

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD JANUARY 18, 2022**

10:01 a.m. - The meeting was called to order by Acting Presiding Officer Willie Moore III in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 400 19th Street West, Jasper.

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

Absent: Presiding Officer Gary Cowen

Invocation: City Planner Keith Pike

Pledge of Allegiance: *Daily Mountain Eagle* Managing Editor Ron Harris

Approval of Minutes:

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell that the minutes of the regular meeting held January 4, 2022, be approved.

Vote

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

Consider amendments to the agenda. One item was added to the agenda: Consider recessing to Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.

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

Consider approval of an event permit for Love Walker County by Love Walker County/Raising Arrows, March 19, 2022, 8:00 am – 8:00 pm. This item was tabled and will be considered at a later meeting.

Consider a request for approval of travel for Municipal Court magistrates to attend scheduled certification training for 2022.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to approve travel for Municipal Court magistrates to attend scheduled certification training for 2022.

Vote

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

Consider a request for approval of travel for Jasper Police Officer Davidson to attend an advanced animal control training class January 23 – 26, 2022, in Gulfport, MS.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Short to approve travel for Jasper Police Officer Davidson to attend an advanced animal control training class January 23 – 26, 2022, in Gulfport, MS.

Vote

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

Receive report on Animal Adoption and Animal Pound Service.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to receive the report of the Purchasing Agent and, based on her recommendation, award the contract to Greater Birmingham Humane Society.

Vote

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Presiding Officer Gary Cowen	Absent

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

Consider a request for permission to purchase 2 (two) zero-turn mowers.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Gambrell, seconded by Councilmember Short to approve a request to purchase 2 (two) zero-turn mowers by either state bid, co-operative program, or bid process.

Vote

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

Consider adoption of a Resolution to authorize Mayor O’Mary to enter into an agreement with CCR Architecture and Interiors for the renovation of Sherer Auditorium.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to adopt a Resolution to authorize Mayor O’Mary to enter into an agreement with CCR Architecture and Interiors for the renovation of Sherer Auditorium.

Vote

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

Consider accepting a donation of property on Old Russellville Road

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Short to accept a donation of property on Old Russellville Road pending a title search.

Vote

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

Consider a request to approve the closure of 19th Street between 2nd and 3rd Avenue on January 24, 2022.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to approve the closure of 19th Street between 2nd and 3rd Avenue on January 24, 2022.

Vote

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

Consider adoption of a Resolution vacating 10' of the west Right of Way of Corona Avenue lying south of 19th Street East. (District Five) Following a public hearing during which no comments were made, a motion was considered.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Short to adopt a Resolution vacating 10' of the west Right of Way of Corona Avenue lying south of 19th Street East.

Vote

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

Consider adoption of a Resolution for Nuisance Abatement of an Unsafe Structure.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Gambrell, seconded by Councilmember Short to adopt a Resolution for Nuisance Abatement of an Unsafe Structure.

Vote

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

Comments: No comments were made.

Consider recessing to Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. City Attorney Russ Robertson certified that the reasons for going into executive session are subject to the exception in the open meetings law that permits executive sessions to discuss pending litigation or controversies imminently likely to be litigated.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Short, to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.

Vote

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

10:09 a.m. – meeting recessed to Executive Session.

10:14 a.m. – Executive Session convened.

10:24 a.m. – Executive Session concluded.

Consider adjournment of the meeting.

Motion

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

Vote

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

10:25 a.m. – Meeting adjourned.

A P P R O V E D:

Willie Moore, III, Acting Presiding Officer

A T T E S T:

Kathy Chambless, City Clerk/Administrator