

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD SEPTEMBER 15, 2020**

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10:01 a.m. - The meeting was called to order by Councilmember Willie Moore, III in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 400 19<sup>th</sup> 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, JC Poe

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Cowen that the minutes of the regular meeting held September 1, 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 Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Smith 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 Breast Cancer Awareness Month.** Mayor O’Mary read the proclamation to proclaim October 2020, as Breast Cancer Awareness month. He presented the proclamation to representatives of Walker County Hands of Hope.

**Consider appropriating funding in the amount of \$25,000 for a sidewalk along Corona Avenue and provide for a budget amendment.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Smith to allow for funding of a sidewalk along Corona Avenue in the amount of \$25,000 and provide for a budget amendment.

**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 Budget Amendment #2019/2020-09.** The budget amendment was introduced by the City Clerk.

**Consider adoption of the 2020/2021 Budget.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Smith to adopt the 2020/2021 budget.

**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 allow Mayor to enter into an agreement with First United Methodist Church related to providing an accessible sidewalk.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to adopt a Resolution to allow Mayor O’Mary to enter into an agreement with First United Methodist Church related to providing an accessible sidewalk.

**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 approval of travel for Councilmember Smith to attend an ALM committee meeting October 7 – October 8, 2020.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Smith to approve travel for Councilmember Smith to attend an ALM State and Federal Legislature Committee meeting October 7 – October 8, 2020.

**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 to purchase gym flooring at Percy Goode Community Center.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to grant permission to purchase gym flooring at Percy Goode Community Center.

**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

**Receive report on Animal Transport Van.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Smith to accept the report of the purchasing agent and to adopt a Resolution to award the contract to Stiver’s Ford to provide an Animal Transport Van.

**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 for Nuisance Abatement of Inoperative Vehicles and Grass/Weeds.**

**Motion**

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

**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

**Consider adoption of an Ordinance annexing property located at 2300 Tommy Robinson Road.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Smith to adopt an Ordinance annexing property located at 2300 Tommy Robinson Road.

**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 an Ordinance, by unanimous consent, to place a 4-way stop at 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 16<sup>th</sup> Street.**

**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 4-way stop at 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 16<sup>th</sup> Street.

**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 thanked the council for approving the 2020/2021 budget. The city is better prepared than ever entering the new fiscal year. He shared his commitment to big picture thinking, understanding the content of complex issues in order to make good decisions, and pledged the council to do the same.

Councilmember Smith spoke about the continued sound problems with the live feed. If better equipment is needed, it needs to be discussed. She also proposed that outdoor runs and some events should be discussed as potential events later in the year.

Councilmember Cowen stated that the budget not only puts the council and Mayor in a position to make substantial improvements in the city, but also in a position to tolerate a natural disaster or economic downturn and still maintain services.

Councilmember Moore shared that there were problems with AP Howell Park being barricaded off at 2pm over the weekend and would like to rectify this. He would like a traffic study done on 21<sup>st</sup> Street due to speeding. He also expressed his thanks for the approval of the new gym floor at Goode Community Center.

**Consider adjournment of the meeting.****Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Smith 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

10:33 a.m. - Meeting adjourned.

A P P R O V E D:

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Willie Moore, III, Acting Presiding Officer

A T T E S T:

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Kathy Chambless, City Clerk/Administrator