

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD APRIL 1, 2025**

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10:00 a.m. - The meeting was called to order by Acting Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 400 19<sup>th</sup> Street West, Jasper.

**Present:** Acting Presiding Officer/Councilmember Jenny Brown Short, Councilmembers Danny Gambrell, Josh Gates, and Jennifer W. Smith, Mayor Gary Cowen, City Clerk/Administrator Kathy Chambless, City Attorney Russ Robertson

**Absent:** Presiding Officer Willie Moore, III

**Invocation:** City Planner Brent McCarver

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Police Chief J.C. Poe

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gates that the minutes of the regular meeting March 18, 2025, be approved.

**Vote**

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

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

**Consider approval of the agenda.**

**Motion**

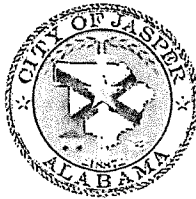
Moved by Councilmember Gates, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell that the agenda be approved.

**Vote**

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

**Present a Proclamation for Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month.** Mayor Cowen read the Proclamation and presented it to Johnny Sudberry, Executive Director of the Walker County Children's Advocacy Center and Social Services Case Worker Adriel Miller from DHR.

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# PROCLAMATION

*Office of the Mayor of Jasper, Alabama*

*WHEREAS, every child deserves to grow up in a safe, nurturing environment, free from harm and neglect; and*

*WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect continue to be significant issues affecting families and communities, leading to long-term physical, emotional, and psychological consequences; and*

*WHEREAS, raising public awareness about child abuse prevention strategies is essential to protecting children and strengthening families; and*

*WHEREAS, community members, educators, healthcare professionals, law enforcement, and social service agencies play a vital role in identifying and preventing child abuse and supporting survivors; and*

*WHEREAS, organizations such as Walker County Children's Advocacy Center, Walker County Department of Human Resources, and others work tirelessly to prevent child abuse through advocacy, education, and intervention; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Jasper is committed to promoting the welfare of all children and supporting efforts to prevent child abuse through education, awareness campaigns, and community engagement; and*

*WHEREAS, April has been nationally recognized as Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month to highlight the importance of working together to prevent child abuse and neglect; and*

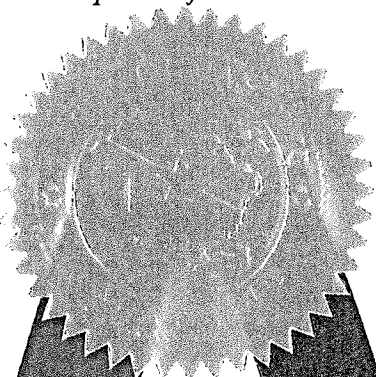
*WHEREAS, displaying blue ribbons, hosting awareness events, and providing educational resources can help foster a culture of prevention and protection for our children.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gary Cowen, Mayor of the City of Jasper, Alabama and on behalf of the Jasper City Council do hereby proclaim April Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month in our city and urge all residents to report suspected child abuse to the appropriate authorities and support programs and policies that work toward the prevention of child abuse and neglect, and urge all residents, businesses, schools, and organizations to participate in activities and initiatives that promote the safety, well-being, and healthy development of children.*

*In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 2025.*

*Gary Cowen*  
Gary Cowen, Mayor

*Kathy Chambless*  
City Council Meeting Minutes 4/1/2025  
Attest: Kathy Chambless, City Clerk



**Consider approval of an event permit for: Memorial Day Candlelight Service requested by Veterans with Christ to be held on the Courthouse Square on May 26, 2025.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gates to approve an event permit for: Memorial Day Candlelight Service requested by Veterans with Christ to be held on the Courthouse Square on May 26, 2025.

**Vote**

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

**Receive report and consider a recommendation for the On-Call Concrete Services bid.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Gambrell, seconded by Councilmember Smith to accept the recommendation of the Purchasing Agent and award the contract for the On-Call Concrete Services bid to Suburban Concrete, the lowest responsible bidder.

**Vote**

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

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**RESOLUTION NO.: 2025 – 25**

**WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama has given its permission to send bid invitations for On-Call Concrete Services,**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama has received bids from the below listed in the below listed amounts,

## BIDDER

AMOUNT PER SERVICE CALL

- Suburban Concrete Per Bid
- Mata Construction Per Bid

**AND, WHEREAS,** the City Council of the City of Jasper is desirous of awarding the bid to the lowest responsible bidder who has met bid specifications,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the bid for **On-Call Concrete Services** be renewed under the same terms and pricing to **Suburban Concrete**, in the amount of **per bid**.

ADOPTED THIS THE 1st DAY OF April, 2025.

**ATTEST:**

Kendall Chamberlain

Jimmy Brown Short  
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Jimmy Brown Hall  
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**Consider a request for permission to send bids for the Street Department Shop repairs.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Gates, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to send bids for the Street Department Shop repairs.

**Vote**

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

**Consider an appointment to the Jasper City Board of Education for District Three.** Councilmember Gates nominated Mary Beth Barber for reappointment.

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to close nominations.

**Vote**

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

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to reappoint Mary Beth Barber to the Jasper City Board of Education for District Three.

**Vote**

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

**Consider adoption of Budget Amendment #2024/25-14.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gates to adopt Budget Amendment #2024/25-14.

**Vote**

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

**Introduce Budget Amendment #2024/2025-15.** The Budget Amendment was introduced by the City Clerk and will be considered for approval at the next regular council meeting.

**Consider authorizing a Councilmember as voting delegate at the Alabama League of Municipalities' Annual Business Meeting on May 15, 2025.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Gates, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to authorize Councilmember Smith as voting delegate at the Alabama League of Municipalities' Annual Business Meeting on May 15, 2025.

**Vote**

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

**Consider adoption of a Resolution to establish voting locations for the upcoming municipal election.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gates to adopt a Resolution to establish voting locations for the upcoming municipal election.

**Vote**

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

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2025 – 26**

**WHEREAS**, Section 11-46-24, Code of Alabama (1975), provides for the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, to designate, in its discretion, one central place within the municipality as the place of voting for all wards and/or districts within the City of Jasper, Alabama; and



**WHEREAS**, there is upcoming within the City of Jasper a municipal election that will be held on August 26, 2025, and runoff election to be held on September 23, 2025; and

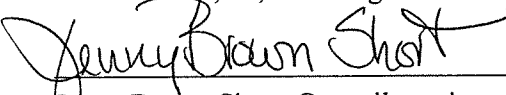
**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that it will be both substantially more efficient for municipal forces, more convenient for voters, and substantially less expensive, to hold the election with one central place for voting, rather than requiring staffing and conduction of voting in multiple locations scattered throughout the City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama as follows:

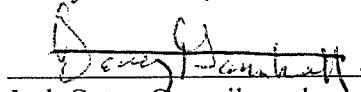
1. The Jasper Civic Center is designated as the central place for voting for the municipal election to be held August 26, 2025, and runoff election to be held on September 23, 2025.
2. The Jasper Civic Center is designated as the central place for voting for all special municipal elections.

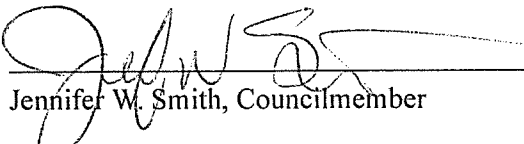
**ADOPTED** and approved this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 2025.

  
 Willie Moore, III, Presiding Officer   
 Councilmember


  
 Jenny Brown Short, Councilmember

~~Willie Moore, III~~ ~~Danny Gambrell, Councilmember~~ Presiding Officer

  
 Josh Gates, Councilmember

  
 Jennifer W. Smith, Councilmember

ATTEST:

  
 Kathy Chambliss, City Clerk



**Consider authorizing the closure of 3rd Avenue South, between 19th and 20th Streets on June 24, 2025, from 5:30 pm – 10:00 pm to enable Probate Judge A. Lee Tucker to utilize the Walker County Probate Office as the location for the return of election ballots and reporting of election returns for the General Election for the Senate District 5 seat.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Gates, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to adopt a Resolution to authorize the closure of 3rd Avenue South, between 19th and 20th Streets on June 24, 2025, from 5:30 pm – 10:00 pm to enable Probate Judge A. Lee Tucker to utilize the Walker County Probate Office as the location for the return of election ballots and reporting of election returns for the General Election for the Senate District 5 seat.

**Vote**

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

**Introduce an Ordinance granting a water and sewer franchise to Jasper Waterworks & Sewer Board, Inc.** The Ordinance was introduced by the City Attorney and will be considered for adoption at a later council meeting.

**Comments:** Mayor Cowen recognized Mickey Davis who recently retired after 23 years with the city, serving as Parks & Recreation Director and Cemetery Superintendent.

City Planner Brent McCarver announced that over the next few months the Planning Commission will be updating a number of parcels on the zoning map. They will be sending letters and placing signs in yards as required by the state. He stressed that the process is only updating mapping information.

Acting Presiding Officer Short thanked the Jasper Waterworks & Sewer Board and its Executive Director Michael Williams for their help recently in District One.

**Consider adjournment of the meeting.**

**Motion**

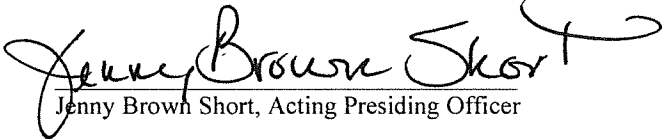
Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to adjourn the meeting.

**Vote**


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

10:24 a.m. – Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:

  
Jenny Brown Short, Acting Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

  
Kathy Chambless, City Clerk/Administrator