

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD NOVEMBER 5, 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 Josh Gates, Jennifer W. Smith, and Willie Moore, III, Mayor Gary Cowen, City Clerk/Administrator Kathy Chambless, Attorney Russ Robertson

Absent: Councilmember Danny Gambrell

Invocation: Building Inspector Adam Bolton

Pledge of Allegiance: City Planner Brent McCarver

Approval of Minutes:

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Moore that the minutes of the regular meeting October 15, 2024, be approved.

Vote

Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Absent
District Three Councilmember	Vacant
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
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 Moore, seconded by Councilmember Smith that the agenda be approved.

Vote

Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Absent
District Three Councilmember	Vacant
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

Announcement regarding the position of mayor and a Councilmember vacancy in District Three. Presiding Officer Short announced some notable dates: On October 15, 2024, Councilmember Cowen was appointed President Pro Tempore. On October 22, 2024, Mayor David P. O’Mary passed away. On October 28, 2024, Dr. Gary Cowen, and District Three Councilmember, was sworn in as mayor, thereby leaving a vacancy in District Three.

Consider the appointment of a Jasper City School Board member for District Five.

Councilmember Smith nominated Councilmember Willie Moore to be reappointed to the Jasper City School Board for District Five. Councilmember Willie Moore seconded the nomination.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Moore to reappoint Willie Moore to the Jasper City School Board for District Five.

Vote

Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Absent
District Three Councilmember	Vacant
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

Consider appointment of Steven Gravlee as backup Municipal Judge. Judge Brakefield explained that Richard Fikes has recently retired and therefore there is an opening for a backup judge. He recommended Steven Gravlee be nominated and appointed to serve as backup Municipal Judge.

Councilmember Smith nominated Steven Gravlee be nominated for backup Municipal Judge. No other nominations were made.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Moore that Steven Gravlee be appointed backup Municipal Judge.

Vote

Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Absent
District Three Councilmember	Vacant
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

Judge Brakefield will administer the Oath of Office at a later date.

Receive report and consider a recommendation for the contract for fencing at the Percy Goode pickleball courts. The Purchasing Agent recommended rejecting the only bid received.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Smith that the bid be rejected as recommended by the Purchasing Agent.

Vote

Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Absent
District Three Councilmember	Vacant
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

Consider adoption of a Resolution to declare surplus property unneeded.

Motion

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

Vote

Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Absent
District Three Councilmember	Vacant
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

(See following pages)

RESOLUTION NO.: 2024 – 62

WHEREAS, over the past few years, several pieces of office furniture, telecommunications equipment, vehicles, grounds equipment and computer and office equipment have become obsolete due to the purchase of newer items and age; and

WHEREAS, the Jasper Police Department is requesting authorization to sell, recycle, donate, and/or dispose of these items; using its discretion to determine manner of removal, resale value and the most effective marketplace for sale; and

WHEREAS, the Jasper Police Department is requesting authorization to sell, recycle, donate, and/or dispose of the following unneeded/surplus items:

(See attached list)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of City of Jasper, Alabama authorizes the City Purchasing Agent to sell, recycle, donate, and/or dispose of these items; using its discretion to determine manner of removal, resale value and the most effective marketplace for sale.

ADOPTED THIS THE 5th DAY OF November, 2024.

Jeremy Brown Short

Jeffrey S. ...

Walter ...

ATTEST:

Keely Cochran

Surplus Item List

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22 Dell Laptops	Serial Numbers 8DFK3R1, CTDK3R1, 3FFK3R1, 5J7HTM1, 2N8HTM1, 3KFK3R1, 1TDK3R1, 8XHK3R1, 3LFK3R1, 5PR75R1, 26SN3R1, 7FFK3R1, 6FFK3R1, DTDK3R1, 3ZDK3R1, 4XHK3R1, 6YDK3R1, 7KFK3R1, CT2PRM1, 1VFK3R1, 29YTQF1
2 Lenovo Laptop	Serial Numbers 77322FU, 89329XU
1 Lifebook Laptop	Serial Number R1330354
1 Gateway Laptop	Serial Number 002863005
9 Panasonic Laptops	Serial Numbers Unknown (Model CF-29H3M50BM)
2 Laptops	No Serial Numbers
17 Dell Computer Towers	Serial Numbers HSVKML1, 753DKM1, 1DJ81R1, JCOY1R1, 1DH51R1, JCOV1R1, 1DH81R1, 1DJ51R1, 1DJ61R1, JSCJOR1, 1DH61R1, 3KND4K1, 1DJ71R1, JC1L1R1, JSCHOR1, JC1K1R1, 7YRMPW1
EMachine Computer Tower	Serial Number CG34790003894
HP Computer Tower	Serial Numbers 2VA8150SFW, 2VA5441F4H
LG Computer Tower	Serial Numbers 6618R020301036, 0902R00253424
1 Computer Tower	No Serial Numbers
70 Old Hard Drives	
5 Computer Keyboards	
6 Computer Mouses	
2 Computer Speakers	
2 Battery Backups	Serial Numbers BR10006, 3B1130X18529
1 Brother Printer	Serial Number U63079K5N277190
1 Radiation Detection Set	
1 Old Navigator Radio	Serial Number ICPN9008AX2
6 Computer Monitors	

VEHICLES

Ford Expedition	Vin# 1FMRU15WX3LA00360	Gray
Cadillac Deville	Vin# 1G6KD54Y04U263360	Silver
2008 Chevy Impala	Vin# N2G1WB58KX81208256	Red
2000 Toyota Land Cruiser	Vin# JT3HT05J9Y0116308	White
2006 Ford Crown Vic	Vin# 2FAFP71W37X130194	White w/ Black Hood
Ford Crown Vic	Vin# 2FAEP74W54X169442	Silver
Toyota Car	Vin# 1NXAE09E1PZ066527	Greenish/Blue
2003 Ford Crown Vic	Vin# 2FAFP71W33X181303	White w/ Black Fenders
2004 Ford Crown Vic	Vin# 2FAFP71W94X138909	W/B No Driver Rear Door
Suzuki Car	Vin# KL5JD56Z68K753078	Blue
Oldsmobile Car	Vin# 1G3GR62C2W4106630	Blue w/ Faded Paint
Cadillac Car	Vin# 1G8CD538814256133	White
Ford Crown Vic	Vin# Couldn't Get To	W/B No Passenger Rear Door
Chevrolet Truck	Vin# 1GCDC14H8FF3705	Black/Silver
Ford Crown Vic	Vin# 2FAFP71V78X144219	White
Chevrolet Impala	Vin# 2G1WF52E719312587	Black/White
2004 Toyota Camry	Vin# 4T1BE32KX4U350157	Maroon

The following vehicles from the list are in the PD's fixed asset file:

Ford Expedition	Vin# 1FMRU15WX3LA00360	Gray
2000 Toyota Land Cruiser	Vin# JT3HT05J9Y0116308	White
2006 Ford Crown Vic	Vin# 2FAFP71W37X130194	White w/ Black Hood
Ford Crown Vic	Vin# 2FAEP74W54X169442	Silver
2003 Ford Crown Vic	Vin# 2FAFP71W33X181303	White w/ Black Fenders
2004 Ford Crown Vic	Vin# 2FAFP71W94X138909	W/B No Driver Rear Door
Ford Crown Vic Door (2005? 4955?)	Vin# Couldn't Get To	W/B No Passenger Rear
Ford Crown Vic	Vin# 2FAFP71V78X144219	White
Chevrolet Impala	Vin# 2G1WF52E719312587	Black/White

Consider adoption of a Resolution declaring the purchase of a used garbage truck an emergency and approve the purchase cost of \$159,000. Mayor Cowen noted he did declare this purchase an emergency.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Smith to adopt a Resolution declaring the purchase of a used 2021 garbage truck an emergency and approve the purchase cost of \$159,000.

Vote

Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Absent
District Three Councilmember	Vacant
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

(See following page)

RESOLUTION NO.: 2024 – 63

Approving, Confirming, and Ratifying the Emergency Purchase of A Garbage Truck

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Sanitation Services has notified the Jasper City Council that a reliable backup garbage truck is essential to providing garbage pickup in a timely manner to the residents of the City of Jasper, and

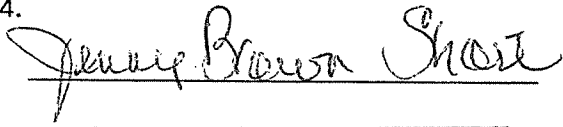
WHEREAS, the current backup garbage truck is in need of major repairs and has become unreliable,

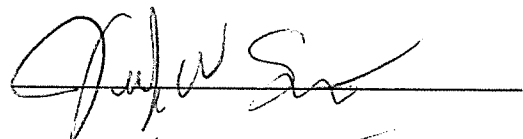

WHEREAS, the Jasper City Council agrees on the grounds of protecting public health and safety that an emergency purchase of this equipment is warranted and is allowed under provisions established in Alabama Code Section 39-2-1 related to public works bidding requirements.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, ALABAMA , as follows:

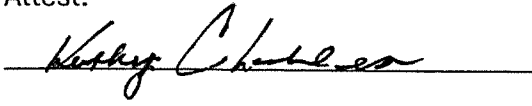
Section1. That the Purchasing Agent/Senior Accountant be authorized to purchase a used 2020 Heil Liberty Side Loader 22YD on a Freightliner garbage truck (serial #RR8321540) + Chassis (serial # FVCYFE2MHMK3848) at a cost of \$159,275.00 from Ingram Equipment Company.

ADOPTED this the 5th day of November, 2024.



Attest:



Consider approval of overnight travel for Lt. Henderson, Sgt. O’Rear, Sgt. Walling, James Haynes, Matt Hensley, Steven Murry, Phill Freeman and Hannah Reid to attend training November 10-14, 2024, in Anniston, AL.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Moore to approve overnight travel for Lt. Henderson, Sgt. O’Rear, Sgt. Walling, James Haynes, Matt Hensley, Steven Murry, Phill Freeman and Hannah Reid to attend training November 10-14, 2024, in Anniston, AL.

Vote

Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Absent
District Three Councilmember	Vacant
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

Consider approval of overnight travel for the City Clerk to attend the Municipal Clerks & Administrators Training Winter Conference November 20-22, 2024, in Gulf Shores, AL.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Moore to approve overnight travel for the City Clerk to attend the Municipal Clerks & Administrators Training Winter Conference November 20-22, 2024, in Gulf Shores, AL.

Vote

Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Absent
District Three Councilmember	Vacant
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

Consider adoption of Budget Amendment #2024/2025-02.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Smith to adopt Budget Amendment #2024/2025-02.

Vote

Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Absent
District Three Councilmember	Vacant
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

Introduce Budget Amendment #2024/2025-03 to provide funding for fingerprinting software for Jasper Police Dept., tree planting project on Elliott Blvd, additional funding for Walker County Community Action Agency, engineer services, and capital outlay. The budget amendment was introduced by the City Clerk and will be considered at the next council meeting.

Consider adoption of a Resolution to authorize Mayor Cowen to enter into an agreement with The RedPointe Group, LLC, for software development for the planning and building inspections departments.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Moore to adopt a Resolution to authorize Mayor Cowen to enter into an agreement with The RedPointe Group, LLC, for software development for the planning and building inspections departments.

Vote

Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Absent
District Three Councilmember	Vacant
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

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RESOLUTION NO.: 2024 - 64

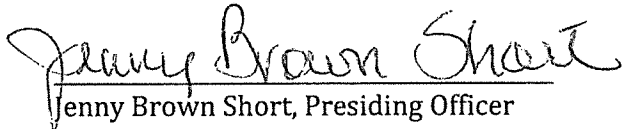
WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, realizes the need for software development related to planning and building inspections, and other aspects of public works; and

WHEREAS, The RedPointe Group, LLC meets the requirements to provide such services and software application to include: onboarding and customization, web-based public and city online application, building permitting and inspections module, code enforcement, citizen service request management, among others; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jasper and The RedPointe Group, LLC desire to enter into an Agreement under which The RedPointe Group, LLC shall provide such services for the city.

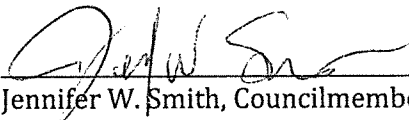
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Gary Cowen is authorized to enter into said Agreement with The RedPointe Group, LLC.


ADOPTED this the 5th day of November 2024.


Jenny Brown Short, Presiding Officer


Danny Gambrell, Councilmember

Gary Cowen, Councilmember


Jennifer W. Smith, Councilmember


Willie Moore, III, Councilmember

ATTEST:


Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

Consider adoption of a Resolution to authorize Mayor Cowen to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with 821, LLC.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Moore to adopt a Resolution to authorize Mayor Cowen to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with 821, LLC.

Vote

Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Absent
District Three Councilmember	Vacant
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

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RESOLUTION NO: 2024 - 65

WHEREAS, the City of Jasper anticipates the purchase of Guthrie’s Chicken by 821, LLC d/b/a Guthrie’s Chicken Fingers and will continue operating in Jasper; and

WHEREAS, the Jasper City Council desires to allow 821, LLC, upon assuming the operation of the business, purchase of a current business license, and continued operation within the City of Jasper, to pay delinquent sales taxes by monthly installments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Gary Cowen is authorized to enter into an agreement with 821, LLC, to allow for monthly installments of delinquent sales taxes, and pay the balance due for sales tax in the twelfth month following 821, LLC’s assumption of the Guthrie’s business and issuance of a business license upon assuming operation.

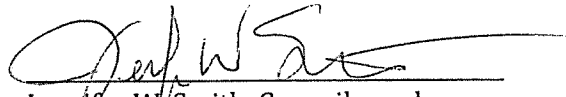
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Jenny Brown Short, Presiding Officer

Danny Gambrell, Councilmember

Gary Cowen, Councilmember

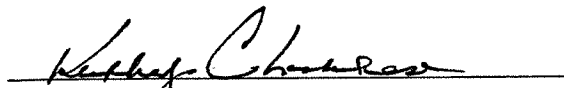


Jennifer W. Smith, Councilmember



Willie Moore, III, Councilmember

ATTEST:



Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

Consider adoption of a Resolution to authorize Mayor Cowen to enter into an agreement with Walker County Community Action Agency for additional funding in the amount of \$70,000.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Smith to adopt a Resolution to authorize Mayor Cowen to enter into an agreement with Walker County Community Action Agency for additional funding in the amount of \$70,000.

Vote

Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Absent
District Three Councilmember	Vacant
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

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RESOLUTION NO: 2024 - 66

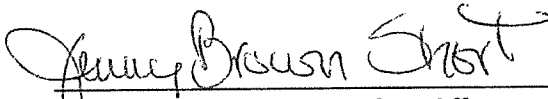
WHEREAS, the Walker County Community Action Agency (WCCAA) has traditionally located its headquarters and administrative offices with the city of Jasper and seeks funds to assist with the renovation of a portion of the parking lot at their new facility in Jasper; and

WHEREAS, the city agrees to provide funding to the WCCAA for the renovation of a portion of the parking lot at their the new facility in the amount of \$70,000; and

WHEREAS, WCCAA agrees to utilize the facility to provide services to residents of Jasper and Walker County and to continue to do so at a level which is equivalent to the level of services currently provided to such citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Gary Cowen is authorized to enter into an agreement with the Walker County Community Action Agency to provide funds for the renovation of a portion of the parking lot at their new facility.

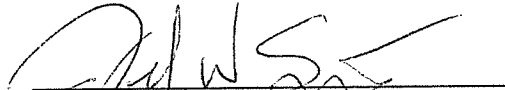
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Jenny Brown Short, Presiding Officer

Danny Gambrell, Councilmember

Gary Cowen, Councilmember

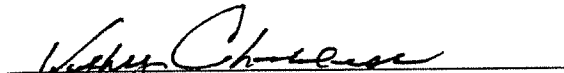


Jennifer W. Smith, Councilmember



Willie Moore, III, Councilmember

ATTEST:



Kathy Chambless, City Clerk
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Consider adoption of a Resolution to authorize Mayor Cowen to enter into an agreement with McGehee Engineering Corp. for engineering and design for a drainage project located at 1st Street and Marvin's.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Smith to adopt a Resolution to authorize Mayor Cowen to enter into an agreement with McGehee Engineering Corp. for engineering and design for a drainage project located at 1st Street and Marvin's.

Vote

Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Absent
District Three Councilmember	Vacant
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

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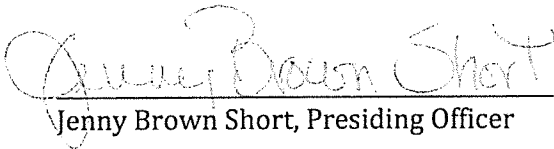
RESOLUTION NO: 2024 - 67

WHEREAS, McGehee Engineering Corp. has submitted a proposal for remediations to the storm drainage infrastructure adjacent to Marvin’s Building Supply and along 1st Street NW; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jasper intends to accept Proposal 24-291-1 submitted by McGehee Engineering Corp. to perform conceptual planning for the Marvin’s Building Supply/1st Street NW drainage improvements project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Gary Cowen is authorized to enter into an agreement with McGehee Engineering Corp. to perform conceptual planning related to the Marvin’s Building Supply/1st Street NW drainage improvements project.

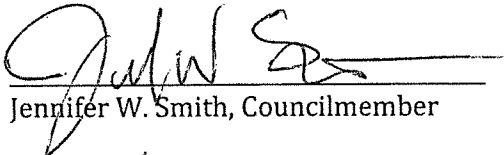
ADOPTED this the 5th day of November 2024.



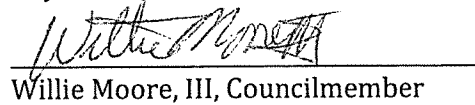
Jenny Brown Short, Presiding Officer

Danny Gambrell, Councilmember

Gary Cowen, Councilmember

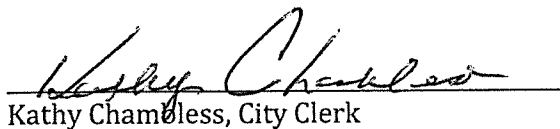


Jennifer W. Smith, Councilmember



Willie Moore, III, Councilmember

ATTEST:



Kathy Chambliss, City Clerk

Consider rotation of Presiding Officer. Councilmember Smith nominated Councilmember Willie Moore to serve as the next Presiding Officer of the Council.

Motion

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

Vote

Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Absent
District Three Councilmember	Vacant
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

Councilmember Short then passed the gavel to newly appointed Presiding Officer Moore who presided over the duration of the meeting.

Consider appointment of District Three Councilmember. Presiding Officer Moore opened the floor for nominations.

Councilmember Short nominated Josh Gates to fill the vacancy for District Three. After no other nominations were made, Presiding Officer Moore asked for a motion to close nominations.

Motion

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

Vote

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Absent
District Three Councilmember	Vacant
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Presiding Officer Willie Moore, III	Yes

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Smith to appoint Josh Gates to the position of District Three Councilmember.

Vote

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Absent
District Three Councilmember	Vacant
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Presiding Officer Willie Moore, III	Yes

Honorable Judge Jim Brakefield then proceeded to administer the Oath of Office as follows:

OATH OF OFFICE

I, Josh Gates, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Alabama, so long as I continue a citizen thereof; and that I will faithfully and honestly discharge the duties of the office upon which I am about to enter, to the best of my ability, so help me God.

This the 5th day of November 2024.

Councilmember Gates then joined the Council on the bench.

Consider appointment of a President Pro-Tempore. Presiding Officer Moore opened the floor for nominations.

Councilmember Smith nominated Councilmember Short for President Pro-Tempore. Gates seconded the nomination.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Short to close the nominations.

Vote

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

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gates to appoint Councilmember Jenny Brown Short to President Pro-Tempore.

Vote

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

Comments: Mayor Cowen thanked everyone for their support in the unexpected transition to the mayor position, noting the tragedy of the circumstances. He would like to move forward with Mayor David

O'Mary's vision and continue to do "what's best for Jasper" and follow his legacy. He also commended the appointment of Josh Gates to District Three Councilmember. He then thanked the Jasper Police Department and Jasper Fire Department for their work on assisting with a recently overturned gas truck.

Louise Farris, who lives at 307 Crutchfield Blvd., addressed the council to request an honorary sign be placed at 2411 Crutchfield Blvd in honor of Lindburg Farris. He provided business services in District Five for more than 45 yrs.

Presiding Officer Moore accepted her request and asked her to attend the council's next work session.

City Planner Brent McCarver expressed his support, and support from city employees, of Mayor Cowen and Councilmember Gates as they continue and begin, respectively, their service to the city of Jasper.

Consider adjournment of the meeting.

Motion

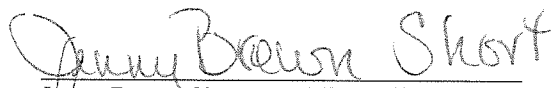
Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Short to adjourn the meeting.

Vote


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

10:35 a.m. – Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:




 Jenny Brown Short, Presiding Officer



 Willie Moore, III, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:


Kathy Chambless, City Clerk/Administrator