

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD MARCH 5, 2024**

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10:08 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 20, 2024, 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 was one amendment to the agenda: Consider approving overnight travel for Mayor O'Mary to attend a workshop in Decatur related to the Bankhead National Forest sponsored by the Center for Economic Development, University of Alabama.

**Consider approval of the agenda.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Moore 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 an event permit for the following events: ~~Easter Block Party (canceled)~~, Cruising on the Square, Love Walker County, Camp COOL Boo-Run, Veterans Day Fun Run.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Moore to approve an event permit for: Cruising on the Square, Love Walker County, Camp COOL Boo-Run, Veterans Day Fun Run.

**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

**Receive report and consider a recommendation for the following: tree and stump removal, fuel, audio/visual systems equipment, and 2024 phase 2 paving.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to award the contract for tree and stump removal, fuel, audio/visual systems equipment, and 2024 phase 2 paving to Newman's Tree Service, Inc., Petroleum Traders Corporation, HDI Pros LLC, and Wiregrass Construction, the lowest responsible bidders, respectively, 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 pages)

**RESOLUTION NO.: 2024 – 13**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama has given its permission to send bid invitations for Tree and Stump Removal,

**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**

- Newman’s Tree Service, Inc.

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 Tree and Stump Removal Services be renewed <sup>awarded</sup> ~~under the same terms and pricing to Newman’s Tree Service, Inc.~~ in the amount of Per bid.

ADOPTED THIS THE 5th DAY OF March, 2024.

Jerry Brown Short  
Danny Pemberton  
Gregory  
Jeffrey

ATTEST:

Kendley Chandler

RESOLUTION NO.: 2024 – 14

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama has given its permission to send bid invitations for Fuel,

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

BIDDER

- Petroleum Traders Corporation

AMOUNT PER SERVICE CALL

Margin over OPIS per gallon:

- Premium Motor Gasoline: \$0.0133
- Regular Gasoline: \$0.0133
- No. 2 Diesel Motor Fuel: \$0.0350

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 Fuel be <sup>awarded</sup> renewed under the same terms and pricing to Petroleum in the amount of per bid.

ADOPTED THIS THE 5th DAY OF March, 2024.

Jerry Brown Short  
Sam Gaskett  
Ray  
Jeff  
Walter

ATTEST:

Wesley

RESOLUTION NO.: 2024 – 15

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama has given its permission to send bid invitations for 2024 Jasper Phase II Paving,

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

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>AMOUNT PER SERVICE CALL</u>
• Central Alabama Asphalt	\$1,714,851.01
• Dunn Construction	\$1,869,801.95
• Wiregrass Construction	\$1,609,103.34
• Massey Asphalt	\$2,110,261.01
• Norris Paving	\$1,903,975.65

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 2024 Jasper Phase II Paving be <sup>awarded</sup> renewed under the same terms and pricing to Wiregrass Construction, in the amount of \$1,609,103.34.

ADOPTED THIS THE 5th DAY OF March, 2024.

Jenny Brown Short  
Dana Dairhull  
Jay Lee  
Mark G.  
William Mott

ATTEST:

Wesley Chubbless

RESOLUTION NO.: 2024 – 16

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama has given its permission to send bid invitations for Audiovisual Systems Equipment (Labor to Prewire, install, train, design, and support),

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

- HDI PROS LLC
  - Cost of Labor to Prewire and Install: \$44,810.00
  - Training: \$4,000.00
  - Design and Support: \$3,300.00

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 Audiovisual Systems Equipment (Labor to Prewire, install, train, design, and support) be awarded to HDI PROS LLC in the amount of Per bid.

ADOPTED THIS THE 5th DAY OF March, 2024.

Jerry Brown Short  
Danny Wambach  
Logan  
Jeff W. S.  
Walter

ATTEST:

Kentley C. Charles

**Consider approval of overnight travel for Captain David Mize to attend FBI training at the FBI National Academy for 10 weeks, starting on March 29, 2024.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Smith to approve overnight travel for Captain David Mize to attend FBI training at the FBI National Academy for 10 weeks, starting on March 29, 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

**Consider approval of an advance for Captain David Mize to attend FBI training at the FBI National Academy.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Moore to approve an advance for out-of-pocket expenses for Captain David Mize to attend FBI training at the FBI National Academy.

**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 adoption of Budget Amendment #2023/2024-06 to provide funding for a new fire truck and support for the HARTT program.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Smith to adopt Budget Amendment #2023/2024-06 to provide funding for a new fire truck and support for the HARTT program.

**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 #2023/2024-07 to provide additional funding to Beville State Community College for the Jump Start program and workforce development.** The Budget Amendment was introduced by the City Clerk and will be considered at the next regular council meeting.

**Consider authorizing a Councilmember as voting delegate at the Alabama League of Municipalities' Annual Business Meeting on May 17, 2024.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to authorize Councilmember Smith as voting delegate at the Alabama League of Municipalities' Annual Business Meeting on May 17, 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

**Consider adoption of a Resolution for nuisance abatement of an unsafe structure.** This is the remaining unsafe structure located at 1107 Hwy 69 S.

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to adopt a Resolution for nuisance abatement of an unsafe structure.

**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

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**RESOLUTION NO.: 2024 - 17**

**WHEREAS**, the Jasper City Council finds a nuisance for unsafe structure exists at:

- 1. 1107 Hwy 69 S, Dwight Livingston, Earlene & Zoie, District Five

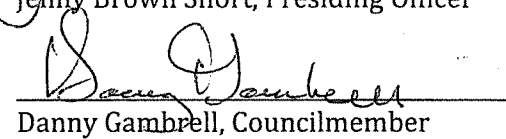
pursuant to ORD. 2001-718-A; and

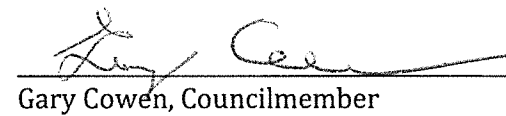
**WHEREAS**, the Jasper City Council finds that the abatement of said nuisances should be taken.

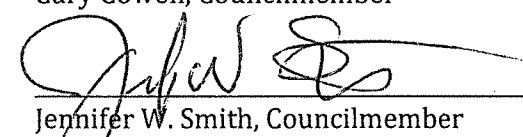
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Jasper City Council hereby approves the abatement of said nuisances.

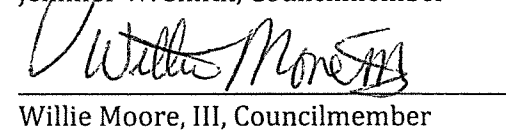
**DONE** this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

  
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 Jenny Brown Short, Presiding Officer

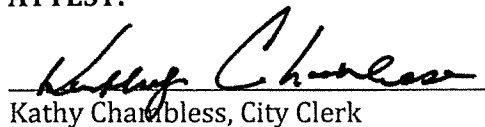
  
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 Danny Gambrell, Councilmember

  
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 Willie Moore, III, Councilmember

**ATTEST:**

  
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 Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

**Consider approval of overnight travel for Mayor O’Mary to attend a workshop in Decatur April 16-18, 2024, related to the Bankhead National Forest sponsored by the Center for Economic Development at the University of Alabama.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Smith to approve overnight travel for Mayor O’Mary to attend a workshop in Decatur April 16-18, 2024, related to the Bankhead National Forest sponsored by the Center for Economic Development at the University of Alabama.

**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 first thanked the council for approving his travel to Decatur. He reflected on the city being awarded \$1 million in SEEDS grant funding and pointed to having the financial stability to be able to provide the \$700,000 local match in order to qualify. He also commented on the recent Discover Jasper event held in Montgomery, which is privately funded, that gives leadership the chance to tell Jasper’s story. The relationships built with various state decision makers at such an event are extremely beneficial. Finally, he was happy to have attended the state championship game where Jasper High School’s women’s basketball team won their first state championship.

Councilmember Smith commented on the Jasper High School women’s basketball team winning the championship for the first time. She would love to see them recognized at the next council meeting as it is Women’s History Month. She also shared that she has received a lot of positive feedback on the Discover Jasper event.

Councilmember Moore also congratulated Jasper High School’s women’s basketball team on their championship.

Presiding Officer Short recognized Emily Riedel for her work with the SEEDS grant application and congratulated Captain David Mize for the opportunity to attend the FBI training.

**Consider adjournment of the meeting.**

**Motion**

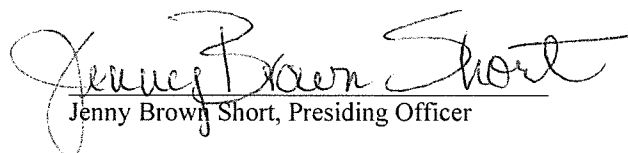
Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Smith to adjourn the meeting.

**Vote**

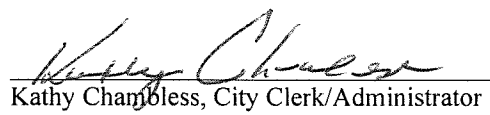
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

10:30 a.m. – Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:

  
Jenny Brown Short, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

  
Kathy Chambliss, City Clerk/Administrator

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