

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD FEBRUARY 15, 2022**

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

Present: Presiding Officer Gary Cowen, 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: Councilmember Willie Moore, III

Invocation: City Planner Keith Pike

Pledge of Allegiance: Ron Harris, *Daily Mountain Eagle* Newsroom

Approval of Minutes:

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell that the minutes of the regular meeting held February 1, 2022, be approved.

Vote

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

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell that the minutes of the special called meeting held February 4, 2022, be approved.

Vote

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

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

Consider approval of the agenda.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell that the agenda be approved.

Vote

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

Present a proclamation for Future Business Leaders of America Week. Mayor O’Mary read the Proclamation and presented it to Jasper High School FBLA students and teachers.

Present a Proclamation for Career and Technical Education Month. Mayor O’Mary read the Proclamation and presented it to Jasper High School CTE students and teachers.

Conduct a public hearing and consider approval of a Retail Beer License (for off premises consumption) & Retail Wine License (for off premises consumption) for DD LLC d/b/a The Toad, located at 2501 Airport Road North. Following a public hearing during which no comments were made concerning the license, a motion was considered.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to approve a Retail Beer License (for off premises consumption) & Retail Wine License (for off premises consumption) for DD LLC d/b/a The Toad, located at 2501 Airport Road North

Vote

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

Conduct a public hearing and consider approval of a Retail Liquor, Wine & Beer License (for off premises consumption) for DD LLC d/b/a Toad Package Store, located at 2501 North Airport Road. Following a public hearing during which no comments were made concerning the license, a motion was considered.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Gambrell, seconded by Councilmember Short to approve a Retail Liquor, Wine & Beer License (for off premises consumption) for DD LLC d/b/a Toad Package Store, located at 2501 North Airport Road.

Vote

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

Conduct a public hearing and consider approval of a Retail Liquor, Wine & Beer License (for off premises consumption) for Corner Store One Inc d/b/a Corner Store Package, located at 906 Highway 69 South. Following a public hearing during which no comments were made concerning the license, a motion was considered.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to approve a Retail Liquor, Wine & Beer License (for off premises consumption) for Corner Store One Inc d/b/a Corner Store Package, located at 906 Highway 69 South.

Vote

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

Conduct a public hearing and consider approval of a Retail Beer License (for off premises consumption) and Retail Wine License (for off premises consumption) for Corner Store One Inc d/b/a Corner Store, located at 906 Highway 69 South, Suite A. Following a public hearing during which no comments were made concerning the license, a motion was considered.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to approve a Retail Beer License (for off premises consumption) and Retail Wine License (for off premises consumption) for Corner Store One Inc d/b/a Corner Store, located at 906 Highway 69 South, Suite A.

Vote

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

Conduct a public hearing and consider approval of a Retail Beer License (for off premises consumption) and Retail Table Wine License (for off premises consumption) for DD1 LLC d/b/a Hwy 195 Chevron, located at 3022 Highway 195. Following a public hearing during which no comments were made concerning the license, a motion was considered.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to approve a Retail Beer License (for off premises consumption) and Retail Table Wine License (for off premises consumption) for DD1 LLC d/b/a Hwy 195 Chevron, located at 3022 Highway 195.

Vote

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

Consider approval of event permits for: 1) SIAC Tournament Kick Off, Jasper Main Street, March 9, 2022; 2) Love Walker County by Love Walker County/Raising Arrows, March 19, 2022; 3) Jasper High School Track & Field 5K, Jasper High School, April 9, 2022.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Short to approve event permits for SIAC Tournament Kick Off, Jasper Main Street, March 9, 2022; 2) Love Walker County by Love Walker County/Raising Arrows, March 19, 2022; 3) Jasper High School Track & Field 5K, Jasper High School, April 9, 2022.

Vote

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

Consider a request for permission to send bids for 1) wheeled refused carts, and 2) to resurface or repair the Valley Park tennis courts.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to approve the request to send bid invitations for wheeled refused carts and to resurface or repair the Valley Park tennis courts.

Vote

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

Consider a request for permission to send bids to renew the contract to provide umpires for softball and baseball games.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to renew the contract to provide umpires for softball and baseball games at the same terms and pricing.

Vote

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

Consider changes in the credit balance for the Jasper Street Department and the issuance of a credit card to the Senior Center.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to increase the credit limit for the Street Department and issue a new line of credit for the Senior Center.

Vote

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

Consider adoption of a Resolution to declare property surplus.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to adopt a Resolution to declare property surplus.

Vote

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

Consider an appointment to the Library Board. Presiding Officer Gary Cowen opened the floor for nominations.

Councilmember Gambrell nominated Linda Murphy to be appointed to the Library Board for District 3.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell that the nominations be closed.

Vote

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

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Gambrell, seconded by Councilmember Short to appoint Linda Murphy from District 3 to the Library Board.

Vote

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

Consider adoption of Budget Amendment #2022/2023-04.**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to adopt Budget Amendment #2022/2023-04.

Vote

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

Consider adoption of a Resolution to allow Mayor O'Mary to enter into an agreement with ALDOT for right-of-way mowing.**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to adopt a Resolution to allow Mayor O'Mary to enter into an agreement with ALDOT for right-of-way mowing.

Vote

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

Consider appointing a Councilmember to the Jasper Planning Commission.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Gambrell, seconded by Councilmember Smith to appoint Councilmember Short to the Jasper Planning Commission.

Vote

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

Consider adoption of a Resolution for Nuisance Abatement of unsafe structures.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to adopt a Resolution for Nuisance Abatement of unsafe structures.

Vote

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

Comments:

Councilmember Smith noted that there are some issues with the condition of the Dream Field that need to be addressed. She also asked for a list of unsafe structures for nuisance abatement.

Consider adjournment of the meeting.

Motion

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

Vote

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

10:26 a.m. – Meeting adjourned.

A P P R O V E D:

Gary Cowen, Presiding Officer

A T T E S T:

Kathy Chambless, City Clerk/Administrator