

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD APRIL 5, 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, Jennifer W. Smith, and Willie Moore, III, Mayor David P. O'Mary, City Clerk/Administrator Kathy Chambless, and City Attorney Russell B. Robertson

Absent:

Invocation: City Planner Keith Pike

Pledge of Allegiance: Revenue Compliance Officer Brent McCarver

Approval of Minutes:

Motion

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

Vote

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

Consider amendments to the agenda. There was one amendment to the agenda: Permission to send out bids for contract mowing at North Jasper Park.

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	Yes
Presiding Officer Gary Cowen	Yes

Present a Proclamation for Fair Housing Month. Mayor O’Mary read the Proclamation for Fair Housing Month.

Present a Proclamation for Child Abuse Prevention Month. Mayor O’Mary read the Proclamation for Child Abuse Prevention Month and presented it to Johnny Sudberry, Executive Director of the Children’s Advocacy Center of Walker County.

Recognize Jasper Public Library Director Sandra Underwood for comments. Sandra Underwood mentioned National Library Week and the events occurring this week. She then thanked the Mayor, Council, and City Clerk for their help in getting the new roof at Jasper Public Library.

Conduct a public hearing and consider approval of a Retail Liquor, Wine & Beer License (for on premises consumption) for Elegant Events Wedding & Event Planning d/b/a Elegant Events, located at 2200 Gamble Avenue. Following a public hearing during which no comments were made concerning the license, a motion was considered.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Smith to approve a Retail Liquor, Wine & Beer License (for on premises consumption) for Elegant Events Wedding & Event Planning d/b/a Elegant Events, located at 2200 Gamble Avenue.

Vote

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

Consider approval of an event permit for 1) an Easter Egg Hunt by Hope House Church on April 9, 2022, and 2) 5K for Camp COOL on October 29, 2022.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Smith to approve an event permit for an Easter Egg Hunt by Hope House Church on April 9, 2022, and 5K for Camp COOL on October 29, 2022.

Vote

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

Consider a request for approval of overnight travel for the Sanitation Superintendent to attend a SWANA/ADEM course April 4-6, 2022, in Orange Beach.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Short to approve budgeted overnight travel for the Sanitation Superintendent and a sanitation employee to attend a SWANA/ADEM course April 4-6, 2022, in Orange Beach.

Vote

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

Consider a request for permission to renew the contracts for asphalt cold mix, pool chemicals, portable toilets, tree removal service, and basketball official's service.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Gambrell, seconded by Councilmember Short to renew the contracts for asphalt cold mix, pool chemicals, portable toilets, tree removal service, and basketball official's service for the same terms and pricing.

Vote

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

Consider a request for permission to send out bids for ground maintenance/contract mowing at North Jasper Park.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to send out bids for ground maintenance/contract mowing at North Jasper Park

Vote

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

Consider adoption of a Resolution to declare surplus property unneeded.

Motion

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

Vote

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

Introduce Budget Amendment #2021/2022-07. The budget amendment was introduced by the City Clerk and will be considered at the next council meeting.

Consider adoption of a Resolution to authorize the Department of Revenue to administer and collect sales, use, rental, and lodging tax.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to adopt a Resolution to administer and collect sales, use, rental, and lodging tax.

Vote

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
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 Associates, Inc. for surveying and engineering services for ATRIP II improvements on US-78.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Smith to adopt a Resolution to authorize Mayor O’Mary to enter into an agreement with Sain Associates, Inc. for surveying and engineering services for ATRIP II improvements on US-78.

Vote

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

Consider adoption of a Resolution for Nuisance Abatement of an unsafe structure and grass/weeds.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Moore to adopt a Resolution for Nuisance Abatement of an unsafe structure.

Vote

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

Motion

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

Vote

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

Introduce an Ordinance annexing a parcel of land located just south of 4080 Whitehouse Road. (District Five) The Ordinance was introduced by the City Planner and will be considered at the next council meeting.

Introduce an Ordinance rezoning a .45 acre +- parcel of land located at 601 19th Street East from the R-2 (Single Family Residential) Zoning District to the B-T (Transition Business) Zoning District for the purpose of developing a professional office. (District Five) The Ordinance was introduced by the City Planner and will be considered at the next council meeting.

Introduce an Ordinance amending the mobile food truck Ordinance. The Ordinance was introduced by the City Attorney and will be considered at the next council meeting.

Comments: Councilmember Smith announced that there is an exhibit closing at 2:00 pm that will be held at the Bankhead House today. Councilmember Moore announced that the ARC of Walker County is having their annual fundraiser at the Civic Center this Friday. Anyone interested can see him to purchase tickets.

Lenoria Curry addressed the council about area cemeteries. In particular, Frisco cemetery is in bad shape and is hard to get to due to potholes and bad roads. She asked about repaving the roads to and near the

cemetery. She also mentioned Oak Hill cemetery and noted that it is littered. She pleaded to have all cemeteries treated the same and well kept.

Councilmember Moore mentioned that Frisco cemetery is at the end of Florida Avenue. He believes the road is in the city limits, but he is not sure Frisco cemetery is.

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	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Gary Cowen	Yes

10:32 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