

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD FEBRUARY 20, 2024**

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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, Willie Moore, III, Mayor David P. O’Mary, City Clerk/Administrator Kathy Chambless, City Attorney Russ Robertson

**Absent:**

**Invocation:** Police Captain Justin Tidwell

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Fire Chief Dante Fields

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell that the minutes of the regular meeting February 6, 2024, be approved.

**Vote**

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

**Consider amendments to the agenda.** There were two amendments to the agenda: 1) Introduce the rezoning approval received from the Planning Commission for Jasper Development Group, and 2) Consider an appointment to the Northwest Alabama Mental Health Board to fill a vacancy.

**Consider approval of the amendments.**

**Motion**

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

**Vote**

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

**Consider approval of the agenda.**

**Motion**

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

**Vote**

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

**Consider approval of an event permit for the Shamrock Shake 5K and Fun Run by Jasper Main Street, March 16, 2024, on the courthouse square and around Jasper.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to approve an event permit for the Shamrock Shake 5K and Fun Run by Jasper Main Street, March 16, 2024, on the courthouse square and around Jasper.

**Vote**

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

**Councilmember Smith joined the council meeting at approximately 10:03 a.m.**

**Receive report and consider a recommendation for Dual Wall Polyethylene Pipe.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to award the contract for Dual Wall Polyethylene Pipe to J&G Culverts Incorporated, the lowest responsible bidder, as recommended.

**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.: 2024 – 08**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama has given its permission to send bid invitations for Dual Wall Polyethylene Pipe.

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama has received bids from the below listed in the below listed amounts,

**BIDDER**

**AMOUNT PER SERVICE CALL**

- J & G Culverts Inc.
- XTRA-Flow Pipe and Supply, LLC

Per Bid  
Per Bid

**AND, WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Jasper is desirous of awarding the bid to the lowest responsible bidder who has met bid specifications,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the bid for Dual Wall Polyethylene Pipe be awarded to **J & G Culverts Inc** in the amount of per bid.

**ADOPTED THIS THE** 20th **DAY OF** February, 2024.

Jeremy Brown Short  
Danny Bankhead  
Alvin  
King  
Willie M. Smith

**ATTEST:**

Nancy Chaves

**Consider a request for permission to renew the following contracts under the same terms and pricing: ground maintenance at North Jasper Park, ground maintenance at Gay Reed Cemetery, and ground maintenance at New Prospect Cemetery.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to adopt a Resolution to renew contracts for ground maintenance at North Jasper Park, Gay Reed Cemetery, and New Prospect Cemetery to Frontline Lawn Care, Eddie Noles Lawn Service, and Premier Lawn Services, LLC, respectively, under the same terms and pricing.

**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.: 2024 – 09**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama has given its permission to send bid invitations for Grounds Maintenance for North Jasper Park.

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama has received bids from the below listed in the below listed amounts,

**BIDDER**

**AMOUNT PER SERVICE CALL**

- Frontline Lawn care \$450 per cut

**AND, WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Jasper is desirous of awarding the bid to the lowest responsible bidder who has met bid specifications,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the bid for Grounds Maintenance for North Jasper Park be renewed for a second year to Frontline Lawn Care in the amount of \$450 per bid.

**ADOPTED THIS THE** 20th **DAY OF** February , 2024 .

Jenny Brown Short  
Danny Bankhead  
[Signature]  
[Signature]  
Walter Morett

**ATTEST:**

[Signature]

**RESOLUTION NO.: 2024 – 10**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama has given its permission to send bid invitations for Grounds Maintenance at Gay Reed Cemetery.

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama has received bids from the below listed in the below listed amounts,

**BIDDER**

**AMOUNT PER SERVICE CALL**

- Eddie Noles Lawn Service \$535.00

**AND, WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Jasper is desirous of awarding the bid to the lowest responsible bidder who has met bid specifications,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the bid for Grounds Maintenance at Gay Reed Cemetery be renewed under the same terms and pricing to Eddie Noles Lawn Service in the amount of \$535 per bid.

**ADOPTED THIS THE** 20 **DAY OF** February , 2024 .

Jenny Brown Short  
Janey Deane  
J.P.S.  
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Walter

**ATTEST:**

Kerry Charles

**RESOLUTION NO.: 2024 – 11**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama has given its permission to send bid invitations for Grounds Maintenance at New Prospect Cemetery.

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama has received bids from the below listed in the below listed amounts,

**BIDDER**

**AMOUNT PER SERVICE CALL**

- Premier Lawn Services, LLC

\$700.00

**AND, WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Jasper is desirous of awarding the bid to the lowest responsible bidder who has met bid specifications,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the bid for Grounds Maintenance at New Prospect Cemetery be renewed for another year to Premier Lawn Services, LLC in the amount of \$700 per bid.

**ADOPTED THIS THE** 20th **DAY OF** February , 2024 .

Jenny Brown Short  
Danny Lambert  
Ala S  
King C  
Wilhe Morett

**ATTEST:**

Kelly Charles

**Consider a request for permission to send bid invitations for the following: tree and stump removal, fuel, audio and visual systems equipment for the new City Hall, and furniture for the new City Hall.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to approve a request for permission to send bid invitations for tree and stump removal, fuel, audio and visual systems equipment for the new City Hall, and furniture for the new City Hall.

**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

**Introduce Budget Amendment #2023/2024-06 to provide funding for a new fire truck and support for the HARTT program.** The budget amendment was introduced by the City Clerk and will be considered at the next regular council meeting.

**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, a motion was considered.

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to adopt a Resolution to set cost for nuisance abatement of unsafe structures located at 1107 Highway 69 and 2812 Longridge Drive.

**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)



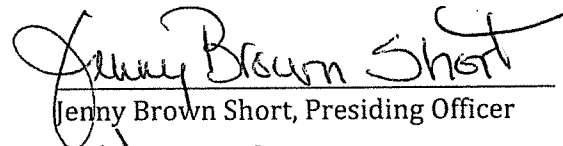
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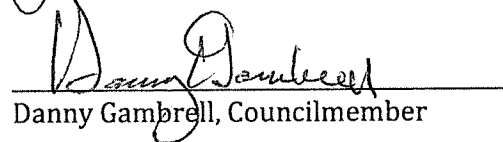
**WHEREAS**, the Jasper City Council has held a cost hearing on the abatement of nuisances on the following properties as presented in Exhibit "Cost Hearing Report 2/20/24" attached and made a part of this resolution;

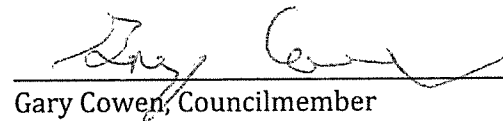
**WHEREAS**, the Jasper City Council has affixed the costs associated with and incurred by the City of Jasper, Alabama as presented in Exhibit "Cost Hearing Report 2/20/24" attached and made a part of this resolution;

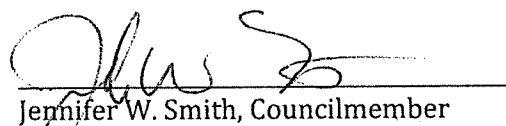
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Jasper City Council hereby adopts and approves the setting of said cost of abatement of said properties.

**ADOPTED** this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

  
 Jenny Brown Short, Presiding Officer

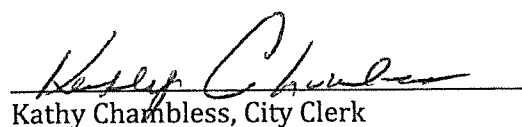
  
 Danny Gambrell, Councilmember

  
 Gary Cowen, Councilmember

  
 Jennifer W. Smith, Councilmember

  
 Willie Moore, III, Councilmember

**ATTEST:**

  
 Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

**COST HEARING REPORT**  
**2/20/24**

**1107 Hwy 69 South (Dwight, Earlean, & Zoie Livingston), District Five**

\$2,304.00	Removal of Unsafe Structure
25.00	Administrative Fees
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<b>\$2,329.00</b>	<b>Total</b>

**2812 Longridge Drive (Alan G. Simmons), District Two**

\$18,192.00	Removal of Unsafe Structure
25.00	Administrative Fees
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<b>\$18,217.00</b>	<b>Total</b>

**Consider adoption of an Ordinance levying ad valorem taxes.****Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to adopt an Ordinance levying ad valorem taxes for the year beginning October 1, 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

(See following pages)

**ORDINANCE NO.: 2024 - 04****ORDINANCE LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES  
IN THE CITY OF JASPER, ALABAMA**

Be it ordained by the City of Jasper, Alabama as follows:

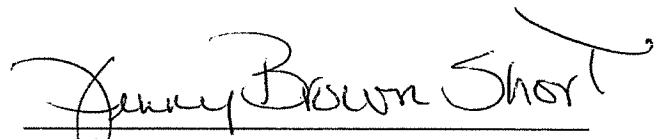
**Section 1.** That there is hereby levied for the City of Jasper, Alabama a tax on all real and personal property within the said City for the year beginning October 1, 2024, and for each succeeding tax year thereafter as assessed for state and county taxation for the preceding tax year at the rate of 16.5 Mills.

**Section 2.** The tax assessor of Walker County, Alabama, is authorized to include the assessments for City taxes on the same blanks containing assessments for state and county taxes, showing the assessments of the property for taxes for the City of Jasper, Alabama, separate from the assessments for state and county taxes.

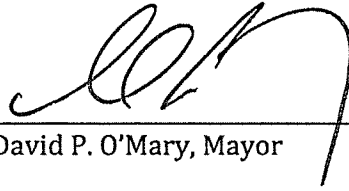
**Section 3.** The tax collector of Walker County, Alabama, is authorized to collect taxes for the City of Jasper, Alabama, and in all cases of default in payment thereof to proceed to enforce collection thereof in the same manner in which collection of state and county taxes are enforced.

**Section 4.** The tax collector is authorized to retain out of the tax collected for the City of Jasper, Alabama of .50% for the tax assessor of Walker County, Alabama for assessing the same .50% for the county tax collector for collecting the same and he shall remit the balance to the City of Jasper, Alabama.

**ADOPTED** this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

  
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Jennifer Brown Short, Presiding Officer  
Jenny


APPROVED/VETO



David P. O'Mary, Mayor

2/20/2024  
Date

ATTEST:

  
Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

**Introduce an Ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance to provide zoning and regulations for medical cannabis facilities.** The Ordinance was introduced by the City Attorney and will be considered at a subsequent council meeting.

**Introduce an Ordinance rezoning a 1.6 acre +- parcel(s) of land located at and near Hwy 78 E from the B-2 (Commercial) Zoning District to the M-1 (Light Manufacturing) Zoning District to develop a Processing Facility.** The Ordinance was introduced by the City Attorney and will be considered at a subsequent council meeting.

**Consider an appointment to the Northwest Alabama Mental Health Board to fill a vacancy.** Councilmember Smith nominated Scott Karr from district four for appointment to the Northwest Alabama Mental Health Board.

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to close the nominations.

**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

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to appoint Scott Karr to the Northwest Alabama Mental Health Board.

**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

**Comments:** Mayor talked about a risk-free investment that was bought to generate enough money to pay for perpetual care funds relating to New Prospect Cemetery.

June Collins addressed the council to voice her opposition to medical cannabis.

David Self addressed the council to voice his opposition to medical cannabis.

Greg Farris addressed the council to ask for raises for officials for the ARPA District III Tournament.

A comment was made asking for the microphone volume to be turned up in the council chambers.

Councilmember Moore announced that the Jasper High School Lady Vikings basketball team will be playing tomorrow morning at 9:00 am at Wallace State Community College for the regional championship.

**Consider adjournment of the meeting.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Smith 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

10:24 a.m. – Meeting adjourned.

A P P R O V E D:

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Jenny Brown Short, Presiding Officer

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Kathy Chambless, City Clerk/Administrator

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