

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD OCTOBER 5, 2021**

10:00 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 Jenny Brown Short, Gary Cowen, Jennifer W. Smith, Willie Moore, III, Mayor David P. O'Mary, City Clerk/Administrator Kathy Chambless, and City Attorney Russ Robertson

Absent:

Invocation: Police Chief J.C. Poe

Pledge of Allegiance: Assistant Police Chief Paul Tucker

Approval of Minutes:

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Short that the minutes of the regular meeting held September 21, 2021, be approved.

Vote

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Abstain
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Absent
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 Short, seconded by Councilmember Cowen that the agenda be approved.

Vote

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

Conduct a public hearing and consider approval of a Restaurant Retail Liquor License (for consumption on-premises) for Pie Factory of Jasper d/b/a The Pie Factory of Jasper, located at 1807 6th Avenue South. Following a public hearing during which no comments were made concerning the license, a motion was considered.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to approve a Restaurant Retail Liquor License (for consumption on-premises) for Pie Factory of Jasper d/b/a The Pie Factory of Jasper, located at 1807 6th Avenue South.

Vote

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

Consider approval of event permits:

- a) **Jasper High School Downtown Pep Rally, Jasper High School, September 30, 2021**
- b) **Celebrate Downtown Jasper, Jasper Main Street, October 7, 2021**
- c) **WCAA Downtown Jasper Block Party, Walker County Arts Alliance, October 19, 2021**
- d) **Fall Fest, Northside Baptist Church on behalf of Fall Fest Planning Committee, October 24, 2021**
- e) **Festival of Lights, Hope for Women, November 26 – December 31, 2021**
- f) **Walker County Christmas Parade, Chamber of Commerce, December 7, 2021**

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Short to approve event permits for 1) Jasper High School Downtown Pep Rally, Jasper High School, September 30, 2021; 2) Celebrate Downtown Jasper, Jasper Main Street, October 7, 2021; 3) WCAA Downtown Jasper Block Party, Walker County Arts Alliance, October 19, 2021; 4) Fall Fest, Northside Baptist Church on behalf of Fall Fest Planning Committee, October 24, 2021; 5) Festival of Lights, Hope for Women, November 26 – December 31, 2021; 6) Walker County Christmas Parade, Chamber of Commerce, December 7, 2021

Vote

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

Councilmember Moore arrived at 10:07 am

Consider appointing a temporary Chairman for the Parks & Recreation Board. Presiding Officer Gambrell opened the floor for nominations.

Councilmember Smith nominated Brian Alexander as temporary Chairman for the Parks & Recreation Board.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Smith that the nominations be closed.

Vote

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

Consider approval of overnight travel for Councilmembers to attend the League Leadership Institute in Montgomery from November 1-3, 2021.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Moore to approve overnight travel for Councilmembers to attend the League Leadership Institute in Montgomery from November 1-3, 2021.

Vote

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
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 terminate the contract to provide Eight Yard Slant Cans.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Short to adopt a Resolution to terminate the contract to provide Eight Yard Slant Cans.

Vote

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
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 allow for the purchase of Eight Yard Slant Cans.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Short to allow for the purchase of Eight Yard Slant Cans.

Vote

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
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 declare surplus property unneeded.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Moore to declare surplus property unneeded.

Vote

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

Consider adoption of 2021/2022 budget.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Short to adopt the 2021/2022 budget.

Vote

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
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 set cost for Nuisance Abatement. Following a public hearing during which no comments were made, a motion was considered.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Smith to set cost for Nuisance Abatement of grass/weeds.

Vote

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
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 proceed with vacation of an unimproved 30' Right of Way located on Jasper Industrial Development Board property at 29th Street East and Whitehouse Road.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Smith to grant permission to proceed with vacation of an unimproved 30' Right of Way located on Jasper Industrial Development Board property at 29th Street East and Whitehouse Road.

Vote

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

Comments:

Mayor O'Mary welcomed the leadership of the Pie Factory to Jasper. The leadership who was present at the meeting said the grand opening is tentatively scheduled for October 25th.

Chief Poe recognized one of the newest members of the police department, Octavius Dockery, who has joined the department from Memphis, Tennessee.

David Davis who lives at 803 11th Street addressed the council. He has an issue with a neighbor's garbage piling up. They put their garbage on the street and do not put their garbage in a can or in containers. When it rains the garbage runs into the nearby creek. He asked who enforces this issue. Chief Poe said he will address it. Mr. Davis thanked City Clerk Kathy Chambless for the work she has done to help him to this point.

Consider adjournment of the meeting.

Motion

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

Vote

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes

Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell

Yes

10:20 a.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