

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD DECEMBER 19, 2023**

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

Present: Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short, Councilmembers Danny Gambrell, Gary Cowen, Jennifer W. Smith, 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: Fire Operations Chief Chris Uptain

Approval of Minutes:

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Cowen that the minutes of the regular meeting December 5, 2023, be approved.

Vote

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

Consider amendments to the agenda. There were no amendments.

Consider approval of the agenda.

Motion

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

Vote

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

Conduct a public hearing and consider approval of a Club Liquor - Class I License (for on premise consumption) for Marvin Lee Ferguson Post 4850 Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Inc, located at 3401 Veterans Drive. 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 Smith to approve a Club Liquor - Class I License (for on premise consumption) for Marvin Lee Ferguson Post 4850 Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Inc, located at 3401 Veterans Drive.

Vote

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

Consider a request for permission to send bid invitations for Dual-Wall Polyethylene Pipe and Emergency Vehicle Light Package.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Smith to approve a request to send bid invitations for Dual-Wall Polyethylene Pipe and Emergency Vehicle Light Package.

Vote

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

Comments: Mayor reflected on 2023 and looked ahead to 2024 and upcoming events, such as the relocation of City Hall, various construction projects, numerous new retail openings, and free public Wi-Fi, among others. Mayor is looking forward to another good year.

Councilmember Smith appreciates the new doors that were recently installed at Swann Gym. She is looking forward to getting new bleachers there as well. Lastly, she invited everyone to attend the dreamFit Christmas dance party tomorrow and thanked Parks & Rec for the use of Swann Gym.

Presiding Officer Short reminded everyone that the next council meeting will be on January 9, 2024 (changed from January 2).

A citizen, Ms. Aldridge, asked the council for help with the homeless. Presiding Officer Short thanked her for coming and asked her to leave her phone number to discuss further.

Consider a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss negotiations to buy real property.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to go into executive session to discuss negotiations to buy real property.

Vote

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

10:21 a.m. – Recessed to executive session.

10:23 a.m. - Executive session convened.

10:40 a.m. – Executive session concluded.

Consider adjournment of the meeting.

Motion


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

Vote

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

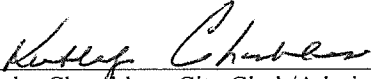
10:41 a.m. – Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:



 Jenny Brown Short, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:



Kathy Chambless, City Clerk/Administrator