

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD SEPTEMBER 12, 2023**

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

**Present:** Presiding Officer Jennifer W. Smith, 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:**

**Invocation:** Assistant Police Chief Paul Tucker

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Fire Operations Chief Chris Uptain

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell that the minutes of the regular meeting August 15, 2023, be approved.

**Vote**

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

**Consider amendments to the agenda.** There were no amendments to the agenda.

**Consider approval of the agenda.**

**Motion**

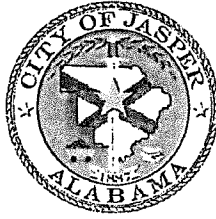
Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Cowen that the agenda be approved.

**Vote**

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

**Present a Proclamation for Gynecological Cancer Awareness.** Mayor O'Mary read the proclamation for Gynecological Cancer Awareness, proclaiming September Gynecological Cancer Awareness month in Jasper, and presented it to survivors, patients, and family members who were present. A representative briefly spoke on behalf of the Laura Crandall Brown Foundation.

(See following page)



# 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 110,000 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 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 and the city of Jasper might be spared from them in the future, and encourage all citizens to work together to raise awareness of GYN cancers; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, David P. O'Mary, Mayor of the city of Jasper, Alabama and on behalf of the Jasper City Council do hereby proclaim September 2023, 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 our citizens.*



*In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023.*

*David P. O'Mary, Mayor*

*Kathy Chambless*  
Attest: *Kathy Chambless, City Clerk*

**Consider a request for approval of overnight travel for swim staff to attend the US Masters and Swimming Saves Lives Foundation's Adult Learn to Swim Instructor training, September 16-17, 2023, in Zionsville, IN.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Short to approve overnight travel for swim staff to attend the US Masters and Swimming Saves Lives Foundation's Adult Learn to Swim Instructor training, September 16-17, 2023, in Zionsville, IN.

**Vote**

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

**Consider adoption of Budget Amendment #2022/2023-20 to provide funding for Frisco Park lighting, tennis courts resurfacing, and basketball courts.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to adopt Budget Amendment #2022/2023-20 to provide funding for Frisco Park lighting, tennis courts resurfacing, and basketball courts.

**Vote**

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

**Introduce Budget Amendment #2022/2023-21.** The budget amendment was introduced by the City Clerk and will be considered at the next regular council meeting.

**Consider adoption of the 2023/2024 Budget.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to adopt the 2023/2024 Budget.

**Vote**

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

**Consider adoption of a Resolution to authorize Mayor O’Mary to enter into an agreement with the Walker County Commission and the Walker County District Attorney’s Office to jointly divide the cost of employment for a trained law enforcement investigator who specializes in electronic evidence to be employed by the Walker County District Attorney’s Office.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to adopt a Resolution to authorize Mayor O’Mary to enter into an agreement with the Walker County Commission and the Walker County District Attorney’s Office to jointly divide the cost of employment for a trained law enforcement investigator who specializes in electronic evidence to be employed by the Walker County District Attorney’s Office.

**Vote**

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

(See following page)

**RESOLUTION NO: 2023 - 52**

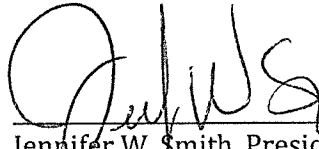
**WHEREAS**, the City of Jasper, the Walker County Commission, and the Walker County District Attorney's Office mutually agree that it would be beneficial to all parties for there to be a trained law enforcement investigator who specializes in and is trained in electronic evidence in Walker County; and

**WHEREAS**, the law enforcement investigator shall at all times be an employee of the State of Alabama working within the Walker County District Attorney's Office; and

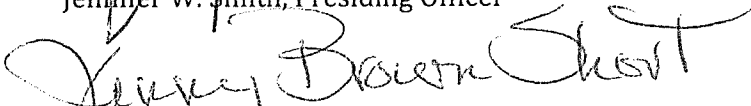
**WHEREAS**, the City of Jasper, Walker County Commission, and the Walker County District Attorney's Office shall equally divide the cost of the employment of the law enforcement investigator at \$27,000 each for the term of three (3) years.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Mayor David P. O'Mary is authorized to enter into an agreement with the Walker County Commission and the Walker County District Attorney's Office for the employment of a law enforcement investigator.

**ADOPTED** this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023.




\_\_\_\_\_  
Jennifer W. Smith, Presiding Officer



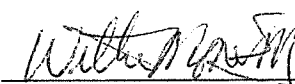
\_\_\_\_\_  
Jenny Brown Short, Councilmember



\_\_\_\_\_  
Danny Gambrell, Councilmember

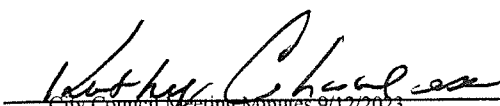


\_\_\_\_\_  
Gary Cowen, Councilmember



\_\_\_\_\_  
Willie Moore, III, Councilmember

**ATTEST:**



\_\_\_\_\_  
Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

**Comments:** Mayor O'Mary introduced the newly hired Jasper Industrial Development Board's Executive Director, Green Suttles, to the Council.

Presiding Officer Smith reminded everyone of the Foothills Festival this weekend.

Vivian O'Neal of World System Builder thanked Mayor O'Mary and Brent McCarver for their support of financial literacy.

**Consider adjournment of the meeting.**

**Motion**

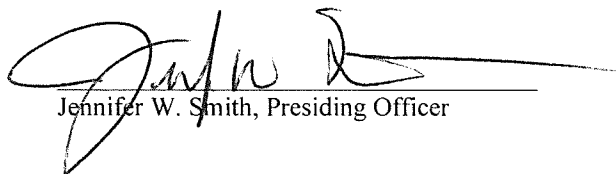
Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Short to adjourn the meeting.

**Vote**

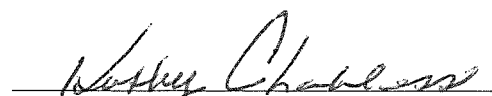
|                                     |     |
|-------------------------------------|-----|
| Councilmember Jenny Brown Short     | Yes |
| Councilmember Danny Gambrell        | Yes |
| Councilmember Officer Gary Cowen    | Yes |
| Councilmember Willie Moore, III     | Yes |
| Presiding Officer Jennifer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

10:27 a.m. – Meeting adjourned.

A P P R O V E D:

  
Jennifer W. Smith, Presiding Officer

A T T E S T:

  
Kathy Chambliss, City Clerk/Administrator

(Blank page)