

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD NOVEMBER 19, 2024**

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

Present: Presiding Officer Willie Moore, III, Councilmembers Jenny Brown Short, Josh Gates, and Jennifer W. Smith, Mayor Gary Cowen, City Clerk/Administrator Kathy Chambless, City Attorney Russ Robertson

Absent: Councilmember Danny Gambrell

Invocation: City Planner Brent McCarver

Pledge of Allegiance: Assistant Street Superintendent Billy Wade

Approval of Minutes:

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gates that the minutes of the regular meeting November 5, 2024, be approved.

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

Consider amendments to the agenda. There were four amendments to the agenda: 1) Consider adoption of a Resolution for nuisance abatements for unsafe structures, 2) Consider adoption of a Resolution to declare a FEMA trailer as surplus property unneeded, 3) Consider adoption of a Resolution to set a public hearing prior to the adoption of an Ordinance adopting 2024 International Building codes, and 4) Consider changing the first regular scheduled meeting in December from December 3 to December 10, 2024.

Consider approval of the agenda.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Gates that the agenda be approved.

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

Conduct a public hearing and consider approval of a Retail Wine License, for on and off premise consumption, and a Retail Beer License, for on and off premise consumption for Main Street Market LLC d/b/a Main Street Market, located at 105 20th Street East. After no comments were made concerning the licenses, a motion was considered.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Smith to approve a Retail Wine License, for on and off premise consumption, and a Retail Beer License, for on and off premise consumption for Main Street Market LLC d/b/a Main Street Market, located at 105 20th Street East.

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

Consider approval of event permits for Festival of Lights requested by Jasper Main Street on behalf of Hope for Women, December 2, 2024, on the Courthouse Square with a requested blockage on a portion of 19th Street between 2nd and 3rd Avenues, and Athletic Arts Center Christmas Performance requested by the Athletic Arts Center, December 3, 2024, with a requested blockage on a portion of 19th Street between Young Jewelers and City Hall before the Christmas parade.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gates to approve event permits for 1) Festival of Lights requested by Jasper Main Street on behalf of Hope for Women, December 2, 2024, on the Courthouse Square with a requested blockage on a portion of 19th Street between 2nd and 3rd Avenues, and 2) Athletic Arts Center Christmas Performance requested by the Athletic Arts Center, December 3, 2024, with a requested blockage on a portion of 19th Street between Young Jewelers and City Hall before the Christmas parade.

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

Consider a request for permission to send bid contracts for Dodge Charger Police Units.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Gates to send bid contracts for Dodge Charger Police Units (7 units).

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

Consider a request for permission to send bids for Emergency Vehicle Lighting.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Short to send bids for Emergency Vehicle Lighting for police and fire units.

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

Consider adoption of a Resolution to declare a FEMA trailer as surplus property unneeded.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gates to adopt a Resolution to declare a FEMA trailer located at the Sanitation department as surplus property unneeded.

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

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RESOLUTION NO.: 2024 – 71

WHEREAS, over the past few years, a FEMA trailer has become obsolete due to the purchase of newer items and age; and

WHEREAS, the Jasper Sanitation 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

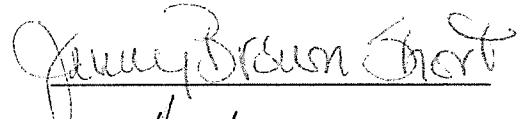
WHEREAS, the Jasper Police Department is requesting authorization to sell, recycle, donate, and/or dispose of the following unneeded/surplus items:

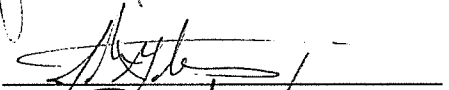
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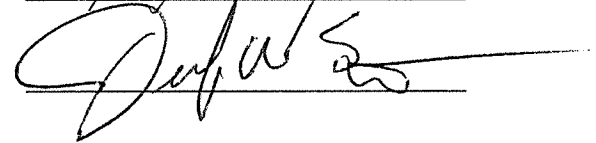
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of City of Jasper, Alabama authorizes the City Purchasing Agent to sell, recycle, donate, and/or dispose of these items; using its discretion to determine manner of removal, resale value and the most effective marketplace for sale.

ADOPTED THIS THE 19th **DAY OF** November, 2024.









ATTEST:



Consider a request for approval of overnight travel for Parks & Recreation employees to travel to the following state tournaments: November 9-10, 2024, in Enterprise, AL (volleyball), March 8-9, 2025, in Tuscaloosa, AL and Andalusia, AL (basketball), July 26-27, 2025, in Opelika, AL (swimming), and August 9, 2025, in Dothan, AL (archery), and the ARPA State Conference January 26-28, 2025, in Auburn, AL.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Short to approve a request for approval of overnight travel for Parks & Recreation employees to travel to the following state tournaments: November 9-10, 2024, in Enterprise, AL (volleyball), March 8-9, 2025, in Tuscaloosa, AL and Andalusia, AL (basketball), July 26-27, 2025, in Opelika, AL (swimming), and August 9, 2025, in Dothan, AL (archery), and the ARPA State Conference January 26-28, 2025, in Auburn, AL.

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

Consider adoption of Budget Amendment #2024/2025-03.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Smith to adopt Budget Amendment #2024/2025-03.

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

Consider adoption of Budget Amendment #2024/2025-04, by unanimous consent, to provide funding for Aletheia House and for the purchase of an air burner for the landfill.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Gates that the rules be suspended, and unanimous consent be given for immediate consideration of and action on said budget amendment.

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 Short, seconded by Councilmember Gates to adopt Budget Amendment #2024/2025-04 to provide funding for Aletheia House and for the purchase of an air burner for the landfill.

Vote

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

Yes
Absent
Yes
Yes
Yes

Introduce Budget Amendment #2024/2025-05 to provide funding for a Condrey pay plan study, Dodge Charger police units (7) and equipment, police tasers (grant match), City Hall furnishings, and additional funding for basketball court improvements and fencing at the Percy Goode Center. 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 Condrey and Associates, Inc. to conduct a pay plan study.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Short to adopt a Resolution to authorize Mayor Cowen to enter into an agreement with Condrey and Associates, Inc. to conduct a pay plan study.

Vote

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

Yes
Absent
Yes
Yes
Yes

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RESOLUTION NO.: 2024 - 68

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, finds that there is a need to conduct an employee position/grade analysis; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, finds that the review of the job classification system and pay plan for employees covered under its personnel system should be conducted by a specialist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama that Mayor Gary Cowen is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Condrey and Associates, Inc. to perform a review of the city's classification and compensation system.

ADOPTED this the 19th day of November 2024.

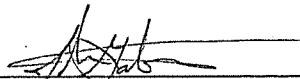


Willie Moore, III, Presiding Officer

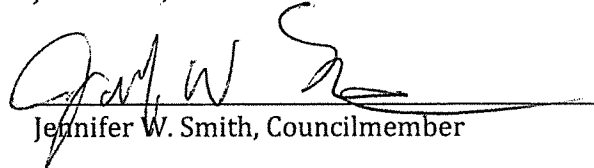


Jenny Brown Short, Councilmember

Danny Gambrell, Councilmember

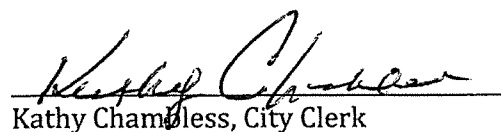


Josh Gates, Councilmember



Jennifer W. Smith, Councilmember

ATTEST:


Kathy Chambliss, City Clerk

Consider adoption of a Resolution to declare a portion of Crutchfield Blvd., at or near 2411, also be known as Honorary Lindbergh Farris Blvd.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Smith to adopt a Resolution to declare a portion of Crutchfield Blvd., at or near 2411, also be known as Honorary Lindbergh Farris Blvd.

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

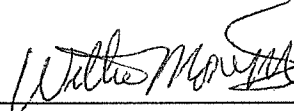
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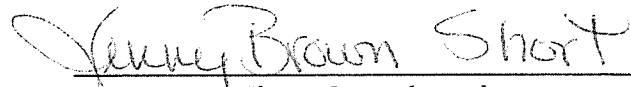
BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama that a portion of Crutchfield Blvd, at or near 2411, in the Jasper city limits also be known as:

Honorary Lindbergh Farris Boulevard

ADOPTED this the 19th day of November 2024.

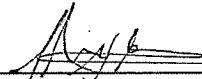


Willie Moore, III, Presiding Officer

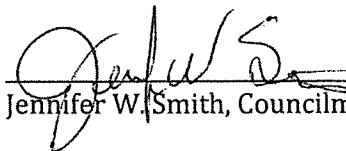


Jenny Brown Short, Councilmember

Danny Gambrell, Councilmember



Josh Gates, Councilmember



Jennifer W. Smith, Councilmember

ATTEST:



Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

Consider approval of a 30-day extension to abate multiple nuisance properties: 2704 Corona Ave (Jackson), 2807 Euclid Ave (Ivory), and 2810 Birmingham Ave (Booth).

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Short to approve a 30-day extension for the following nuisance properties: 2704 Corona Ave (Angelita Jackson), 2807 Euclid Ave (c/o Ms. Ivory), and 2810 Birmingham Ave (Don Booth).

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

Consider adoption of a Resolution for nuisance abatement for unsafe structures.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Smith to adopt a Resolution for nuisance abatement for multiple unsafe structures.

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

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RESOLUTION NO.: 2024 - 70


WHEREAS, the Jasper City Council finds a nuisance for unsafe structure exists at:

1. 1312 Clarence Street, _____, District Four
2. 2513 Gamble Ave, Doris Jones & Jean Thoren, District Five
3. 1804 Highland Ave, Albert Day Legg Jr (708 19th St E, Jasper), District One
4. 600 6th St, Ervin Allen, District Four
5. 1304 Air View Circle, Dianna Ennis (195 Justine Lane, Empire, AL), District Two
6. 608 East Wright St, Janice & Christopher Klein, District One
7. 1604 Jones Dairy Rd, _____, District One
8. 1504 Jones Dairy Rd, _____, District One
9. 1108 8th Ave, Craig Joel Fine (901 Old Wood Ln, Jasper), District Four
10. 904 1st St, Judy Ivey (1603 3rd St NE, Jasper), District Four
11. 1800 Alabama Ave, _____, District Four
12. 2607 Corona Ave, Farris Lindburg (PO Box 1302, Jasper), District Five
13. 2604 Corona Ave, Rene Figueroa (807 23rd St, Jasper), District Five
14. 1501 Hwy 69 S., Joy Ann Ferguson & Charles Bishop, District Four
15. 1506 Gamble Ave, 55 East Castle Street Land Trust (256295 Gold Ridge Dr., Castro Valley, CA), District One
16. 1305 10th Ave, Gabriela Ventura (402 Glenview Dr, Jasper), District Four

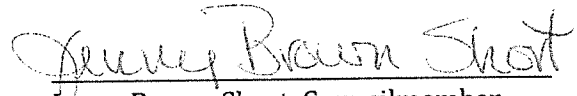
pursuant to ORD. 2001-718-A; and

WHEREAS, the Jasper City Council finds that the abatement of said nuisances should be taken. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Jasper City Council hereby approves the abatement of said nuisances.

DONE this the 19th day of November, 2024.



Willie Moore, III, Presiding Officer

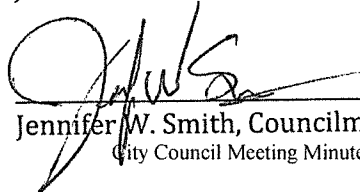


Jenny Brown Short, Councilmember

Danny Gambrell, Councilmember



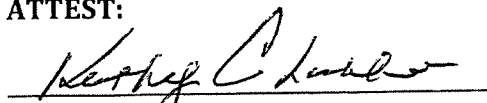
Josh Gates, Councilmember



Jennifer W. Smith, Councilmember

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ATTEST:



Kathy Chambliss, City Clerk

Consider changing the first regular scheduled meeting in December from December 3 to December 10, 2024.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Gates, seconded by Councilmember Smith to change the first regular scheduled meeting in December from December 3 to December 10, 2024.

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 the council for allowing the purchase of the air burner to be done quickly. It will help to maintain the current landfill capacity. He also thanked the council for allowing him to sign the agreement with Condrey & Associates for a pay plan study. Councilmember Smith thanked the city for allowing her to attend the NLC city summit.

Consider adoption of a Resolution to set a public hearing prior to the adoption of an Ordinance adopting 2024 International Building codes.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Gates to adopt a Resolution to set a public hearing prior to the adoption of an Ordinance adopting 2024 International Building codes.

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 Gates, seconded by Councilmember Short to adopt a Resolution to set a public hearing for December 10, 2024, regarding adoption of the 2024 International Building codes.

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

(See following pages)

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 7Z
RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, ALABAMA

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, has, from time to time, adopted various iterations of the International Building Code and its associated electrical, plumbing, and other codes, for governance of buildings within the city limits of the City of Jasper, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, it is proposed that the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, consider the adoption of updated iterations of the International Building Code and its associated elements, including those as set forth specifically herein below; and

WHEREAS, §11-45-8, Code of Alabama (1975), provides for a public hearing of which there is at least 15 days' notice prior to the adoption of an Ordinance adopting by reference codes such as the International Building Code and its associated code elements;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, as follows:

1). The City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, shall conduct a public hearing on the 10 day of December, 2024, at its City Council meeting of that date, which meeting shall commence at 10:00 a.m., in the City Council Chambers on the Second Floor of Jasper City Hall, 400 W. 19th Street, Jasper, Alabama, for the purpose of considering and hearing various presentations concerning the adoption of the following:

- a). 2024 International Building Code;
- b). 2024 International Energy Conservation Code;
- c). 2024 International Residential Code;
- d). 2024 International Plumbing Code;
- e). 2024 International Mechanical Code;
- f). 2024 International Fuel Gas Code;
- g). 2024 International Existing Building Code; and
- h). 2024 National Electrical Code.

2). Notice of this Resolution shall be published in the Daily Mountain Eagle in the manner required by §11-45-8, Code of Alabama (1975);

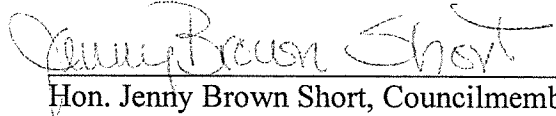
3). Not less than three (3) copies of the codes proposed for adoption shall be maintained in the Office of the City Clerk, located on the Second Floor of Jasper City Hall, 400 W. 19th Street, Jasper, Alabama, for not less than 15 days prior to the meeting referenced hereinabove, for the use of and examination by the general public.

WHEREUNTO, we have set our hands and seals on this the 19th day of November, 2024.

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
JASPER, ALABAMA

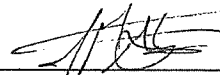


Hon. Willie Moore, III, Presiding Officer

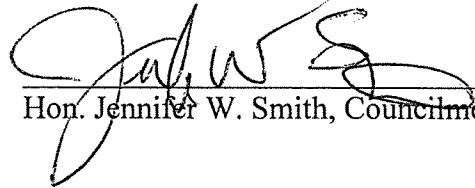


Hon. Jenny Brown Short, Councilmember

Hon. Danny Gambrell, Councilmember




Hon. Josh Gates, Councilmember



Hon. Jennifer W. Smith, Councilmember

ATTEST:


Hon. Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

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

10:23 a.m. – Meeting adjourned.

A P P R O V E D:



Willie Moore, III, Presiding Officer

A T T E S T:


Kathy Chambless, City Clerk/Administrator

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