

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD NOVEMBER 14, 2023**

10:00 a.m. - The meeting was called to order by Presiding Officer Jennifer Williams Smith in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 400 19th Street West, Jasper.

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

Absent: Councilmember Danny Gambrell

Invocation: Police Chief J.C. Poe

Pledge of Allegiance: Fire Chief Dante Fields

Approval of Minutes:

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Moore that the minutes of the regular meeting November 7, 2023, be approved.

Vote

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

Consider amendments to the agenda. There was one amendment: Consider adoption of a Resolution to authorize Mayor O’Mary to execute documents related to the land purchase of the Jasper Rural King, Inc. property located at Jasper mall.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to add the amendment to the agenda.

Vote

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

Consider approval of the agenda.

Motion

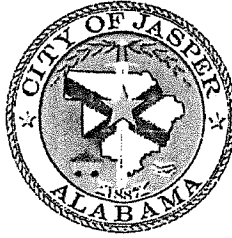
Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Cowen that the agenda be approved.

Vote

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

Present a Proclamation for Alabama Farm-City Week. Mayor O'Mary read the Proclamation and presented it to Dorman Grace, a local long-time farmer.

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PROCLAMATION

Office of the Mayor of Jasper, Alabama

WHEREAS, for nearly 64 years, the American people have joined together during Thanksgiving week to observe Farm-City Week, a time set aside to express gratitude for the bounty with which God has blessed our land; and

WHEREAS, throughout the week, Americans recognize the hard work and achievements of the farmers, rural townspeople, and city residents who make our nation's agricultural production and distribution system so successful. This cooperation between rural and city dwellers for mutual benefit truly helps to ensure our country's well-being; and

WHEREAS, America's farmers have provided nutritious food and fiber to sustain our people through many decades of progress. Farmers' productivity has increased steadily, thanks largely to their initiative in supporting and adopting science-based methods and materials. Because of this productivity, American farmers are able to meet the needs of our nation and a growing world; and


WHEREAS, American agriculture – and the many service industries that depend upon it – is a story of extraordinary labor creating extraordinary abundance. The American farmer has an impact on every aspect of life, from big cities to small towns and all of the routes in between; and

WHEREAS, at this time of year, it is only fitting that all Americans offer a special sign of thanks to those who grow, harvest, and bring the fruits of sun, seed, and soil to our nation's tables.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David P. O'Mary, mayor of the City of Jasper, Alabama, do hereby proclaim the week of November 17 through November 23, 2023, as Alabama Farm-City Week in Jasper, and call upon all citizens in rural and cities alike to join in recognizing the accomplishments of our productive farmers and of our urban residents, who cooperate to create abundance, wealth, and strength for our Nation.



In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed this 17th day of November 2023.



David P. O'Mary, Mayor



Attest: Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

Conduct a public hearing and consider approval of a Retail Beer & Wine License (for on and off premise consumption) for Par 64, LLC, located at 1910 4th Avenue South. Following a public hearing during which no comments were made concerning the license, a motion was considered.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Short to approve a Retail Beer & Retail Wine License (for on and off premise consumption) for Par64, LLC, located at 1910 4th Avenue South.

Vote

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

Consider a request for overnight travel for Councilmember Smith to attend an Alabama League of Municipalities reception on November 29, 2023, in Montgomery, AL.

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Short to approve a request for overnight travel for Councilmember Smith to attend an Alabama League of Municipalities reception on November 29, 2023, in Montgomery, AL.

Vote

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

Consider a request to renew the contract for Animal Adoption Services under the same terms and pricing.

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to renew the contract for Animal Adoption Services under the same terms and pricing.

Vote

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

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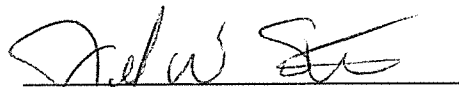
RESOLUTION NO.: 2023 – 64

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama has previously awarded the contract for Animal Adoption Services, which contained an option to renew at the same terms,

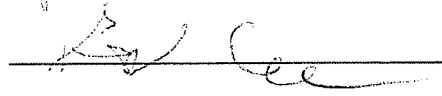
AND, WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jasper is desirous of exercising the option to renew with Greater Birmingham Humane Society.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the contract be renewed at the same terms as previously stated.

ADOPTED THIS THE 14th DAY OF November, 2023.

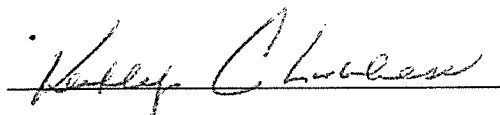


Jeff W. Scott





ATTEST:



Consider adoption of a Resolution to declare surplus city cell phones unneeded.

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to adopt a Resolution to declare surplus city cell phones unneeded.

Vote

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

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RESOLUTION NO.: 2023 – 65

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

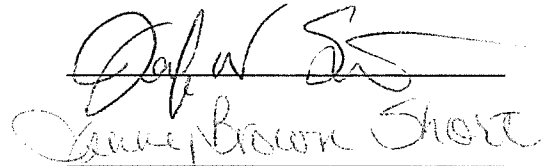
WHEREAS, the City Purchasing Agent is requesting authorization to sell, recycle, donate, and/or dispose of these items; using its discretion to determine manner of removal, resale value and the most effective marketplace for sale; and

WHEREAS, the City Purchasing Agent is requesting authorization to sell, recycle, donate, and/or dispose of the following unneeded/surplus items:

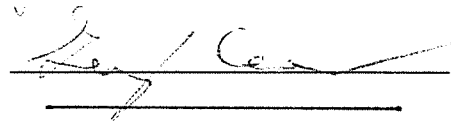
MULTIPLE CELL PHONES


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 14th DAY OF November, 2023.

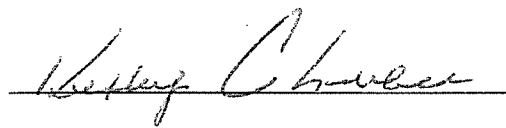


 James Brown Short





ATTEST:



Consider a request for permission to send bid invitations for concessions operations, inmate food, and concrete ready mix.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Moore to approve a request to send bid invitations for concessions operations, inmate food, and concrete ready mix.

Vote

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

Consider adoption of Budget Amendment #2023/2024-03.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Moore to adopt Budget Amendment #2023/2024-03.

Vote

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

Consider adoption of a Resolution to authorize Mayor O’Mary to execute documents related to the Rural King, Inc. land purchase of the property located at Jasper mall.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Short to adopt a Resolution to authorize Mayor O’Mary to execute documents related to the Rural King, Inc. land purchase of the property located at Jasper mall.

Vote

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

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RESOLUTION NO: 2023 – 66

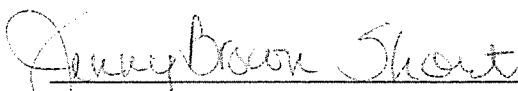
WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, has previously granted economic development assistance to Rural King Realty, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Rural King Realty, Inc. is ready to move forward with agreements relating to the expansion and renovation of the Jasper retail sales facility located at the Jasper Mall property.

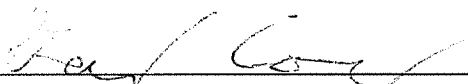
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor David P. O’Mary is authorized to act on behalf of the City of Jasper, Alabama, and execute any documents necessary to proceed with the expansion and renovation of the Jasper Rural King Realty, Inc. retail sales facility.

ADOPTED this the 14th day of November, 2023.


Jennifer W. Smith, Presiding Officer

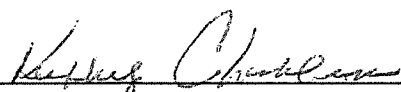

Jenny Brown Short, Councilmember

Danny Gambrell, Councilmember


Gary Cowen, Councilmember


Willie Moore, III, Councilmember

ATTEST:


Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

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

Motion

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

Vote

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

Motion

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

Vote

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

Comments: Mayor O'Mary wished the council a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilmember Short congratulated Councilmember Smith on recently achieving Certified Municipal Official Emeritus status from the Alabama League of Municipalities.

Councilmember Smith is glad to see other local municipal officials going through training offered by the League of Municipalities.

Consider adjournment of the meeting.

Motion

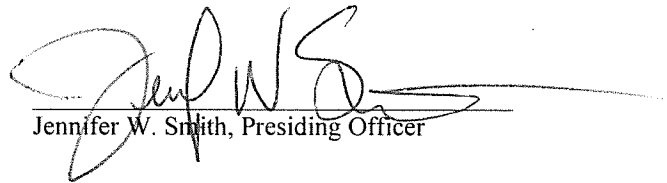
Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Moore to adjourn the meeting.

Vote

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


10:23 a.m. – Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:



Jennifer W. Smith, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:



Kathy Chambless, City Clerk/Administrator

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