

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD SEPTEMBER 14, 2021**

10:02 a.m. - The meeting was called to order by Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 400 19th Street West, Jasper.

Present: Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell, Councilmembers Gary Cowen, Jennifer W. Smith, Willie Moore, III, Mayor David P. O'Mary, City Clerk/Administrator Kathy Chambless, and City Attorney Russ Robertson

Absent: Councilmember Jed Daniel

Invocation: Revenue Compliance Officer Brent McCarver

Pledge of Allegiance: City Planner Keith Pike

Approval of Minutes:

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Moore that the minutes of the regular meeting held August 17, 2021, be approved.

Vote

Councilmember Jed Daniel	Absent
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Abstain
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Yes

Consider amendments to the agenda. No amendments were made to the agenda.

Consider approval of the agenda.

Motion

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

Vote

Councilmember Jed Daniel	Absent
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	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. Karen Globetti briefly spoke on behalf of the Laura Crandall Brown Foundation.

Consider approval of event permits:

- a) **POW/MIA Memorial Ceremony, VFW Post 4850, September 17, 2021.**
- b) **Jasper High School Homecoming Parade, Jasper High School, September 24, 2021.**
- c) **Breast Cancer Chili Cook-off, Jimmy Holderfield Insurance, October 16, 2021.**
- d) **Veterans Day Parade, VFW Post 4850, November 6, 2021.**

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to approve event permits for 1) POW/MIA Memorial Ceremony, VFW Post, 480, September 17, 2021; 2) Jasper High School Homecoming Parade, Jasper High School, September 24, 2021; 3) Breast Cancer Chili Cook-Off, Jimmy Holderfield Insurance, October 16, 2021; 4) Veterans Day Parade, VFW Post 4850, November 6, 2021.

Vote

Councilmember Jed Daniel	Absent
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Yes

Consider a request for permission to renew the contract for Trophies and Awards.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Moore to renew the contract for Trophies and Awards at the same terms and pricing to Kustom Trophy.

Vote

Councilmember Jed Daniel	Absent
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Yes

Consider adoption of a Resolution to authorize Mayor O’Mary to enter into an agreement with Walker County Community Action Agency for American Rescue Plan Act funding related to housing needs.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Moore to authorize Mayor O’Mary to enter into an agreement with Walker County Community Action Agency for American Rescue Plan Act funding related to housing needs.

Vote

Councilmember Jed Daniel	Absent
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Yes

Consider adoption of Budget Amendment #2020/2021-15.**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to adopt Budget Amendment #2020/2021-15.

Vote

Councilmember Jed Daniel	Absent
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Yes

Introduce Budget Amendment #2020/2021-16 to provide funding to the District Attorney's Office for the purchase of Alabama Power facility. The Budget Amendment was introduced by the City Clerk and will be considered at the next regular council meeting.

Consider adoption of a Resolution for Nuisance Abatement of an Inoperable Vehicle and Grass/Weeds.**Motion**

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

Vote

Councilmember Jed Daniel	Absent
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Yes

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Smith to adopt a Resolution for Nuisance Abatement of Grass/Weeds.

Vote

Councilmember Jed Daniel	Absent
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes

Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Yes

Mayor O’Mary read Councilmember Daniel’s letter of resignation aloud, per Councilmember Daniel’s request, thereby officially vacating his District One seat:

September 13, 2021

Jed Daniel, Councilmember
District One

Sent by email September 13, 2021
Honorable Gary Cowen
Honorable Danny Gambrell
Honorable Willie Moore
Honorable Jennifer Smith
Honorable David P. O’Mary

I, Jed Daniel, am notifying the Jasper City Council that I have moved outside of the city limit of Jasper. Therefore, I am officially resigning as District One Councilmember effective September 13, 2021. I have enjoyed working with the Jasper City Council and Mayor David O’Mary this past year. The residents of District One have truly honored me by allowing me to serve them as Councilmember.

I would also at this time like to add my wholehearted recommendation of Mrs. Jenny Brown Short, 800 Walston Bridge Road South, Jasper, to fill this vacancy, if the Council would agree. Mrs. Short has volunteered her time and talent in several nonprofit organizations and groups that exist to help Jasper and Walker County as a whole.

I truly wanted to be present today, my Birthday, to resign in person but I’m about 400 miles away on work. It is my hope that I will be present at the next meeting to speak in person and hopefully see District One get an exceptional replacement!

Thank you to everyone and Mayor O’Mary for taking our city so far from where we were eight years ago. I have truly matured in many ways and my time spent on the Council has been a great part of that. Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-control for there is no law against these things.

My signature: Jed Daniel

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Moore to accept Councilmember Jed Daniel’s resignation.

Vote

Councilmember Jed Daniel	Absent
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Yes

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to declare the District One council seat vacant.

Vote

Councilmember Jed Daniel	Absent
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Yes

Comments:

Mayor publicly thanked Jed Daniel for his service to the city and believes Jenny Brown Short, Jed Daniel's recommendation to replace him, has a track record of proven leadership.

Councilmember Smith spoke to the Foothills Festival's success and appreciates the hard work of city employees. Regarding the meeting held prior to Foothills with members of the business community, she believes it is important the council show their support for each other, and in the future, for any committee meetings it be noted that only two councilmembers can be present.

Councilmember Gambrell congratulated everyone who made the festival a success.

Councilmember Cowen recognized the city work force who made the Foothills Festival possible. He also spoke to Jed Daniel's resignation saying he appreciates Jed for putting himself out there for public service.

Brent McCarver praised the city employees who worked the festival. He named and commended Arthur Hood, Kevin Laird, Russ Smallwood, Billy Wade, Jasper Police Department, Jasper Street Department, Jasper Parks & Recreation, and Kaitlyn Schultz for their work at the festival. He thanked Mayor and the council for supporting the festival.

Councilmember Moore recognized Jasper City Schools superintendent, Dr. Ann Jackson, who was present at the council meeting.

Consider declaring a 15-minute recess before commencing a budget overview.**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Moore to declare a 15-minute recess before commencing a budget overview.

Vote

Councilmember Jed Daniel	Absent
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Yes

10:33 a.m. – Meeting recessed

10:50 a.m. – Meeting reconvened

Introduce the 2021/2022 budget. The budget was introduced by the City Clerk.

Consider adjournment of the meeting.

Motion

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

Vote

Councilmember Jed Daniel	Absent
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Yes

12:10 p.m. – Meeting adjourned.

A P P R O V E D:

Danny Gambrell, Presiding Officer

A T T E S T:

Kathy Chambless, City Clerk/Administrator