

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD MAY 6, 2025**

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

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

**Absent:**

**Invocation:** Building Inspector Adam Bolton

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Jasper Police Captain David Mize

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell that the minutes of the regular meeting April 15, 2025, be approved.

**Vote**

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

**Consider amendments to the agenda.** There were two amendments to the agenda: 1) Consider approval for Mayor Cowen to enter into an agreement with Sain Associates for engineering inspection on the Phase 3 paving project in the amount of \$20,000, and 2) Consider adopting a Resolution to declare a 2008 Freightliner as unneeded (to be donated to the City of Dora).

**Consider approval of the agenda, including amendments.**

**Motion**

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

**Vote**

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Josh Gates	Yes

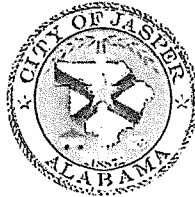
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith  
Presiding Officer Willie Moore, III

Yes  
Yes

**Recognize members of Jasper High School's Future Business Leaders of America.** Jasper High School Future Business Leaders of America Adviser Ronald Lane introduced several recent FBLA competition student winners. Mr. Lane and the students addressed the mayor and council to thank them for their support.

**Present a Proclamation for Water Safety Month.** Mayor Cowen read the Proclamation and presented it to Aquatics Director/Natatorium Manager Stacy Smothers.

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# PROCLAMATION

*Office of the Mayor of Jasper, Alabama*

*WHEREAS*, the month of May is designated as National Water Safety Month, a time to raise awareness about the importance of water safety and drowning prevention; and

*WHEREAS*, drowning is a leading cause of unintentional injury and death for children and adults; and


*WHEREAS*, the City of Jasper, Alabama, recognizes the need to educate its residents about water safety and to promote responsible behavior in and around water; and


*WHEREAS*, by working together, we can make our community a safer place for all to enjoy water activities.

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Gary Cowen, Mayor of the City of Jasper, Alabama, and on behalf of the Jasper City Council do hereby proclaim the month of May 2025 as **WATER SAFETY MONTH** in the City of Jasper, and encourage all residents to:

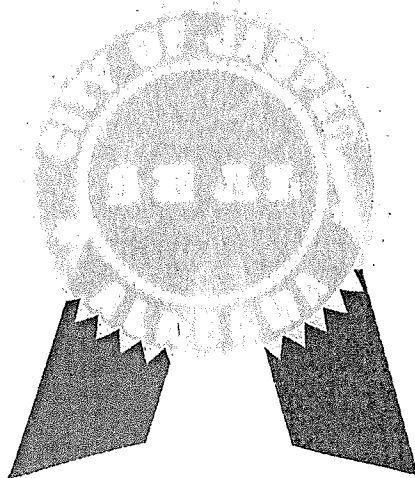
- Learn about water safety: Take swimming lessons, learn CPR and first aid, and familiarize yourself with local water safety resources;
- Supervise children closely and never leave children unattended near water, even for a moment;
- Be aware of your surroundings and pay attention to weather conditions, water depths, and potential hazards;
- Obey all signs and warnings, follow lifeguard instructions, and heed any posted safety guidelines;
- Plan ahead and before engaging in water activities, ensure you have the necessary equipment and knowledge; and
- Promote water safety awareness by sharing information with your family, friends, and neighbors about water safety tips and resources.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025.

  
Gary Cowen, Mayor

  
Attest: Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

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**Consider approval of an event permit for Hometown Heroes 5K Fun Run requested by Jasper Police Department to be held on May 17, 2025, at Gamble Park, and Community Softball Game requested by Jase Abrom to be held May 24, 2025, at A.P. Howell Park with a requested blockage on 25th St. W between Martin Luther King Jr Dr. and 3rd Ave.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Short to approve event permit for Hometown Heroes 5K Fun Run requested by Jasper Police Department to be held on May 17, 2025, at Gamble Park, and Community Softball Game requested by Jase Abrom to be held May 24, 2025, at A.P. Howell Park with a requested blockage on 25th St. W between Martin Luther King Jr Dr. and 3rd Ave.

**Vote**

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

**Receive report and consider a recommendation for Jail Medical Services Request for Proposals.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to award the bid for Jail Medical Services to Preemptive Forensic Health Solutions, the sole bidder.

**Vote**

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

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## RESOLUTION NO.: 2025 – 29

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama has given its permission to send bid invitations for Jail Medical Services,

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

BIDDERAMOUNT PER SERVICE CALL

- Preemptive Forensic Health Solutions \$60,000 per year

**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 Jail Medical Services be renewed under the same terms and pricing to Preemptive Forensic Health Solutions in the amount of \$60,000 per year.

ADOPTED THIS THE 6th DAY OF May, 2025.

ATTEST:

Kathy Chamber

Walter Morris  
Dean J. Sembrall  
[Signature]  
[Signature]  
Juan Brown Short

**Consider a request to send bids for a mobile home office unit for the Sanitation department.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Gates, seconded by Councilmember Smith to send bids for a mobile home office unit for the Sanitation department.

**Vote**

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

**Consider adoption of Budget Amendment #2024/25-16.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Short to adopt Budget Amendment #2024/25-16.

**Vote**

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

**Introduce Mid-Year Budget Amendment #2024/2025-17.** The Budget Amendment was introduced by the City Clerk and will be considered for approval at the next regular council meeting.

**Introduce Budget Amendment #2024/2025-18.** The Budget Amendment was introduced by the City Clerk and will be considered for approval at the next regular council meeting.

**Conduct a public hearing and consider adoption of a Resolution to set cost for Nuisance Abatement.** After a public hearing during which no comments were made, a motion was considered.

**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 Josh Gates	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Presiding Officer Willie Moore, III	Yes

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**RESOLUTION NO: 2025 - 30**

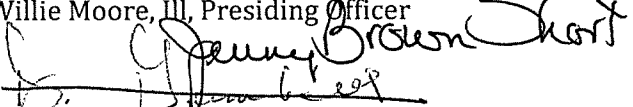
**WHEREAS**, the Jasper City Council has held a cost hearing on the abatement of nuisances on the following properties as presented in Exhibit "Cost Hearing Report 5/6/25" attached and made a part of this resolution;

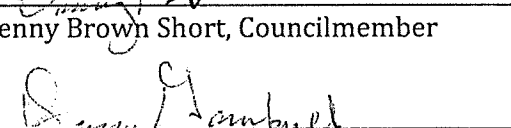
**WHEREAS**, the Jasper City Council has affixed the costs associated with and incurred by the City of Jasper, Alabama as presented in Exhibit "Cost Hearing Report 5/6/25" attached and made a part of this resolution.

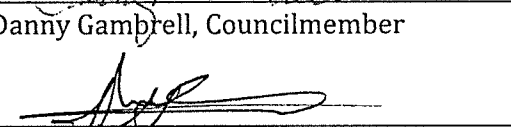
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Jasper City Council hereby adopts and approves the setting of said cost of abatement of said properties.

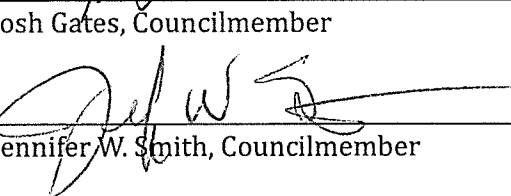
**ADOPTED** this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025.

  
 Willie Moore, III, Presiding Officer


  
 Jenny Brown Short, Councilmember

  
 Danny Gambrell, Councilmember

  
 Josh Gates, Councilmember

  
 Jennifer W. Smith, Councilmember

**ATTEST:**

  
 Kathy Chambless, City Clerk



**COST HEARING REPORT**  
**5/6/2025**

**2817 Florida Ave (Mary Bowers), District 5**

\$4,608.00	Removal of Unsafe Structure
25.00	Administrative Fees
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<b>\$4,633.00</b>	<b>Total</b>

**Consider adoption of a Resolution to authorize Mayor Cowen to execute an agreement to allow for drilling.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Gates, seconded by Councilmember Smith to adopt a Resolution to authorize Mayor Cowen to execute an agreement to allow for drilling.

**Vote**

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

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**RESOLUTION NO.: 2025 – 31**


**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, desires to perform subsurface exploration for geotechnical evaluation upon certain property; and

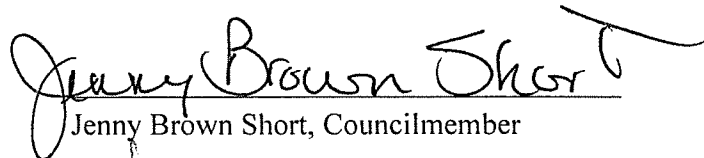
**WHEREAS**, Drummond Company, Inc. (DCI) is willing to give the City license to enter upon certain property for such purpose; and

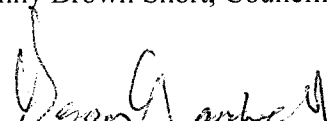
**WHEREAS**, the City of Jasper and DCI desire to enter into an Agreement under which DCI gives the City consent to enter upon certain property.

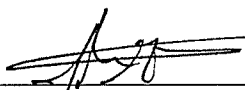
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, that Mayor Gary Cowen is hereby authorized to execute an agreement between the City of Jasper and Drummond Company, Inc.

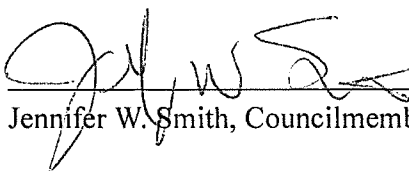
**ADOPTED** this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025.

  
Willie Moore, III, Presiding Officer


  
Jenny Brown Short, Councilmember

  
Danny Gambrell, Councilmember

  
Josh Gates, Councilmember

  
Jennifer W. Smith, Councilmember

**ATTEST:**

  
Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

**Consider authorizing Mayor Cowen to sign an addendum to an economic development agreement for Mar-Jac Poultry LLC.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Gates to authorize Mayor Cowen to sign an addendum to an economic development agreement for Mar-Jac Poultry LLC.

**Vote**

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

(See following pages)

RESOLUTION NO.: 2025 - 33  
**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
 CITY OF JASPER, ALABAMA**

This Resolution made on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025 (the "Effective Date"), by the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama (the "Granting Authority"), to grant a tax abatement to Mar-Jac Poultry AL, LLC (the "Company"):

WHEREAS, the Company has announced plans for a new project (the "Project") to be located within the city limits of the City of Jasper, Alabama, and within the jurisdiction of the Granting Authority; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Tax Incentive Reform Act of 1992 (§§40-9B-1, et seq., Code of Alabama (1975)) (the "Act"), Company has requested from Granting Authority an Abatement of all state and local noneducational ad valorem taxes, all construction-related transaction taxes, except those construction-related transaction taxes levied for educational purposes or for capital improvements for education, and/or all mortgage and recording taxes; and

WHEREAS, Company has requested that the abatement of state and local noneducation ad valorem taxes be extended for a period of ten (10) years, in accordance with the Act; and

WHEREAS, Granting Authority has considered the request of Company and the completed applications filed with Granting Authority by Company, in connection with the request; and

WHEREAS, Granting Authority finds the information contained in Company's application sufficient to permit Granting Authority to make a reasonable cost/benefit analysis of the Project and to determine the economic benefits which will inure to the community; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the Project will involve capital investment of \$47,500,000; and

WHEREAS, Company is duly qualified to do business in the State of Alabama, and has power to enter into, and to perform or observe, the agreements and covenants made by it in the Tax Abatement Agreement and/or Economic Development Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Granting Authority represents that it has all due power under the laws and Constitution of the State of Alabama and specifically the Act to carry out the provisions of the Tax Abatement Agreement;

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

Section 1. Approval is hereby given to the Application of Company and abatement is hereby granted of (a) all state and local noneducational ad valorem taxes; and (b) all construction-related transaction taxes, except those construction-related transaction taxes levied for educational purposes or for capital improvements for education, as the same may apply to the fullest extent permitted by the Act. The period of abatement for the noneducational ad valorem taxes shall extend

for a period of ten (10) years measured as provided in §40-9B-3(h) of the Act.

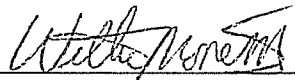
Section 2. The governing body of the Granting Authority, to-wit, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, is authorized to enter into an abatement agreement with Company to provide for the abatement granted in Section One, supra.

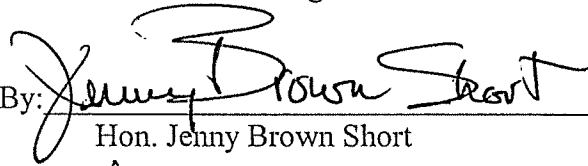
Section 3. A certified copy of this Resolution, with the application and abatement agreement, shall be forwarded to the Company for delivery to the appropriate local taxing authorities and to the Alabama Department of Revenue, in accordance with the Act.

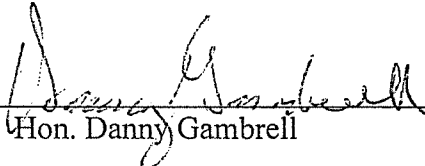
Section 4. The governing body of Granting Authority, to-wit, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, is authorized to take any and all actions necessary or desirable to accomplish the purposes of this Resolution.

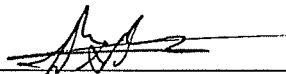
WHEREUNTO, we have set our hands and seals on this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025.

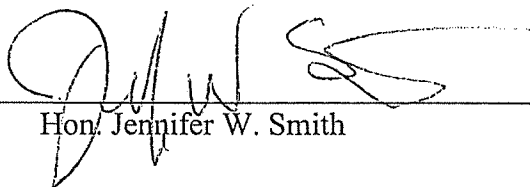
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER,  
ALABAMA

By:   
Hon. Willie Moore, III  
Council Presiding Officer


By:   
Hon. Jenny Brown Short

By:   
Hon. Danny Gambrell

By:   
Hon. Josh Gates

By:   
Hon. Jennifer W. Smith

ATTEST:

By:   
Hon. Kathy Chambless  
City Clerk

**Introduce an Ordinance rezoning 54 separate parcels from the MR (Municipal Reserve) Zoning District to the R-1 (Single Family Residence) or M-1 (Light Industrial) Zoning District to correct the Jasper zoning map.** The Ordinance was introduced by the City Planner and will be considered for adoption at a later council meeting.

**Introduce an Ordinance to amend and establish permit fees.** The Ordinance was introduced by the City Planner and will be considered for adoption at a later council meeting.

**Consider approval for Mayor Cowen to enter into an agreement with Sain Associates for engineering inspection on the Phase 3 paving project in the amount of \$20,000.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Smith to authorize Mayor Cowen to enter into an agreement with Sain Associates for engineering inspection on the Phase 3 paving project in the amount of \$20,000.

**Vote**

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

**Consider adoption of a Resolution to declare a 2008 Freightliner as unneeded (to be donated to the City of Dora).**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gates to adopt a Resolution to declare a 2008 Freightliner as unneeded (to be donated to the City of Dora).

**Vote**

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

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**RESOLUTION NO.: 2025 – 32**

**WHEREAS**, over the past few years, a Freightliner truck has become obsolete due to the purchase of newer items and age; and

**WHEREAS**, the Street Department is requesting authorization to sell, recycle, donate, and/or dispose of this item; using its discretion to determine manner of removal, resale value and the most effective marketplace for sale; and

**WHEREAS**, the Street Departments is requesting authorization to sell, recycle, donate, and/or dispose of the following unneeded/surplus item:

**2008 Freightliner  
1FVACYDT68HZ72265**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of City of Jasper, Alabama authorizes the City Purchasing Agent to sell, recycle, donate, and/or dispose of this item; using its discretion to determine manner of removal, resale value and the most effective marketplace for sale.

**ADOPTED THIS THE 6<sup>th</sup> DAY OF May, 2025 .**

**ATTEST:**

Walter C. Charles

Walter C. Charles  
Deputy Clerk  
[Signature]  
[Signature]  
[Signature]



**Comments:** George Head addressed the mayor and council as a representative of the Lions Club. He gave a brief history of the Lions Club in Walker County and Jasper and expressed his desire to once again start a Lions Club in Jasper after the previous Lions Club chapter ceased operations in 2022. He would like help to get 20 members to start a club.

Mayor Cowen thanked Kathy, Council, and Department Heads for working well together and for working hard to stay on budget.

Councilmember Smith reminded everyone that Art in the Park is on Saturday, May 10 at Gamble Park.

**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
Councilmember Josh Gates	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Presiding Officer Willie Moore, III	Yes

10:31 a.m. – Meeting adjourned.

A P P R O V E D:

  
 Willie Moore, III, Presiding Officer

A T T E S T:

  
Kathy Chambliss, City Clerk/Administrator