

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD MAY 3, 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, Jud Allen

**Absent:** City Attorney Russ Robertson

**Invocation:** Police Chief Poe

**Pledge of Allegiance:** City Planner Keith Pike

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell that the minutes of the regular meeting held April 19, 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 a request for permission to award the bid to repair and resurface tennis courts at Bevill and consider a request for permission to award the bid for grounds maintenance at Gay Reed cemetery.

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

**Consider approval of event permits for 1) Community Wide Scavenger Hunt for the Bridge Educational, May 21, 2022, throughout the city at landmarks and businesses, and 2) Wedding Reception, June 25, 2022, Twisted Barley – 19<sup>th</sup> Street from 5<sup>th</sup> Ave to 6<sup>th</sup> Ave.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Moore to approve event permits for Community Wide Scavenger Hunt for the Bridge Educational, May 21, 2022, throughout the city at landmarks and businesses, and Wedding Reception, June 25, 2022, Twisted Barley – 19th Street from 5th Ave to 6th Ave.

**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 to repair and resurface the tennis courts at Bevill State.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Smith to receive the report of the Purchasing Agent and to adopt a Resolution awarding the bid to Lower Bros. Tennis Courts, the lowest bidder, for repair and resurfacing of the tennis courts at Bevill State.

**Vote**

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	No
Presiding Officer Gary Cowen	Yes

After a vote, Councilmember Moore voiced his displeasure of the college courts getting resurfaced despite both the James A. Cox and AP Howell courts needing resurfaced. He has asked for bids to resurface those courts for several years. Presiding Officer Gary Cowen directed Accountant/Purchasing Agent Jessica Cook to have Lower Bros. Tennis Courts look at the aforementioned courts.

**Consider a request for permission to award the bid for grounds maintenance at Gay Reed cemetery.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Smith to receive the report of the Purchasing Agent and to adopt a Resolution awarding the bid to Keebler's Pressure Washing & Lawn Care, the lowest bidder, for grounds maintenance at Gay Reed Cemetery.

**Vote**

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
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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 tires, tubes, and service.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Moore to send out bids for tires, tubes, and service.

**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 Resolution to declare surplus property unneeded.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Short, 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

**Consider approval of the purchase of the following capital outlay items from proceeds of the capital improvement fund provided in FYE 2022 budget:**

- **Police Department - \$74,974.20 total**
  - 7 in-car camera systems
  - 8 in-car laptops
  - 8 radar units totaling
- **Street Department - \$64,000 total**
  - fuel system upgrade -\$14,000
  - 2 used vehicles from state -\$50,000
- **Jasper Civic Center - \$10,893.32 total**
  - projector system

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Moore to approve the purchase of certain capital outlay items from proceeds of the capital improvement fund provided in FYE 2022 budget.

**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 #2022/2023-08.** 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 Mayor O’Mary to enter into an agreement with LaBella Associates to perform professional environmental consulting services.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to authorize Mayor O’Mary to enter into an agreement with LaBella Associates to perform professional environmental consulting services.

**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 sign the FY2023 Nutrition Agreement with Middle Alabama Area Agency on Aging.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Smith to authorize Mayor O’Mary to sign the FY2023 Nutrition Agreement with Middle Alabama Area Agency on Aging.

**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 McGehee Engineering Corp. to conduct a preliminary traffic study for the area around Sherer Auditorium.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Smith to authorize Mayor O’Mary to enter into an agreement with McGehee Engineering Corp. to conduct a preliminary traffic study for the area around Sherer Auditorium.

**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 authorizing Mayor O’Mary to negotiate the purchase of property in the downtown area.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to authorize Mayor O’Mary to negotiate the purchase of property in the downtown area.

**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 award the bid for paving in the area around TAP V sidewalk project.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Gambrell, seconded by Councilmember Short to award the bid for paving in the area around TAP V sidewalk project to the lowest bidder, Central Alabama Asphalt.

**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.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell 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

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

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Gambrell, seconded by Councilmember Short 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

**Consider adoption of a Resolution to allow for a change in the paying of sick time benefits relative to insurance benefits.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Smith to adopt a Resolution to allow for a change in the paying of sick time benefits relative to insurance benefits.

**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 regulating charitable donation bins.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Moore to adopt an Ordinance regulating charitable donation bins.

**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 levying ad valorem taxes.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to adopt an Ordinance levying ad valorem taxes.

**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

**Comments:**

Councilmember Smith remarked how much she enjoyed going to recent downtown events - Family Fun Night as part of Jasper Eats, as well as Yoga on Main, which is free for the month of May thanks to sponsors. She announced that the "Play Like a Girl" exhibit opens today from 2-4 pm at the Bankhead House. She reminded everyone that Art in the Park is on Saturday.

Presiding Officer Cowen confirmed with Councilmember Moore that he would be ok with Lower Bros. Tennis Courts (the same company who will be resurfacing the Bevill courts) looking at the AP Howell and James A. Cox courts. Councilmember Moore agreed.

**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