

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD DECEMBER 5, 2023**

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

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

**Absent:**

**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 14, 2023, be approved.

**Vote**

Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
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.

**Consider approval of the agenda.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell that the agenda be approved.

**Vote**

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

**Consider approval of event permits for the Walker County Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade on December 5 and the Athletic Arts Nutcracker Performance requested by Young Jewelers on December 5.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Smith to approve event permits for the Walker County Chamber of Commerce Christmas parade and the Athletic Arts Nutcracker performance.

**Vote**

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

**Consider changing the January 2, 2024, council meeting date to January 9, 2024.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Moore to change the January 2, 2024, council meeting date to January 9, 2024.

**Vote**

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

**Conduct a public hearing and consider adoption of a Resolution to set cost for nuisance abatement.** Following a public hearing during which no comments were made concerning the abatements, a motion was considered.

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Smith to adopt a Resolution to set cost for nuisance abatements.

**Vote**

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

(See following pages)


**RESOLUTION NO: 2023 - 68**

**WHEREAS**, the Jasper City Council has held a cost hearing on the abatement of nuisances on the following properties as presented in Exhibit "Cost Hearing Report 12/5/23" attached and made a part of this resolution; and

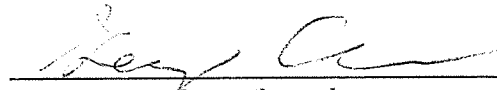
**WHEREAS**, the Jasper City Council has affixed the costs associated with and incurred by the City of Jasper, Alabama as presented in Exhibit "Cost Hearing Report 12/5/23" attached and made a part of this resolution.


**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Jasper City Council hereby adopts and approves the setting of said cost of abatement of said properties.

**ADOPTED** this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.

  
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 Jenny Brown Short, Presiding Officer

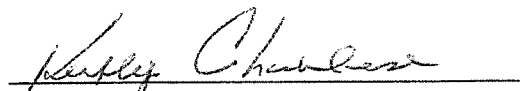
  
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 Jennifer W. Smith, Councilmember

  
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 Willie Moore, III, Councilmember

**ATTEST:**

  
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 Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

**COST HEARING REPORT**  
12/5/23

**1608 Barker Street (Judy Blaine), District Five**

\$150.00	Cutting Overgrown Grass/Weeds
25.00	Administrative Fees
<b>\$175.00</b>	<b>Total</b>

**305 20<sup>th</sup> Street (Integrity First LLC c/o Brandon Snider), District Five**

\$150.00	Cutting Overgrown Grass/Weeds
25.00	Administrative Fees
<b>\$175.00</b>	<b>Total</b>

**3104 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Tamica Webster), District Five**

\$150.00	Cutting Overgrown Grass/Weeds
25.00	Administrative Fees
<b>\$175.00</b>	<b>Total</b>

**Consider adoption of a Resolution to declare surplus property unneeded.**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to declare a 2003 Ford F-150 truck as surplus property unneeded.

**Vote**

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

(See following page)

**RESOLUTION NO.: 2023 – 69**

**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

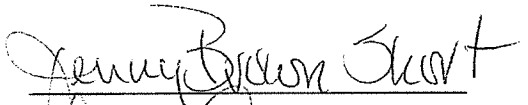
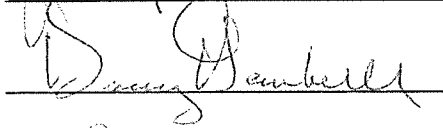
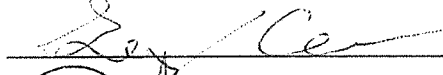
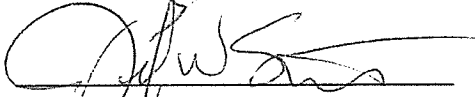

**WHEREAS**, the City Purchasing Agent is requesting authorization to sell, recycle, donate, and/or dispose of these items; using its discretion to determine manner of removal, resale value and the most effective marketplace for sale; and

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

**2003 Ford F-150 VIN# 1FTRF17W13N1332522**

**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 5<sup>th</sup> DAY OF December, 2023.**

  
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**ATTEST:**

  
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**Consider adoption of a Resolution to approve an amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation of the Jasper Industrial Development Board to reduce the number of directors from 18 to 12.**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Smith to adopt a Resolution to approve an amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation of the Jasper Industrial Development Board to reduce the number of directors from 18 to 12.

**Vote**

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

(See following pages)

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF JASPER, ALABAMA**

Resolution No. 2023- 67

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, has received a request from the Industrial Board of the City of Jasper, Alabama, for approval of a proposed amendment to its certificate of incorporation providing for a reduction in the number of directors serving on the said Board; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, that such reduction in the number of directors is in the best interest of the City of Jasper, and that it is wise, expedient, necessary and advisable that the proposed amendment be made;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, as follows:

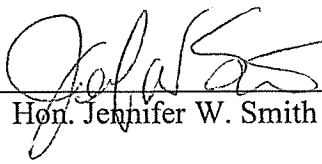
- 1). The City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, finds that it is wise, expedient, necessary and advisable that the number of directors serving on the Industrial Board of the City of Jasper, Alabama, be reduced in accordance with the proposed amendment submitted to the City Council, to-wit, to twelve (12) members;
- 2). The City Council of the City of Jasper authorizes the amendment as proposed by the Industrial Board of the City of Jasper, Alabama, to be made; and
- 3). The City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, approves the form of the amendment as proposed by the Industrial Development Board of the City of Jasper, Alabama.

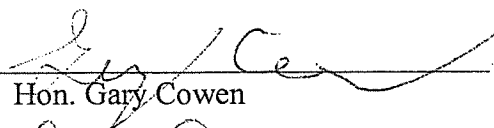
Adopted and approved this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.

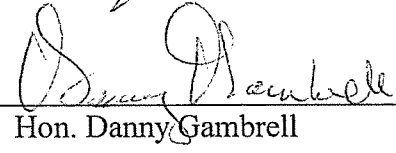
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
JASPER, ALABAMA

By: Jenny Brown Short  
Hon. Jenny Brown Short  
Council Presiding Officer

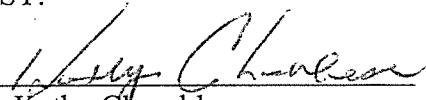
By: Willie Moore  
Hon. Willie Moore

By:   
Hon. Jennifer W. Smith

By:   
Hon. Gary Cowen

By:   
Hon. Danny Gambrell

ATTEST:

By:   
Kathy Chambless  
City Clerk

**Introduce an Ordinance to establish a school zone from the intersection at Highland Avenue and Viking Drive to just past the entrance of Jasper High School.** The ordinance was introduced by the City Attorney and will be considered at the next regular council meeting.

**Introduce an Ordinance related to vacant buildings.** The ordinance was introduced by the City Attorney and will be considered at the next regular council meeting.

**Comments:** Mayor O'Mary praised the city's final operating results for fiscal year 2023, noting that the city operated with a surplus of over \$5 million. It is significant in that last year the city gave the largest pay raise in its history to city employees and was able to absorb the added expense, operating within \$1,000 of fiscal year 2022. He then spoke about Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle and grant writer Terry Acuff who both visited this week.

Councilmember Moore thanked the Glory Fellowship church community who helped during the Thanksgiving holiday.

Councilmember Smith congratulated Councilmember Short on successfully presiding over her first meeting.

**Consider adjournment of the meeting.**

**Motion**

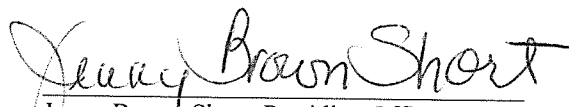
Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Moore to adjourn the meeting.

**Vote**

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

10:19 a.m. – Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:

  
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 Jenny Brown Short, Presiding Officer