

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD JANUARY 7, 2025**

10:01 a.m. - The meeting was called to order by Councilmember Jenny Brown Short as Acting Presiding Officer in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 400 19th Street West, Jasper.

Present: Presiding Officer Willie Moore, III, Councilmembers Jenny Brown Short, Danny Gambrell, Josh Gates, and Jennifer W. Smith, City Clerk/Administrator Kathy Chambless, City Attorney Russ Robertson

Absent: Mayor Gary Cowen

Invocation: Police Chief J.C. Poe

Pledge of Allegiance: City Planner Brent McCarver

Approval of Minutes:

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gates that the minutes of the regular meeting December 17, 2024, be approved.

Vote

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

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 Smith that the agenda be approved.

Vote

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

Introduce Budget Amendment #2024/2025-7 to provide funds for roof repair for the auditorium at the Natatorium facility. The Budget Amendment was introduced by the City Clerk and will be considered at the next regular council meeting.

Consider adoption of Budget Amendment #2024/2025-8, by unanimous consent, to purchase twelve (12) sets of turn out gear for the fire department.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gates 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	Yes
Councilmember Josh Gates	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Presiding Officer Willie Moore, III	Absent

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Gambrell, seconded by Councilmember Smith to adopt Budget Amendment #2024/2025-08 to purchase twelve (12) sets of turn out gear for the fire department.

Vote

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

Presiding Officer Willie Moore joined the meeting at 10:06 a.m. Councilmember Short continued to conduct the meeting as acting Presiding Officer.

Conduct a public hearing and consider adoption of a Resolution to set cost for nuisance abatement property. After no comments were made during the public meeting, a motion was considered.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gates to adopt a Resolution to set cost for nuisance abatement.

Vote

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Josh Gates	Yes

Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith
Presiding Officer Willie Moore, III

Yes
Yes

(See following pages)


RESOLUTION NO: 2025 - 01

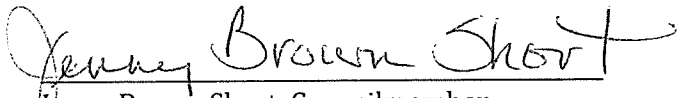
WHEREAS, the Jasper City Council has held a cost hearing on the abatement of nuisances on the following properties as presented in Exhibit "Cost Hearing Report 1/7/25" attached and made a part of this resolution;

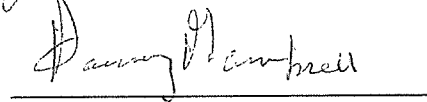
WHEREAS, the Jasper City Council has affixed the costs associated with and incurred by the City of Jasper, Alabama as presented in Exhibit "Cost Hearing Report 1/7/25" attached and made a part of this resolution;

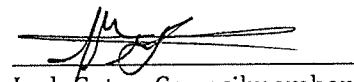
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jasper City Council hereby adopts and approves the setting of said cost of abatement of said properties.


ADOPTED this the 7th day of January 2025.


Willie Moore, III, Presiding Officer



Jenny Brown Short, Councilmember


Danny Gambrell, Councilmember


Josh Gates, Councilmember


Jennifer W. Smith, Councilmember

ATTEST:


Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

COST HEARING REPORT
1/7/25

1106 9th Avenue, Units A & B (David & Michelle Pearson), District 4

\$16,156.00	Removal of Unsafe Structure
25.00	Administrative Fees
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\$16,181.00	Total

Conduct a public hearing and consider adoption of a Resolution to authorize Mayor Cowen to execute the agreement to provide economic development assistance for QuikTrip Corporation. After no comments were made during the public meeting, a motion was considered.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gates to adopt a Resolution to authorize Mayor Cowen to execute the agreement to provide economic development assistance for QuikTrip Corporation.

Vote

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

(See following pages)

RESOLUTION NO.: 2025 – 02
RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF JASPER, ALABAMA

This Resolution is made this the 7th day of January 2025, by the Jasper, Alabama City Council (the Granting Authority), to grant a tax abatement to Quiktrip Corporation (the Company).

WHEREAS, the Company and the City desire to cooperate in the economic redevelopment provided by Economic Assistant Ordinance 2011-15 of certain property located within the City of Jasper, Alabama, and identified more particularly as 4824 Industrial Parkway, hereinafter referred to as the “the Property”; and

WHEREAS, the Granting Authority has considered the request of the company, and the completed application (copy attached) filed with the Granting Authority by the Company, in connection with its request; and

WHEREAS, the Granting Authority has found the information contained in the Company’s application to be sufficient to permit the Granting Authority to make a reasonable cost/benefit analysis of the proposed project and to determine the economic benefits to the community; and

WHEREAS, the construction of the project will involve a capital investment of \$20,000,000; and will employ 15 part-time and 15 full-time employees; and

WHEREAS, the Company is duly qualified to do business in the State of Alabama and has powers to enter into, and to perform and observe the agreements and covenants on its part contained in the Tax Abatement Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Granting Authority as follows:

Section 1. Approval is hereby given to the application of the Company and abatement is hereby granted to provide a rebate of 2.0% of the 3.5% sales tax revenues which are generated by the new business(es) located on the Property. The rebate shall continue for a period of five (5) years, commencing in the first year that the new business(es) generate(s) sales tax revenues on the Property; provided, that the maximum amount to be rebated to the Company shall be limited to One Million Eight Hundred Thousand and no/100 Dollars (\$1,800,000.00), regardless of the amount of time required to generate such rebate.


Section 2. The governing body of the Granting Authority has authorized the Mayor to enter into an abatement agreement with the Company to provide for the abatement granted in Section 1.

Section 3. A certified copy of this resolution, with the application and abatement agreement, shall be forwarded to the Company to deliver to the appropriate local taxing


authorities (if applicable) and to the Alabama Department of Revenue in accordance with the Act.


Section 4. The governing body of the Granting Authority is authorized to take any and all actions necessary or desirable to accomplish the purpose of the foregoing of this resolution.

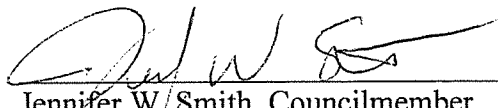
I hereby certify that the above and foregoing was duly adopted by the Jasper, Alabama City Council at a meeting held on the 7th day of January, 2025.


Willie Moore, III, Presiding Officer



Jenny Brown Short, Councilmember


Danny Gambrell, Councilmember


Josh Gates, Councilmember


Jennifer W. Smith, Councilmember

ATTEST:


Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

Introduce an Ordinance to amend the economic assistance Ordinance to increase the investment requirement from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000. The Ordinance was introduced by the City Attorney and will be considered at a later council meeting.

Comments: Councilmember Smith thanked city employees and the Jasper Area Family Services Center for providing the warming station at Lueada Meadows Smith Center. She appreciates the donations and food brought to the center. Due to the warming shelter not allowing animals, Farmstead Veterinary Clinic has agreed to be a collection site for dog beds, blankets, etc. to provide items during the cold weather to those in need.

Councilmember Short shared that tonight at 6:00 pm is the first Bevill State Community College basketball game at the newly renovated Glen. R. Clem Gym on Bevill's Jasper campus. She also thanked Building Inspector Adam Bolton for his continued work on nuisance abatement properties.

Chief Poe notified the council of the passing of Sanitation employee Travis Lawson. Jasper Police and Sanitation departments will be collecting funds for his widow who is a JPD dispatcher.

Consider adjournment of the meeting.

Motion

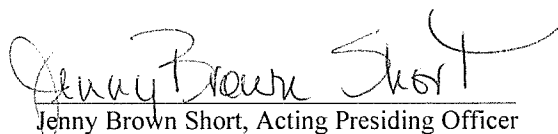
Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Moore to adjourn the meeting.

Vote


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

10:10 a.m. – Meeting adjourned.

A P P R O V E D:


Jenny Brown Short, Acting Presiding Officer

A T T E S T:


Kathy Chambless, City Clerk/Administrator