

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

Absent: Councilmembers Danny Gambrell and Willie Moore, III

Invocation: City Planner Keith Pike

Pledge of Allegiance: Police Chief J.C. Poe

Approval of Minutes:

Motion

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

Vote

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Absent
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 Smith that the agenda be approved.

Vote

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

Consider approval of an event for Jeepers Unite for First Responders by Walker and Winston County Wranglers, April 30, 2022.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Short to approve an event permit for Jeepers Unite for First Responders by Walker and Winston County Wranglers, April 30, 2022.

Vote

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Absent
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 VMS LLC d/b/a Ice House Beverage, located at 105 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 Short to approve a Retail Liquor, Wine & Beer License (for off premises consumption) for VMS LLC d/b/a Ice House Beverage, located at 105 Highway 195.

Vote

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

Conduct a public hearing and consider approval of a Restaurant Retail Liquor License (for on premises consumption) for VICS LLC, located at 305 Highway 78 W. Following a public hearing during which no comments were made concerning the license, a motion was considered.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Smith to approve a Restaurant Retail Liquor License (for on premises consumption) for VICS LLC, located at 305 Highway 78 W.

Vote

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

Consider adoption of Budget Amendment #2021/2022-05.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Smith to adopt Budget Amendment #2021/2022-05.

Vote

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

Consider adoption of Budget Amendment #2021/2022-06 by unanimous consent.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Short 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	Absent
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Absent
Presiding Officer Gary Cowen	Yes

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Smith to adopt Budget Amendment #2021/2022-06.

Vote

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

Consider adoption of a Resolution for Nuisance Abatement of grass/weeds.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Smith to adopt a Resolution for Nuisance Abatement of grass/weeds.

Vote

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

Consider a request for permission to proceed with the vacation of an unimproved Right of Way off Elliott Boulevard.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Short to approve a request for permission to proceed with the vacation of an unimproved Right of Way off Elliott Boulevard.

Vote

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

Consider adoption of 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) After a public hearing was conducted during which no comments were made, a motion was considered.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Short to adopt 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.

Vote

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

Consider adoption of 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) After a public hearing was conducted during which no comments were made, a motion was considered.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Smith to adopt 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.

Vote

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

Comments:

Councilmember Smith has received comments/complaints about the various charitable donation bins around Jasper. Smith suggested looking into an ordinance to potentially regulate where and how many bins are in the city limits. She noted there are municipalities that have an ordinance that require a permit to locate donation bins, such as Alabaster, which might be something to consider. City Attorney Robertson said he would draft an ordinance for the council to review.

Consider adjournment of the meeting.

Motion

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

Vote

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

10:16 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