

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD MARCH 1, 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 Councilmember Willie Moore, III, Mayor David P. O'Mary, City Clerk/Administrator Kathy Chambless, and City Attorney Russell B. Robertson

Absent: Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith

Invocation: Revenue Compliance Office Brent McCarver

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Gambrell, seconded by Councilmember Short that the minutes of the regular meeting held February 15, 2022, be approved.

Vote

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

Present a proclamation for Arbor Day. Mayor O’Mary read the Proclamation for Arbor Day.

Councilmember Moore joined the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

Consider approval of event permits for: 1) The Cigar Box Anniversary Event, March 10, 2022; 2) Run to Success, Pro¹ Training, May 14, 2022.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to approve event permits for 1) The Cigar Box Anniversary Event, March 10, 2022; 2) Run to Success, Pro¹ Training, May 14, 2022.

Vote

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

Consider a request for permission to renew the contracts for fuel service and on-call concrete.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to renew the contracts for fuel service, at a slightly reduced price, and on-call concrete for the same terms and pricing.

Vote

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

Consider a request for approval of overnight travel for revenue employees attending a continuing education course in Tuscaloosa April 6-8, 2022.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to approve overnight travel for revenue employees attending a continuing education course in Tuscaloosa April 6-8, 2022.

Vote

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

Presiding Officer Gary Cowen

Yes

Consider a request for approval of travel for the City Clerk to attend Municipal Clerk continuing education training in Tuscaloosa April 27-29, 2022.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to approve travel for the City Clerk to attend Municipal Clerk continuing education training in Tuscaloosa April 27-29, 2022.

Vote

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

Introduce Budget Amendment #2021/2022-05 to provide funds for various capital projects for 2022 and to fund stump removal along portions of Airport Road. The budget amendment was introduced by the City Clerk and will be considered at the next council meeting.

Consider authorizing a Councilmember to vote at the Alabama League of Municipalities' annual business meeting on Thursday, May 12, 2022.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to authorize Councilmember Smith to vote at the Alabama League of Municipalities' annual business meeting on Thursday, May 12, 2022.

Vote

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

Consider adoption of a Resolution to authorize Mayor O'Mary to enter into an agreement with the Chamber of Commerce for use of the Jasper Civic Center.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Gambrell, seconded by Councilmember Short to authorize Mayor O'Mary to enter into an agreement with the Chamber of Commerce for use of the Jasper Civic Center.

Vote

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

Consider adoption of a Resolution to authorize Mayor O’Mary to enter into an agreement with Sain Engineering to provide the paving plan for 2022.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Gambrell, seconded by Councilmember Short to authorize Mayor O’Mary to enter into an agreement with Sain Engineering to provide the paving plan for 2022.

Vote

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

Consider extending the time to abate a public nuisance located at 727 28th Street East.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to extend the time to 60 days to abate a public nuisance located at 727 28th Street East.

Vote

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

Consider adoption of a Resolution for Nuisance Abatement of an inoperative vehicle.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Short to adopt a Resolution for Nuisance Abatement of an inoperative vehicle.

Vote

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Absent

Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Gary Cowen	Yes

Introduce an Ordinance rezoning a .38 acre+- parcel of land located between 1308 & 1320 22nd Street West from the R-2 (Single Family Residential) Zoning District to the R-3 (Affordable Housing) Zoning District for the purpose of placing a manufactured home. (District Five) The Ordinance was introduced by the City Planner and will be considered at the next council meeting.

Introduce an Ordinance rezoning 2 parcels of land located at 118 & 144 Highway 269 from the R-5 (Multi-Family Dwelling) Zoning District and the B-1 (Neighborhood Business) Zoning Districts to the B-3 (Downtown Business) Zoning District for the purpose of zoning to current use. (District Five) The Ordinance was introduced by the City Planner and will be considered at the next council meeting.

Comments:

Mayor O'Mary welcomed Jennifer Cochran to the council meeting and congratulated her on her recent promotion to Editor of the *Daily Mountain Eagle*. Mayor then spoke to energy conservation. If petroleum continues to increase, the city will need to manage fuel use carefully. Mayor recently held a Leadership meeting on this topic and is proud of the Leadership and how they communicated to their respective departments. Mayor called on the council to keep conservation in mind. Tomorrow, Keith Pike, Stefan Graeber, and Mayor will travel to the Fayette ALDOT office for the kickoff of the ATRIP II project on Highway 118 where they will learn the timeline and details of the project. He is pleased to have the opportunity to attend to further efforts to build relationships with ALDOT.

Councilmember Moore announced that the SIAC Crossover softball tournament will be in Jasper March 9-12. He thanked Brent McCarver for his efforts to help make the tournament a success.

Presiding Officer Cowen congratulated Moore on recently being named President of Alabama Recreation and Parks Association.

Consider adjournment of the meeting.

Motion

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

Vote

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

10:23 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