

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD FEBRUARY 7, 2023**

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

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

Absent: City Attorney Russell B. Robertson

Invocation Captain Justin Tidwell

Pledge of Allegiance: Fire Chief Dante Fields

Approval of Minutes:

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell that the minutes of the regular meeting January 17, 2023, be approved.

Vote

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

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

Consider approval of the agenda.

Motion

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

Vote

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

Consider a request for approval of overnight travel for Sgt. Bartlett and Officer Whorton to attend the School Resource Officer Conference June 4-9, 2023, in Orange Beach, AL.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to approve overnight travel for Sgt. Bartlett and Officer Whorton to attend the School Resource Officer Conference June 4-9, 2023, in Orange Beach, AL.

Vote

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

Consider a request for permission to purchase the following through cooperative contracts: 1) body cameras for the police department, 2) pro groomer machine for the parks & recreation department, and 3) 54" Kubota mower for the cemetery department.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Short to grant the Accountant/Purchasing agent permission to purchase the following through cooperative contracts: body cameras for the police department, pro groomer machine for the parks & recreation department, and two (2) 54" Kubota mowers for the cemetery department.

Vote

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

Consider a request to send bids for 1) grease, oil & lubricant, 2) fire truck repairs, 3) grounds maintenance at New Prospect Cemetery, and 4) grounds maintenance at Gay Reed Cemetery.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to approve a request to send bids for 1) grease, oil & lubricant, 2) fire truck repairs, 3) grounds maintenance at New Prospect Cemetery, and 4) grounds maintenance at Gay Reed Cemetery.

Vote

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

Introduce Budget Amendment #2022/2023-08 to provide funding for two lawn mowers, grooming mower, two laptops, and additional garbage cans for various departments. The budget amendment was introduced by the City Clerk and will be considered at the next council meeting.

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 Short, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to adopt a Resolution to set cost for nuisance abatement.

Vote

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

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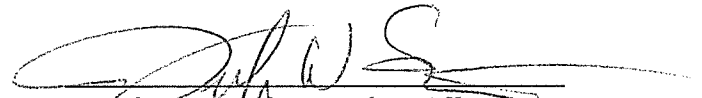
RESOLUTION NO: 2023 – 09

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 2/7/23" 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 2/7/23" 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 February, 2023.


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

ATTEST:


Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

COST HEARING REPORT
2/7/23

1369 Golden Eagle Circle (Jitendrakumar Patel), District One

\$150.00	Cutting Overgrown Grass/Weeds
25.00	Administrative Fees
\$175.00	Total

305 20th Street (Integrity First LLC c/o Brandon Snider), District Five

\$150.00	Cutting Overgrown Grass/Weeds
25.00	Administrative Fees
\$175.00	Total

409 6th Street (Stephen Sanders c/o Cameron Sanders), District Four

\$150.00	Cutting Overgrown Grass/Weeds
25.00	Administrative Fees
\$175.00	Total

Introduce an Ordinance levying ad valorem taxes. The Ordinance was introduced by the City Clerk and will be considered at the next council meeting.

Introduce an Ordinance annexing a parcel of land located at 100 Center Street in District 3. The Ordinance was introduced by the City Planner and will be considered at the next council meeting.

Introduce an Ordinance to establish a “No Truck” zone on Walston Bridge Road from 4th Street NE to Arkadelphia Road. The Ordinance was introduced by the City Planner and will be considered at the next council meeting.

Comments: Mayor announced the city’s first Community Prayer Breakfast will take place tomorrow morning from 8:00 am – 9:00 am at the Civic Center. Various denominations will be represented. The Civic Center has been rented at the standard rate with no city money paid or city employees working, and donuts and beverages will be provided by local businesses at no cost. The intent is to make this an annual event. Mayor invited the councilmembers to attend if they can.

Presiding Officer Smith recently attended Memorial Park’s Community Worker Fair for second graders where she represented the city as district four councilmember and presiding officer. She gave out worksheets at the event that had the city seal and several questions to answer. She shared answers from Blake, a Memorial Park second grader from district four. Councilmember Short shared answers from Jayde, a Memorial Park second grader from district one.

Councilmember Moore thanked Chief Poe for the work the officers do in the schools.

Gene Hyche (506 Eagle Circle) addressed the council about Eagles Point Park. He asked the council to make sure the sprinklers work this spring/summer because of the dust, and he would like to see more parking, especially on days when there are disc golf tournaments.

Consider adjournment of the meeting.

Motion

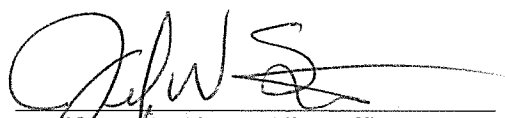
Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Short to adjourn the meeting.

Vote

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

10:29 a.m. – Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:


Jennifer W. Smith, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:


Kathy Chambless, City Clerk/Administrator

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