

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD DECEMBER 21, 2021**

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

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

Absent:

Invocation: City Planner Keith Pike

Pledge of Allegiance: Fire Chief Dante Fields

Approval of Minutes:

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Gambrell, seconded by Councilmember Short that the minutes of the regular meeting held December 7, 2021, be approved.

Vote

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

Consider amendments to the agenda. There were no amendments to the agenda.

Consider approval of the agenda.

Motion

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

Vote

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

Conduct a public hearing and consider approval of a Retail Liquor, Wine, & Beer License (for off premise consumption) for VMS LLC d/b/a Nick Package Store, located at 320 Hwy 78 West. Following a public hearing during which no comments were made concerning the license, a motion was considered.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Moore to approve a Retail Liquor, Wine, & Beer License (for off premise consumption) for VMS LLC d/b/a Nick Package Store, located at 320 Hwy 78 West.

Vote

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

Consider a request for approval of travel for Parks & Recreation employees to attend the annual ARPA State Conference in Huntsville from January 23-26, 2022.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Moore to approve travel for Parks & Recreation employees to attend the annual ARPA State Conference in Huntsville from January 23-26, 2022.

Vote

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

Consider adoption of Budget Amendment #2021/2022-3.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Gambrell, seconded by Councilmember Short to adopt Budget Amendment #2021/2022-3.

Vote

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

Consider accepting \$1,000 in grant funds from the Alabama Power Foundation for photography and website enhancements.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Smith to accept \$1,000 in grant funds from the Alabama Power Foundation for photography and website enhancements.

Vote

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

Consider adoption of a Resolution to authorize Mayor O’Mary to enter into agreements for Foothills Festival 2022.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to adopt a Resolution to authorize Mayor O’Mary to enter into agreements for Foothills Festival 2022.

Vote

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

Consider adoption of a Resolution authorizing the City of Jasper to join the State of Alabama in the Endo Opioid Settlement.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Short to adopt a Resolution authorizing the City of Jasper to join the State of Alabama in the Endo Opioid Settlement.

Vote

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

Consider adoption of a Resolution for Nuisance Abatement for Unsafe Structures.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Smith to adopt a Resolution for Nuisance Abatement for Unsafe Structures.

Vote

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

Consider adoption of an Ordinance rezoning a 2.2 acre +- parcel(s) of land located just north of 501 18th Avenue SW from the B-T (Transition Business) Zoning District to the M-2 (Heavy Industrial) Zoning District for the purpose of operating a computerized numerical control (CNC) shop. (District Four) After a public hearing was conducted during which no comments were made, a motion was considered.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to adopt an Ordinance rezoning a 2.2 acre +- parcel(s) of land located just north of 501 18th Avenue SW from the B-T (Transition Business) Zoning District to the M-2 (Heavy Industrial) Zoning District for the purpose of operating a computerized numerical control (CNC) shop.

Vote

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

Comments:

Mayor O'Mary commended those who helped with the building of the City of Jasper's float in the Chamber's Christmas parade. The city tied for first place with the Jasper Police Department in the government category. He noted how proud he was that both of the city's entries tied for 1st place. He presented the 1st place trophy for the city to the Street Department who did not have a representative at the meeting. He commented on the end of the calendar year for the city, mentioning the 4-point plan and ending the year with a \$5.1 million surplus. As the city moves into 2022, major plans will begin moving forward and the product of that will serve the city for many years to come. He wished the council a Merry Christmas.

Councilmember Moore and Presiding Officer Cowen wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Former District 1 Councilmember Jed Daniel thanked the council and Mayor for library funding. He praised the council for the work they are doing and wished them a Merry Christmas.

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

10:23 a.m. – Meeting adjourned.

A P P R O V E D:

Gary Cowen, Presiding Officer

A T T E S T:

Kathy Chambless, City Clerk/Administrator