

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD APRIL 19, 2022**

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10:00 a.m. - The meeting was called to order by Presiding Officer Gary Cowen in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 400 19<sup>th</sup> 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

**Absent:** City Attorney Russell B. Robertson

**Invocation:** Police Chief J.C. Poe

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Fire Chief Dante Fields

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Moore that the minutes of the regular meeting held April 5, 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 were two amendments made to the agenda: Consider awarding the bid for mowing North Jasper Park and recognize Chief Poe.

**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

**Recognize Chief Poe.** Police Chief J.C. Poe recognized two recent academy graduates – Octavious Dockery and Manny Flores. He commended both officers for their work to successfully graduate from the Tuscaloosa Police Academy and noted that Officer Dockery was named class president.

**Consider approval of event permits for 1) Simmons at Sunset for T.R. Simmons Elementary School, May 6, 2022, and 2) Jasper Eats by Jasper Main Street, April 28, 2022.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Short to approve event permits for Simmons at Sunset for T.R. Simmons Elementary School, May 6, 2022, and Jasper Eats by Jasper Main Street, April 28, 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 permission to award the bid for lawn maintenance at North Jasper Park.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to approve the Purchasing Agent’s recommendation to award the bid for grounds maintenance at North Jasper Park to Keebler’s Pressure Washing and Lawn Care.

**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

**Conduct a public hearing and consider approval of a Lounge Retail Liquor License (for on premises consumption) for Asylum Bar & Grill, located at 535 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 Gambrell to approve a Lounge Retail Liquor License (for on premises consumption) for Asylum Bar & Grill, located at 535 Highway 195.

**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

**Conduct a public hearing and consider approval of a Lounge Retail Liquor License (for on premises consumption) for CFN Entertainment d/b/a/ Parlays Entertainment, located at 420 Highway 78 West.** 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 Gambrell to approve a Lounge Retail Liquor License (for on premises consumption) for CFN Entertainment d/b/a/ Parlays Entertainment, located at 420 Highway 78 West.

**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 to dispose of unusable dumpsters as property no longer needed.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Smith to approve the disposal of unusable dumpsters as property no longer needed.

**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 Budget Amendment #2021/2022-07.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to adopt Budget Amendment #2021/2022-07.

**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 set cost for nuisance abatement.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to adopt a Resolution to set cost for Nuisance Abatement.

**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 an Ordinance annexing a parcel of land located just south of 4080 Whitehouse Road. (District Five)**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Smith to adopt an Ordinance annexing a parcel of land located just south of 2080 Whitehouse Road.

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

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to adopt 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.

**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 an Ordinance amending the mobile food truck Ordinance.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Moore to adopt an Ordinance amending the mobile food truck Ordinance.

**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 regulating charitable donation bins.** The Ordinance was introduced by the City Planner and will be considered at the next council meeting.

**Introduce an Ordinance levying ad valorem taxes.** The Ordinance was introduced by the City Clerk and will be considered at the next council meeting.

**Comments:** Mayor O'Mary discussed the most recent monthly management report, pointing out that the numbers are very good. Revenue is up in the first 6 months of fiscal year 2022. He is optimistic that the remaining 6 months of fiscal year 2022 will continue to be positive despite petroleum costs going up. Mayor also mentioned the Four Point Plan that the council approved last year. He complimented City Planner Keith Pike and Councilmember Gambrell for their diligence in working with Sain Engineering to put together the first version of the paving plan. He encouraged the council to thoroughly look at it and the streets suggested for repair. If there are any additional streets recommended by the councilmembers, they should bring them to the next work session when Sain Engineering will be present again.

Councilmember Smith recognized the people present who have concerns over the charitable donation bins.

PJ Magik located to Jasper in 1995 and will be moving soon. She addressed the council to thank them for their work to make Jasper disability friendly as well as their work to enlarge and improve area parks.

**Consider adjournment of the meeting.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Moore 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

10:28 a.m. – Meeting adjourned.

A P P R O V E D:

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Gary Cowen, Presiding Officer

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Kathy Chambless, City Clerk/Administrator