

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD NOVEMBER 15, 2022**

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

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

**Absent:** Councilmember Willie Moore, III

**Invocation** Assistant Police Chief Paul Tucker

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

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell that the minutes of the regular meeting November 1, 2022, be approved.

**Vote**

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

**Present a Proclamation for National Home Care & Hospice Month.** Mayor O’Mary read the Proclamation for National Home Care & Hospice Month and presented it to representatives from Southeast Hospice and Comfort Care Hospice.

**Consider changing the first regular meeting of 2023 from January 3, 2023, to January 10, 2023.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Short to change the first regular meeting of 2023 from January 3, 2023, to January 10, 2023.

**Vote**

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

**Consider a request for permission to send bid invitations for concessions operations.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to allow the Purchasing Agent to send bid invitations for concessions operations.

**Vote**

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

**Consider a request for permission to send out bids for new time clocks.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to allow the Purchasing Agent to send bid invitations for new time clocks.

**Vote**

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

**Consider approval of overnight travel for the City Clerk to attend the Municipal Clerk’s Conference in Florence, December 1-2, 2022.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Short to approve overnight travel for the City Clerk to attend the Municipal Clerk’s Conference in Florence, December 1-2, 2022.

**Vote**

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

**Introduce Budget Amendment #2022/2023-03 to provide funds for time clocks.** The budget amendment was introduced by the City Clerk and will be considered for approval at the next council meeting.

**Consider adoption of a Resolution to set cost for nuisance abatement.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Short to adopt a Resolution to set cost for nuisance abatement.

**Vote**

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

**Consider adoption of a Resolution to allow Mayor O’Mary to enter into an agreement with Hope for Women for use of the Natatorium.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to adopt a Resolution to allow Mayor O’Mary to enter into an agreement with Hope for Women for use of the Natatorium.

**Vote**

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

**Consider adoption of a Resolution for Nuisance Abatement for grass/weeds.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Gambrell, seconded by Councilmember Short to adopt a Resolution for nuisance abatement for grass/weeds.

**Vote**

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

**Introduce an Ordinance annexing a parcel of land located at 14 Downard Drive.** The Ordinance was introduced by the City Planner and will be considered at the next council meeting.

**Comments:** Mayor commented that contractors were in Jasper last week for a pre-bid meeting for the Sherer Auditorium renovation. Construction could begin as early as late December. Mayor then gave a status update on the sports complex, saying plans are firming up and engineering work will begin soon on the site. Both projects together amount to a little over \$20 million infused into our city.

Councilmember Short shared her experience with home care and hospice and complimented the home care/hospice representatives present.

Councilmember Smith asked for help in sharing local murals at alabamamural.org. She also commended home care and hospice workers.

Tommy Knight addressed the council, thanking them for the one-time payment for retirees and for allowing city retirees to remain on insurance.

**Consider adjournment of the meeting.**

**Motion**

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

**Vote**

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

10:21 a.m. – Meeting adjourned.

A P P R O V E D:

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Jennifer W. Smith, Presiding Officer

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Kathy Chambless, City Clerk/Administrator