

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD NOVEMBER 1, 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, and Willie Moore, III, Mayor David P. O'Mary, City Clerk/Administrator Kathy Chambless, City Attorney Russell B. Robertson

**Absent:** Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith

**Invocation** City Planner Brent McCarver

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Fire Chief Fields

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell that the minutes of the regular meeting October 18, 2022, be approved.

**Vote**

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Absent
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 Moore, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell that the agenda be approved.

**Vote**

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

**Consider approval of overnight travel for Parks & Recreation employees to attend the ARPA State Volleyball Tournament in Enterprise, November 12-13, 2022, and the ARPA State Conference in Orange Beach, January 29-31, 2023.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to approve overnight travel for Parks & Recreation employees to attend the ARPA State Volleyball Tournament in Enterprise, November 12-13, 2022, and the ARPA State Conference in Orange Beach, January 29-31, 2023.

**Vote**

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

**Consider approval of overnight travel for Councilmembers to attend the League's Municipal Leadership Institute in Orange Beach, November 8 – 11, 2022.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to approve overnight travel for Councilmembers to attend the League's Municipal Leadership Institute in Orange Beach, November 8 – 11, 2022.

**Vote**

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

**Consider adoption of Budget Amendment #2022/2023-02.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Moore to adopt Budget Amendment #2022/2023-02 to replace the outside doors at the Natatorium, and at the concession stand.

**Vote**

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

**Consider adoption of a Resolution to declare a bridge as surplus property unneeded.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Gambrell, seconded by Councilmember Short to adopt a Resolution to declare a bridge removed from North Jasper Park as surplus property unneeded.

**Vote**

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

**Consider a request for permission to send bid invitations for Grease, Oil, & Lubricant.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to approve a request for permission to send bid invitations for Grease, Oil, & Lubricant.

**Vote**

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

**Consider adoption of a Resolution to approve a performance bond for Viking Cove Phase II.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to adopt a Resolution to approve a performance bond for Viking Cove Phase II

**Vote**

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

**Consider amending the employee handbook concerning harassment, appropriate conduct guidelines, and complaint procedures.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to amend the employee handbook concerning harassment, appropriate conduct guidelines, and complaint procedures.

**Vote**

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

**Consider rotation of Presiding Officer.** Councilmember Short nominated Councilmember Smith to serve as the next Presiding Officer of the Council.

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Gambrell, seconded by Councilmember Moore that the nominations be closed.

**Vote**

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

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Moore to appoint Councilmember Smith as Presiding Officer of the Council.

**Vote**

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

**Comments:** Mayor shared that the Sherer Auditorium/City Hall project and the development of the sports complex are moving along. He commented that both projects combined will represent more than a \$20 million dollar infusion into Jasper.

**Consider adjournment of the meeting.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to adjourn the meeting.

**Vote**

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

10:14 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