

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD DECEMBER 20, 2022**

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

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

Absent: Councilmember Danny Gambrell, Councilmember Willie Moore, III

Invocation Police Chief J.C. Poe

Pledge of Allegiance: Streets & Grounds Superintendent Russ Smallwood

Approval of Minutes:

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Short that the minutes of the regular meeting December 6, 2022, be approved.

Vote

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

Consider amendments to the agenda. There were two amendments to the agenda: 1) Consider adoption of a Resolution to award the bid for Sherer Auditorium renovations, 2) Introduce a Budget Amendment to provide additional funding for the Sherer Auditorium renovation.

Consider approving the amendments to the agenda.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Cowen that the amendments to the agenda be approved.

Vote

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

Consider approval of the agenda.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Short, 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	Absent
Presiding Officer Jennifer W. Smith	Yes

Receive report and consider a recommendation for the following:

- a. **Food & Non-Alcoholic Concessions Operations**
- b. **Grease, Oil & Lubricant**
- c. **Time Clocks**

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to award the bid for Food & Non-Alcoholic Concessions Operations to Mc & Mc LLC, the lowest responsible bidder, reject the bid for Grease, Oil & Lubricant and rebid at a later time, and award the bid for Time Clocks to Gorrie Regan, the lowest responsible bidder.

Vote

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

Consider a request for permission to send bids for a roof replacement for the police department.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to approve a request to send bids for a roof replacement for the police department.

Vote

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

Consider adoption of a Resolution to award the bid for Sherer Auditorium renovations.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Short to award the bid for the Sherer Auditorium renovation to Coston Construction, the lowest responsible bidder.

Vote

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

Consider adoption of Budget Amendment #2022/2023-04 to provide funding for the 18th Street bridge upgrade and to provide metal benches for area park dugouts.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to adopt Budget Amendment #2022/2023-04 for funding for the 18th Street bridge upgrade and to provide metal benches for area park dugouts with a recommendation to use ARP funding for said improvements.

Vote

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

Introduce Budget Amendment #2022/2023-06 to provide additional funding from ARP funds for Sherer Auditorium renovation. The budget amendment was introduced by the City Clerk and will be considered at the next council meeting.

Consider adoption of Budget Amendment #2022/2023-05, by unanimous consent, to provide for the repair cost to replace a compressor on the dehumidifier at the Natatorium.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Short 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 Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Absent

Presiding Officer Jennifer W. Smith Yes

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Short to adopt Budget Amendment #2022/2023-05.

Vote

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

Consider approving a dusk to dawn light in front of the Jasper Police Department.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Short to approve a dusk to dawn light in front of the Jasper Police Department.

Vote

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

Consider declaring the repairs needed for a brush truck an emergency.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Short to declare the repairs needed for a brush truck an emergency.

Vote

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

Consider a request for permission to close portions of 2nd Avenue between 17th and 18th Street and a portion of 17th Street between 2nd Avenue and 1st Avenue during the renovation of Sherer Auditorium on an as needed basis.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Short to close portions of 2nd Avenue between 17th and 18th Street and a portion of 17th Street between 2nd Avenue and 1st Avenue during the renovation of Sherer Auditorium on an as needed basis.

Vote

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

Consider adoption of a Resolution to set a public hearing on consideration of the application to provide economic development assistance for Mar-Jac Poultry, AL, LLC.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to adopt a Resolution to set a public hearing date of January 10, 2023, on consideration of the application to provide economic development assistance for Mar-Jac Poultry, AL, LLC.

Vote

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

Consider adoption of an Ordinance, by unanimous consent, to approve the operation of licensed facilities for medical cannabis operations.

Motion

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

Vote

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

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to adopt an Ordinance to approve the operation of licensed facilities for medical cannabis operations.

Vote

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

Consider adoption of an Ordinance amending the Garbage Ordinance concerning landfill fee charges for the disposal of mattresses.**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to adopt an Ordinance concerning landfill fee charges for the disposal of mattresses.

Vote

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

Consider adoption of an Ordinance to provide truck designations for various streets.**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to adopt an Ordinance to provide truck designations for various streets.

Vote

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

Comments: Mayor reflected on major accomplishments that have happened this year, commenting on the investment of \$30 million through the 4-point plan as well as city employees having been given the largest pay raise in the history of the city. He is pleased that the city is in good financial position to be able to build and plan for major projects. He is optimistic that next year will be another good year.

Councilmember Cowen and Councilmember Short echoed Mayor's comments.

Presiding Officer Smith reminded everyone that the next council meeting will be January 10, 2023.

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	Absent
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Absent
Presiding Officer Jennifer W. Smith	Yes

10:28 a.m. – Meeting adjourned.

A P P R O V E D:

Jennifer W. Smith, Presiding Officer

A T T E S T:

Kathy Chambless, City Clerk/Administrator