

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD OCTOBER 18, 2022**

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

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

**Absent:**

**Invocation**        Police Chief J.C. Poe

**Pledge of Allegiance:**    Ron Harris, *Daily Mountain Eagle*

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Moore that the minutes of the regular meetings held September 20, 2022, and October 4, 2022, be approved.

**Vote**

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Gary Cowen	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 Gambrell that the agenda be approved.

**Vote**

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

**Present a Proclamation for Alabama Application Week.** Mayor O'Mary read the proclamation for Alabama Application Week, proclaiming October 17-21 Alabama Application Week in Jasper, and presented it Jasper High School Career Coach/Instructor Monique Lawrence and JHS students. Monique Lawrence briefly spoke about the benefits of Alabama Application Week for high school seniors applying for college.

**Consider approval of event permits for 1) 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Trunk or Treat by Cheryl Hall, October 3, 2022, in front of A.P. Howell Park, 2) 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Block Party by Jasper Area Family Services, October 29, 2022, 19<sup>th</sup> Street in front of the old West Jasper School, and 3) Celebrate Jasper by Jasper Main Street, November 7, 2022, 2nd Avenue between 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Streets.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Smith to approve event permits for 1) 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Trunk or Treat by Cheryl Hall, October 3, 2022, in front of A.P. Howell Park, 2) 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Block Party by Jasper Area Family Services, October 29, 2022, 19<sup>th</sup> Street in front of the old West Jasper School, and 3) Celebrate Jasper by Jasper Main Street, November 7, 2022, 2nd Avenue between 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Streets.

**Vote**

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

**Consider a reappointment to the Jasper Waterworks & Sewer Board.** Councilmember Short recommended Al McAdams for reappointment to the Jasper Waterworks & Sewer Board for District One.

**Motion**

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

**Vote**

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

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to reappoint Al McAdams to the Jasper Waterworks & Sewer Board.

**Vote**

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes

Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Acting Presiding Officer Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Gary Cowen	Yes

**Consider adoption of Budget Amendment #2022/2023-01 to provide for the cost to improve sidewalks in front of the old Top Dollar store located at 19<sup>th</sup> Street and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Moore to adopt Budget Amendment #2022/2023-01.

**Vote**

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

**Consider approval of overnight travel for the City Clerk to attend the Municipal Clerks Fall Training in Tuscaloosa, October 19-21, 2022.** The City Clerk will attend the online training and therefore will not need approval of travel. No action was taken.

**Introduce Budget Amendment #2022/2023-02 to provide funding for repairs at the Natatorium.** The budget amendment was introduced by the City Clerk and will be considered for approval at the next regular council meeting.

**Consider adoption of a Resolution for nuisance abatement of an unsafe structure.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to adopt a Resolution for nuisance abatement of an unsafe structure on 2503 Old Birmingham Highway.

**Vote**

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

**Consider adoption of an Ordinance to establish a “No Truck” zone on Lakewood Drive from Charles Bishop Industrial Drive to Whitehouse Road.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to adopt an Ordinance to establish a “No Truck” zone on Lakewood Drive from Charles Bishop Industrial Drive to Whitehouse Road.

**Vote**

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

**Consider adoption of an Ordinance rezoning a 3.89 acre +- and 4.08 acre + - parcel(s) of land located at and near Viking Dr and 20th Ave from the B-T (Business Transitional) Zoning District to the R-4 (Single Family Urban Dwelling) Zoning District for the purpose of Developing a Subdivision.** After a public hearing was conducted, during which no comments were made, a motion was considered.

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to adopt an Ordinance rezoning a 3.89 acre +- and 4.08 acre + - parcel(s) of land located at and near Viking Dr and 20th Ave from the B-T (Business Transitional) Zoning District to the R-4 (Single Family Urban Dwelling) Zoning District for the purpose of Developing a Subdivision.

**Vote**

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

**Consider adoption of an Ordinance rezoning a 5.94 acre + - parcel(s) of land located at and near Viking Dr and 20th Ave from the B-T (Business Transitional) Zoning District to the R-4 (Single Family Urban Dwelling) Zoning District for the purpose of Developing a Subdivision.** After a public hearing was conducted, during which no comments were made, a motion was considered.

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Smith to adopt an Ordinance rezoning a 5.94 acre +- parcel(s) of land located at and near Viking Dr and 20th Ave from the B-T (Business Transitional) Zoning District to the R-4 (Single Family Urban Dwelling) Zoning District for the purpose of Developing a Subdivision.

**Vote**

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

**Consider adoption of an Ordinance rezoning a 19-acre +- and 1 acre + - parcel(s) of land located at and near 20th Ave from the A-G (Agricultural) Zoning District to the R-4 (Single Family Urban Dwelling) Zoning District for the purpose of Developing a Subdivision.** After a public hearing was conducted, during which no comments were made, a motion was considered.

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Moore to adopt an Ordinance rezoning a 19-acre +- and 1 acre + - parcel(s) of land located at and near 20th Ave from the A-G (Agricultural) Zoning District to the R-4 (Single Family Urban Dwelling) Zoning District for the purpose of Developing a Subdivision.

**Vote**

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
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**Comments:** Mayor O'Mary shared that the advertising for bids for the new City Hall at Sherer Auditorium will begin next week. Bids are expected in around Thanksgiving with hopes of construction beginning next year.

Michael Williams of the Jasper Waterworks & Sewer Board (JWSB) thanked Councilmember Short for reappointing Al McAdams to the board. He also recognized JWSB board member Fred Webb who recently passed away.

**Consider a motion to go into executive session.** Mayor O'Mary certified that the reasons for going into executive session are subject to the exception in the open meetings law that permits executive sessions to discuss an economic incentive so as not to disclose a trade secret or give a competitive disadvantage to a prospect. It was estimated that the executive session may last approximately 20 minutes and action might be taken at the conclusion of the executive session

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to go into executive session to discuss an economic incentive.

**Vote**

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

**10:21 a.m. – Recessed to executive session.**

**10:24 a.m. - Executive session convened.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Gambrell, seconded by Councilmember Short to conclude executive session and reconvene the regular council meeting.

**Vote**

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

**10:50 a.m. – Executive session concluded and the regular meeting reconvened.**

**Consider adjournment of the meeting.**

**Motion**

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

**Vote**

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

10:51 a.m. – Meeting adjourned.

A P P R O V E D:

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Gary Cowen, Presiding Officer

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Kathy Chambless, City Clerk/Administrator