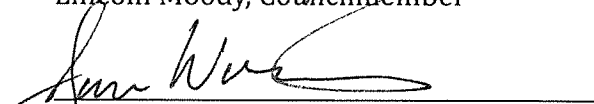
WHEREAS, the Jasper City Council finds that the abatement of said nuisances should be taken.

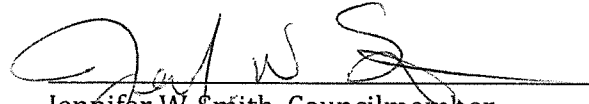
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jasper City Council hereby approves the abatement of said nuisances.

DONE and ADOPTED this the 8th day of September 2026.


Jenny Brown Short, Presiding Officer


Lincoln Moody, Councilmember


Sam Watts, Councilmember


Jennifer W. Smith, Councilmember


Willie Moore III, Councilmember

ATTEST:


Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

Consider adoption of a resolution for nuisance abatement for grass/weeds.

Motion

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

Vote

Councilmember Lincoln Moody	Yes
Councilmember Sam Watts	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

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RESOLUTION NO: 2026 - 69

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

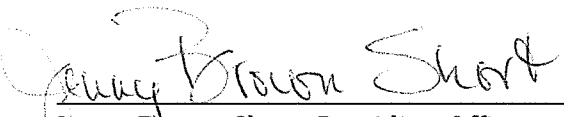
1. 615 Hillsdale Rd. (Parcel No. 64-10-08-33-0-001-041.000), Trustees of Article 15 Trusts, District 3
2. 608 13th St. W. (Parcel No. 64-17-02-09-3-301-072.000), Smith Jeremy Chad, District 4
3. 1209 8th Ave (Parcel No. 64-17-02-09-3-302-011.000), James Bray Jr., District 4
4. 2300 Greenwood (Parcel No. 64-17-06-14-3-000-018.020), Dunn Raymond & Alice, District 5
5. 2301 Greenwood Cir. (Parcel No. 64-17-06-14-3-000-018.021), Dunn Raymond & Alice, District 5
6. 2302 Greenwood (Parcel No. 64-17-06-14-3-000-018.019), Quillen Buster & Lois J c/o Karen Adams, District 5

pursuant to ORD. 2001-718-A; and

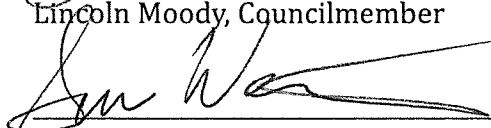
WHEREAS, the Jasper City Council finds that the abatement of said nuisances should be taken.

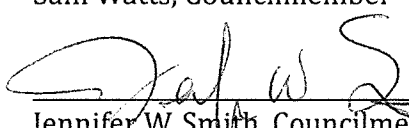
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jasper City Council hereby approves the abatement of said nuisances:

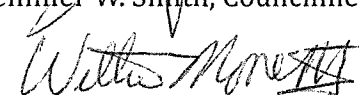
DONE and ADOPTED this the 8th day of September 2026.


Jenny Brown Short, Presiding Officer

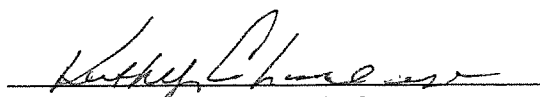

Lincoln Moody, Councilmember


Sam Watts, Councilmember


Jennifer W. Smith, Councilmember


Willie Moore III, Councilmember

ATTEST:


Kathy Chambliss, City Clerk

Consider adoption of a resolution for an unsafe structure.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Smith to adopt a resolution for nuisance abatement for unsafe structures.

Vote

Councilmember Lincoln Moody	Yes
Councilmember Sam Watts	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

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RESOLUTION NO: 2026 - 70

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

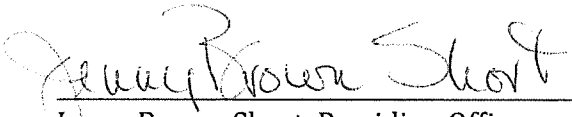
1. 1602 7th Ave. (Parcel No. 64-17-02-09-3-303-006.000), Brenda Aldridge, District 5

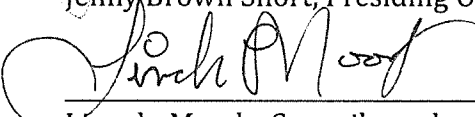
pursuant to ORD. 2001-718-A; and

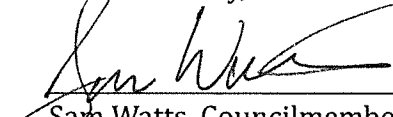
WHEREAS, the Jasper City Council finds that the abatement of said nuisances should be taken.

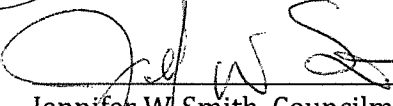
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jasper City Council hereby approves the abatement of said nuisances.

DONE and ADOPTED this the 8th day of September 2026.


Jenny Brown Short, Presiding Officer


Lincoln Moody, Councilmember


Sam Watts, Councilmember


Jennifer W. Smith, Councilmember


Willie Moore III, Councilmember

ATTEST:


Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

Conduct a public hearing and consider adoption of an ordinance rezoning a 4.0 acre+- parcel of land located at 2700 Tate Rd (parcel # 64-10-06-24-0-000-018.003) and a 4.4 acre+- parcel of land (parcel # 64-10-06-24-0-000-018.000) from the temporary MR (Municipal Reserve) Zoning District to the permanent AG (Agricultural) Zoning District to apply permanent zoning to a newly annexed parcel. (District 2) After a public hearing during which no comments were made, a motion was considered.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moody, seconded by Councilmember Watts to adopt an ordinance rezoning a 4.0 acre+- parcel of land located at 2700 Tate Rd (parcel # 64-10-06-24-0-000-018.003) and a 4.4 acre+- parcel of land (parcel # 64-10-06-24-0-000-018.000) from the temporary MR (Municipal Reserve) Zoning District to the permanent AG (Agricultural) Zoning District to apply permanent zoning to a newly annexed parcel.

Vote

Councilmember Lincoln Moody	Yes
Councilmember Sam Watts	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
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. 2026 – 17
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 MR (Municipal Reserve) to AG (Agricultural District) Zoning District.

Section 2. Said parcels are described as follows:

Parcel 1:

PO SENW 24/13/7 BEG 660 E OF SW COR TH N 505.04 E 345 S 505.04 W 345 ALG R/W TO BEG

Describes a parcel of land at 2700 Tate Rd, Parcel #64-10-06-24-0-000-018.003.

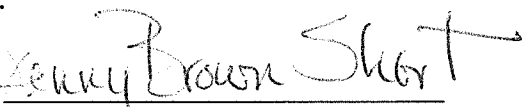
Parcel 2:

PO SE NW; BEG 300 S OF NE COR, TH W 400, S 494.82, E 85, N 45, E 315, N 480 TO BEG SEC24/13/7

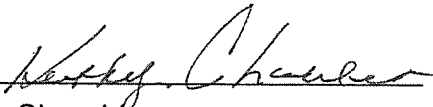
Describes Parcel #64-10-06-24-0-000-018.000.

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

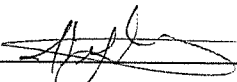
ADOPTED this the 8th day of September, 2026.

By: 
Hon. Jenny Brown Short

ATTEST:

By: 
Kathy Chambless
City Clerk

APPROVED/VETO

By: 
Hon. Josh Gates
Mayor

Comments: Mayor Gates announced that the pothole patcher has been delivered to the Street Department, saying the use of the equipment will allow for improved road maintenance. He then reminded everyone that the annual Foothills Festival will be this weekend. He shared that the Jasper Area Entertainment (JAE) Board is a nonprofit that runs and administers the festival. He individually recognized members of the JAE: President Pam Callahan, Treasurer Renae Wilson, Secretary Emily Riedel, Billy Wade, Paul Tucker, Allison Jones, Mike Putman, Jim Smothers, and Kaitlyn Darwin, as well as Event Director Tana Collins-Allred, talent buyer Zach Baker, and Vendor Coordinator Lisa Myers. He thanked them for their work throughout the year to bring the festival to downtown Jasper.

Councilmember Smith announced that DreamFit will be dancing at various times on Saturday during the Foothills Festival and invited everyone to join.

Councilmember Moore reminded everyone of an upcoming District 5 citizens meeting that will be held on Thursday, September 24, 2026, at City Hall at 5:00 p.m.

Consider adjournment of the meeting.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Watts to adjourn the meeting.

Vote

Councilmember Lincoln Moody	Yes
Councilmember Sam Watts	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

10:20 a.m. – Meeting adjourned.

A P P R O V E D:


Jenny Brown Short, Presiding Officer

A T T E S T:


Kathy Chambless, City Clerk/Administrator