

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD APRIL 18, 2023**

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

Present: Councilmembers Jenny Brown Short and Danny Gambrell, and Acting Presiding Officer Gary Cowen, Mayor David P. O'Mary, City Clerk/Administrator Kathy Chambless, City Attorney Russell B. Robertson

Absent: Presiding Officer Jennifer W. Smith and Councilmember Willie Moore, III

Invocation Jasper High School student Carter Reid

Pledge of Allegiance: Jasper High School student Cole Carter

Approval of Minutes:

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell that the minutes of the regular meeting April 4, 2023, be approved.

Vote

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

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

Consider approval of the agenda.

Motion

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

Vote

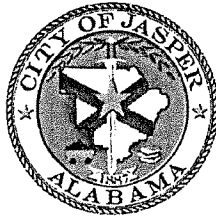
Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Acting Presiding Officer Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Absent
Presiding Officer Jennifer W. Smith	Absent

Recognize members of the Jasper High School wrestling team. Mayor read a Certificate of Recognition and presented it to Coach Tripp and the high school wrestling team for winning the Class 5A Duals State

Championship, the Class 5A North Sectionals Championship, and the Class 5A Traditional State Championship, as well as numerous individual awards from the state tournament in Huntsville, Alabama.

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

(See following page)



TREE CITY USA

PROCLAMATION

Office of the Mayor of Jasper, Alabama

WHEREAS in 1872 the Nebraska Board of Agriculture established a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS trees can be a solution to combating climate change by reducing the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cutting heating and cooling costs, moderating the temperature, cleaning the air, producing life-giving oxygen, and providing habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, and countless other wood products; and

WHEREAS trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS trees – wherever they are planted - are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and

WHEREAS the city of Jasper, Alabama, has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree planting traditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David P. O'Mary, Mayor of the city of Jasper, Alabama, do hereby proclaim April 18, 2023, as

ARBOR DAY

in the city of Jasper, and I urge all citizens to support Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and further, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.



In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed, this 18th day of April, 2023.

David P. O'Mary, Mayor

Kathy Chambless
Attest: Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

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Consider approval of an event permit for the Home and Garden Show by Exp Realty – Harbin Team LLC, May 13, 2023, on 6th Ave S blocked from 17th Street to 18th Street.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to approve an event permit for the Home and Garden Show by Exp Realty – Harbin Team LLC, May 13, 2023, on 6th Ave S, blocked from 17th Street to 18th Street.

Vote

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

Consider a request for approval of travel for Sgt. DJ Patton and Officer Hannah West to attend SWAT training April 9-14, 2023, in Anniston, AL.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Gambrell, seconded by Councilmember Short to approve travel (retroactively) for Sgt. DJ Patton and Officer Hannah West to attend SWAT training April 9-14, 2023, in Anniston, AL.

Vote

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

Consider a request for permission to send bids for the installation of tennis and pickleball courts at Swann Gym.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to grant permission to send bids for the installation of tennis and pickleball courts at Swann Gym.

Vote

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

Consider a request for permission to repair and install tennis courts and pickleball courts at A.P. Howell Park.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Gambrell, seconded by Councilmember Short to grant permission to repair and install tennis courts and pickleball courts at A.P. Howell Park.

Vote

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

Consider adoption of Budget Amendment #2022/2023-12.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to adopt Budget Amendment #2022/2023-12.

Vote

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

Introduce Mid-Year Budget Amendment #2022/2023-13. The budget amendment was introduced by the City Clerk and will be considered at the next council meeting.

Introduce Budget Amendment #2022/2023-14 to provide funding for Jasper Area Family Services Center for plumbing, grading for Natatorium APEX Park, and fencing for Gamble Park. The budget amendment was introduced by the City Clerk and will be considered at the next council meeting.

Introduce an amendment to the Alcohol Ordinance. The amendment was introduced by the City Clerk and will be considered at the next council meeting.

Comments: Mayor thanked the council for their approval of the repair and installation of tennis and pickleball courts, respectively, at area parks to enhance and expand recreational opportunities in Jasper. He emphasized that when the facilities are in place, they will be for public use.

Councilmember Short is grateful to the council and mayor for proceeding with the installation of the pickleball courts and for seeing it through.

Greg Farris addressed the council and spoke about his desire to bid on some of the sports officiating on the open bid list. He questioned the set prices on the bid documents. City Clerk Kathy Chambless will look into it with Parks & Recreation Director Peter Cosmiano's assistance.

Consider adjournment of the meeting.

Motion

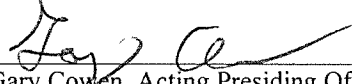
Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to adjourn the meeting.

Vote

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

10:26 a.m. – Meeting adjourned.

A P P R O V E D:



Gary Cowen, Acting Presiding Officer

A T T E S T:



Kathy Chambless, City Clerk/Administrator