

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD OCTOBER 1, 2024**

10:00 a.m. - The meeting was called to order by Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 400 19th Street West, Jasper.

Present: Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short, Councilmembers Gary Cowen, Jennifer W. Smith, and Willie Moore, III, City Clerk/Administrator Kathy Chambless, City Attorney Russ Robertson

Absent: Mayor David P. O'Mary, Councilmember Danny Gambrell

Invocation: Building Inspector Adam Bolton

Pledge of Allegiance: Police Captain David Mize

Approval of Minutes:

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Cowen that the minutes of the regular meeting September 17, 2024, be approved.

Vote

Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Absent
Councilmember Gary Cowen	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 to the agenda.

Consider approval of the agenda.

Motion

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

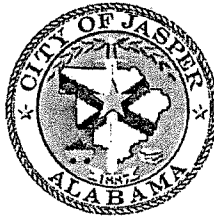
Vote

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

Councilmember Moore arrived at approximately 10:02 a.m.

Present a Proclamation for Breast Cancer Awareness. Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short read the proclamation for Breast Cancer Awareness, proclaiming October Breast Cancer Awareness month in Jasper on behalf of Mayor O'Mary and the Jasper City Council, and presented it to a group who was present for the proclamation.

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PROCLAMATION

Office of the Mayor of Jasper, Alabama

WHEREAS, National Breast Cancer Awareness Month was founded in 1985 to promote mammography as the most effective weapon in the fight against breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, in 1993 the Breast Cancer Research Foundation was established with the pink ribbon as its symbol; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, Gwinna Boyd was diagnosed with Stage III breast cancer; following a double mastectomy, she began chemotherapy and radiation treatments; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, Gwinna organized the First Annual Cancer Survivors Award Luncheon fund raiser and donated all proceeds to the American Cancer Society; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, Walker County Hands of Hope, Incorporated, a non-profit organization, was formed to help with the needs of Walker Cancer Care patients; and

WHEREAS, members of this valuable organization desire to partner with the city of Jasper to continue to make a difference in the lives of those affected by breast cancer.


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 the month of October 2024, as

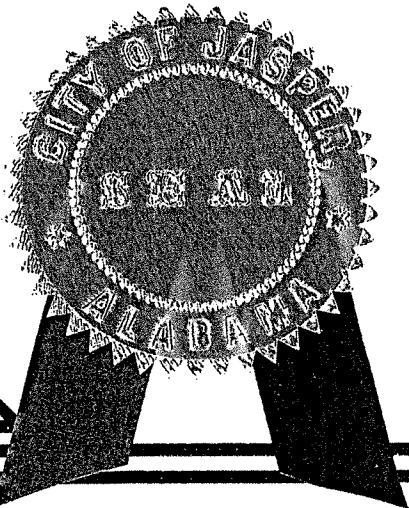
"Breast Cancer Awareness Month"

in our city and call upon all citizens to unite to increase awareness of breast cancer and to support those currently fighting this disease.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed this 1st day of October, 2024.


Jenny Brown Short, Presiding Officer
On behalf of David P. O'Mary, Mayor


Attest: Kathy Chambless, City Clerk



Consider approval of an event permit for the following events:

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to approve an event permit for the following events: 1) Gilmore Girls Trivia Night requested by Jasper Main Street, October 11, 2024, on the Courthouse Square; 2) Jasper High School Homecoming Parade requested by Jasper High School, November 1, 2024, beginning at 1:00 p.m. along Viking Drive/19th Street with requested blockages on 19th Street, 18th Street, and a portion of 6th Ave.

Vote

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

Consider an appointment to the Jasper Zoning Board of Adjustment for District One. Presiding Officer Short nominated Ronnie Shaw from District One to fill an unexpired term.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Moore to close the nominations.

Vote

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

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Moore to appoint Ronnie Shaw to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Vote

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

Receive report and consider a recommendation for the contract for furniture for the new City Hall: stackable chairs.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to accept the Purchasing Agent's recommendation and award the bid for stackable chairs for the new City Hall to Business Interiors, Inc. who, after reviewing the bids received, it is concluded is the company who has provided the best overall price and quality.

Vote

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

(See following page)

RESOLUTION NO.: 2024 – 57

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama has given its permission to send bid invitations for New City Hall: Stackable Chairs.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama has received bids from the below listed in the below listed amounts,

BIDDER

AMOUNT FOR 100 CHAIRS

- | | |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| • Business Interiors, Inc. | \$18,792.00 |
| • HPFI | \$20,020.00 |
| • Indoff, LLC | \$4,400.00 |

AND, WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jasper is desirous of awarding the bid to the lowest responsible bidder who has met bid specifications,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid for New City Hall: Stackable Chairs be awarded to Business Interiors, Inc. in the amount of per bid.

ADOPTED THIS THE 1st DAY OF October, 2024.

Jenny Brown Fort

Ray G...

Paul W...

Walter M...

ATTEST:

Walter M...

Introduce Budget Amendment #2024/2025-01. The budget amendment was introduced by the City Clerk and will be considered at the next council meeting.

Conduct a public hearing and consider adoption of a Resolution to set cost for nuisance abatement. The City Clerk shared that this demolition cost been paid. No action was taken.

Consider adoption of a Resolution for nuisance abatement for unsafe structures.

Motion

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

Vote

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

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RESOLUTION NO.: 2024 - 58

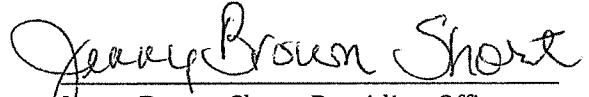
WHEREAS, the Jasper City Council finds a nuisance for unsafe structure exists at:

1. 1700 Jones Dairy Rd, Carla Blaylock Hall, District One
2. 1606 Alabama Ave, Jimmy Sims, District One
3. 3300 N. Airport Rd, Ellis Raines, District Three
4. 1106 9th Ave, Units A & B, David M. & Michelle B. Pearson, District Four
5. 3302 Calumet Rd, James E. & Brenda Aldridge, District Four
6. 409 6th Street W, Stephen C. Sanders, District Four
7. 1602 7th Ave, James E. & Brenda Aldridge, District Five
8. 1603 7th Ave, James E. & Brenda Aldridge, District Five
9. 2006 Delaware Ave, Joel & Patricia Frederick, District Five
10. 2807 Corona Ave, Phylis Bowers, District Five
11. 2810 Birmingham Ave, Yong Suk Lee, District Five

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 this the 1st day of October, 2024.




 Jenny Brown Short, Presiding Officer

 Danny Gambrell, Councilmember



 Gary Cowen, Councilmember




 Jennifer W. Smith, Councilmember



 Willie Moore, III, Councilmember

ATTEST:



 Kathy Chambers, City Clerk

Consider adoption of a Resolution approving a Petition for Preliminary Assessment from land located within the Blackwell Meadows Improvement District.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to adopt a Resolution approving a Petition for Preliminary Assessment from land located within the Blackwell Meadows Improvement District.

Vote

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

(See following pages)

RESOLUTION NO. 24-59
RESOLUTION APPROVING
PETITION
FOR PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT OF CERTAIN LAND LOCATED WITHIN
BLACKWELL MEADOWS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Blackwell Meadows Improvement District (the "Improvement District"), by its Board of Directors (the "Petitioner"), has filed with the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama (the "Council"), a Petition in writing purported by representatives of the Improvement District to be signed on behalf of the Petitioner in accordance with the requirements of the Authorizing Statute (defined below) requesting that the Council assess certain land located within the boundaries of the Improvement District in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 99A of Title 11 of the Code of Alabama 1975, as amended (the "Authorizing Statute"), and, in particular, the provisions of Section 11- 99A-11 of the Code of Alabama (1975); end

WHEREAS, the Petitioner has represented to the Council that no real property of the City is located within the Improvement District or would otherwise be subject to the assessments requested by Petitioner; and

WHEREAS, the Petitioner has prepared and presented to the Council plans that the Petitioner represents reasonably describe and estimate the cost of certain Improvements (as such term is defined in the Authorizing Statute); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 11-99A-3 of the Authorizing Statute, no public hearing of the Council was held respecting the Petition; and

WHEREAS, the Petitioner has presented a recommended preliminary calculation of the cost of acquiring, constructing, and installing the Improvements described in the Petition; end

WHEREAS, the Council has examined the Petition and, based solely upon the representations made to it by the Petitioner and its agents and representatives, deems it expedient to preliminarily assess the property proposed for assessment in the Petition in accordance with the provisions of the Petition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, AS FOLLOWS:

(1) It is hereby found and declared to expedient that the property identified in the Petition be preliminarily assessed as specified in the Petition.


(2) The Petition, a copy of which is attached hereto as Appendix I, and the preliminary assessment described therein, are each hereby approved and, further, the assessment described in the Petition is declared preliminary; provided, however, in no event shall any real property owned by the City be subject to any assessments (preliminary or otherwise) and such properties are hereby exempt from any assessment otherwise levied by action of this Council.

ADOPTED this the 1st day of October, 2024.

The City of Jasper, Alabama

APPROVED this the 1st day of October,
2024.

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Mayor, Jasper, Alabama

**APPENDIX I
PETITION ATTACHED**

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Introduce an Ordinance rezoning a 1 acre+- parcel of land located at 1007 N Airport Rd, Jasper, Al from the B-2 (Commercial) Zoning District to the R-1 (Single Family Residential) Zoning District to correct the zoning following a division of a single parcel into 2 new parcels. (District Two).

The Ordinance was introduced by the City Planner and will be considered for approval at the next council meeting.

Introduce an Ordinance rezoning a .25 acre+- parcel of land located at 830 Hillsdale Rd, Jasper, Al from the B-2 (Commercial) Zoning District to the AG (Agriculture) Zoning District to correct zoning following a division of a single parcel into two new parcels. (District 3)

The Ordinance was introduced by the City Planner and will be considered for approval at the next council meeting.

Introduce an Ordinance rezoning a .45 acre+- parcel of land located at 2300 Gamble Ave Jasper, Al from the BT (Business Transition) Zoning District to the R-3 (Affordable Residential Housing) Zoning District to place a manufactured home on the parcel. (District Five)

The Ordinance was introduced by the City Planner and will be considered for approval at the next council meeting.

Consider adoption of an Ordinance by, unanimous consent, to allow for retiring Jasper police officers to keep their badge and firearm.

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 budget amendment.

Vote

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

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to adopt an Ordinance to allow for retiring Jasper police officers to keep their badge and firearm.

Vote

Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Absent
Councilmember Gary Cowen	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.: 2024 – 11

**AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR RECEIPT OF BADGE AND GUN AS
PORTION OF COMPENSATION FOR RETIRING POLICE OFFICERS EMPLOYED
BY THE CITY OF JASPER, ALABAMA**

WHEREAS, the City of Jasper, Alabama, has the authority to promote the general welfare of the community and to provide for the compensation of its employees, including the authority to provide for the receipt by a retiring police officer of the officer's badge and gun, see, e.g., A.G. Opinion 2002-218; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jasper, considers the provision to retiring police officers of his or her badge and gun to be an appropriate compensation to officers who have served the majority of their law enforcement career in the employ of the City of Jasper, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is in the best interests of the City of Jasper to adopt an Ordinance that establishes regulations for the provision of such benefit;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, as follows:

SECTION 1: Addition of §16-26.

There is hereby added to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jasper, Alabama Section 16-26, which shall provide as follows:

An APOSTC law enforcement officer who retires from employment with the City of Jasper, Alabama, and who has served ten (10) or more years of such employment as an employee of the City of Jasper, Alabama, and who retires in good standing as an employee of the City of Jasper shall receive at the time of his or her retirement his or her service weapon and badge, without cost to the retiring employee, in addition to the other benefits accruing to such employee upon retirement.

SECTION 2: Severability.

If any part, section or subdivision of this ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed to invalidate or impair the remainder of this Ordinance, which shall continue in full force and effect notwithstanding such holding.

SECTION 3: Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption and publication as provided by law, and shall apply to the retirement of all peace officers occurring on or after September 1, 2024.

DONE and ORDAINED by unanimous consent on this the 1st day of October, 2024.

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
JASPER, ALABAMA

By: _____
Hon. Jenny Brown Short
Council Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

APPROVED/VETO

By: _____
Hon. Kathy Chambless
City Clerk

By: _____
Hon. David P. O'Mary
Mayor

Comments: Councilmember Smith welcomed Dr. Sarah Elizabeth Norman with the Literacy Council of Central Alabama who was present at the meeting. She then announced Sanders Aviation is providing assistance to hurricane victims by making drop-offs by air. Donations can also be dropped off at the Chamber’s office at the Jasper Civic Center.

Greg Farris commented on his concern seeing a city vehicle with the driver on cell their phone. He also commented on the pickleball lines on the Swann Gym courts. He believes they are confusing to younger children playing other sports and would like to see court lines that can be rolled out and removed as necessary – enough for four courts.

Councilmember Smith replied that she would like to donate from her discretionary funds to purchase removable lines. She would also like to discuss replacing the Swann Gym bleachers.

Councilmember Moore then recommended that when the Swann Gym courts are resurfaced, consideration is given to what lines are needed. For instance, some of the basketball lines can be taken up permanently.

Consider adjournment of the meeting.

Motion

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

Vote

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

10:25 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