

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD NOVEMBER 9, 2021**

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

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

**Absent:**

**Invocation:** Assistant Police Chief Paul Tucker

**Pledge of Allegiance:** City Planner Keith Pike

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Cowen that the minutes of the regular meeting held October 19, 2021, be approved.

**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 amendments to the agenda.** No amendments were made to the agenda.

**Consider approval of the agenda.**

**Motion**

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

**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 event permits: Fall Festival Hayride, Hope House Church, November 7, 2021, and Santa Photos, James Edwards, December 3.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to approve the event permits for the Fall Festival Hayride and Santa photos.

**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

**Introduce Budget Amendment #2021/2022-1.** The budget amendment was introduced by the City Clerk and will be considered at the next council meeting.

**Consider adoption of a Resolution to award the bid to Gillespie Construction, Inc. to complete all sidewalk improvement activities for Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant (TAPOA-TA21(903)).**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to award the bid to Gillespie Construction, Inc. to complete all sidewalk improvement activities for Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant (TAPOA-TA21(903)).

**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 authorizing Mayor O’Mary to enter into an agreement with Nelson Engineering for CE&I services for Downtown Sidewalk Improvement Project Phase V, ALDOT Project No. TAPOA-TA21(903).**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Short to authorize Mayor O’Mary to enter into an agreement with Nelson Engineering for CE&I services for Downtown Sidewalk Improvement Project Phase V, ALDOT Project No. TAPOA-TA21(903).

**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 purchase a mini excavator.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Short to allow the Purchasing Agent to purchase a mini excavator through a state cooperative program.

**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 for Nuisance Abatement of an Unsafe Structure.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to adopt a Resolution for Nuisance Abatement of an Unsafe Structure.

**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 Corona Avenue just south of 19th Street East.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Smith to grant permission to proceed with vacation of Corona Avenue just south of 19th Street East.

**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

**Introduce an Ordinance to amend the leash Ordinance related to impounded dogs.** The Ordinance was introduced by the City Attorney and will be considered at the next council meeting.

**Introduce an Ordinance to amend the sales tax Ordinance.** The Ordinance was introduced by the City Attorney and will be considered at the next council meeting.

**Consider rotation of Presiding Officer.**

Councilmember Smith nominated Councilmember Cowen to serve as the Presiding Officer of the Council.

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Short 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

**Motion**

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

**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 noted that the city has recently redesigned its website. He recognized Kathy Chambless and Emily Riedel for their work on the website, and he thanked Brent McCarver for spreading the word. He continued, saying he is pleased and believes it will serve the city well for a long time.

City Clerk Kathy Chambless thanked Lieutenant Chuck Henderson for providing the drone video shots for the website. She also recognized and thanked Alabama Power from which the city received a grant to offset the expense of the website.

Councilmember Smith commended the city’s website. While she was at a recent conference, she learned about an app that municipalities can use to make announcements, events, and news, which might be worth looking into.

**Consider adjournment of the meeting.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Gambrell, seconded by Councilmember Smith 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:

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Danny Gambrell, Presiding Officer

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Kathy Chambless, City Clerk/Administrator