

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD MAY 20, 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:** Assistant Police Chief Daryl Atkins

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Assistant Street Superintendent Billy Wade

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell that the minutes of the regular meeting May 6, 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 no amendments.

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

**Conduct a public hearing and consider approval of a Restaurant Retail Liquor License, for on premise consumption for Eva and Co LLC d/b/a Buenavista Mexican Grill, located at 2201 Hwy 78 East. After a public hearing during which no comments were made, a motion was considered.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to approve a Restaurant Retail Liquor License, for on premise consumption for Eva and Co LLC d/b/a Buenavista Mexican Grill, located at 2201 Hwy 78 East.

**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 Mid-Year Budget Amendment #2024/25-17.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Gates, seconded by Councilmember Short to adopt Mid-Year Budget Amendment #2024/25-17.

**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 #2024/25-18.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to adopt Budget Amendment #2024/25-18.

**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 Budget Amendment #2024/2025-19.** 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 Gates 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

(See following pages)


**RESOLUTION NO.: 2025 - 34**

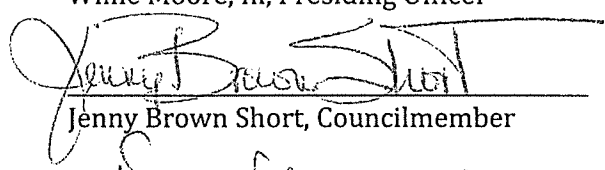
**WHEREAS,** the Jasper City Council has held a cost hearing on the abatement of nuisances on the following properties as presented in Exhibit "Cost Hearing Report 5/20/25" attached and made a part of this resolution;

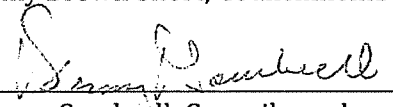
**WHEREAS,** the Jasper City Council has affixed the costs associated with and incurred by the City of Jasper, Alabama as presented in Exhibit "Cost Hearing Report 5/20/25" attached and made a part of this resolution.

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

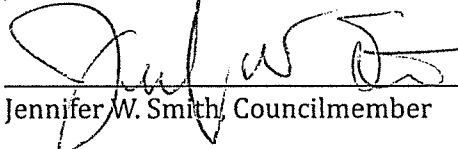
**ADOPTED** this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025.

  
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**  
**5/20/2025**

**1604 Jones Dairy Road (Carla Blaylock Hall), District 1**

\$7,000.00	Removal of Unsafe Structure
<u>25.00</u>	Administrative Fees
<b>\$7,025.00</b>	<b>Total</b>

**1700 Jones Dairy Road (Carla Blaylock Hall), District 1**

\$3,364.00	Removal of Unsafe Structure
<u>25.00</u>	Administrative Fees
<b>\$3,389.00</b>	<b>Total</b>

**Introduce the Alabama Fiber Network Franchise Agreement.** The City Clerk introduced the Alabama Fiber Network Franchise Agreement. Approval of this agreement will be considered at the next regular council meeting.

**Consider adoption of a Resolution to authorize Mayor Cowen to execute an agreement with Birmingham Engineering and Construction Consultants, Inc. 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 with Birmingham Engineering and Construction Consultants, Inc. 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 – 35**

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

**WHEREAS**, Birmingham Engineering and Construction Consultants, Inc. (BECC) has submitted a proposal to provide such services; and

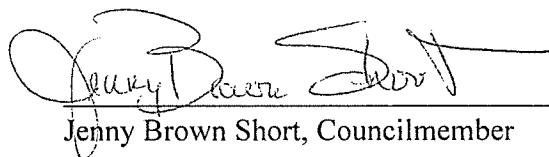
**WHEREAS**, the City of Jasper and BECC desire to enter into an Agreement under which BECC is to provide subsurface exploration and geotechnical engineering evaluation performed upon certain property.

**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 Birmingham Engineering and Construction Consultants, Inc. (BECC).

**ADOPTED** this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025.



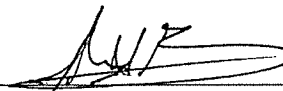
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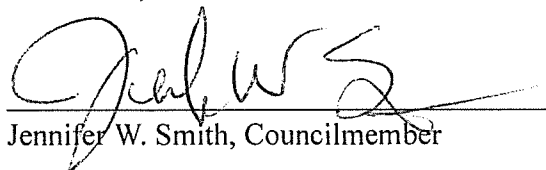
Jenny Brown Short, Councilmember



Danny Gambrell, Councilmember




Josh Gates, Councilmember



Jennifer W. Smith, Councilmember

**ATTEST:**



Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

**Consider adoption of a Resolution to authorize Mayor Cowen to enter into an agreement with McGehee Engineering Corp. to perform surveying and civil design work for parking improvements and additions at the new City Hall.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to adopt a Resolution to authorize Mayor Cowen to execute an agreement with McGehee Engineering Corp. to perform surveying and civil design work for parking improvements and additions at the new City Hall.

**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 – 36**

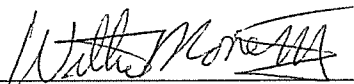
**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, desires to have parking renovations, improvements, and additions to the new City Hall located next to 1707 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue; and

**WHEREAS**, McGehee Engineering Corp. has submitted a proposal to provide such services; and

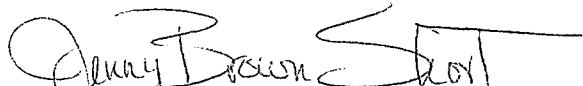
**WHEREAS**, the City of Jasper and McGehee Engineering Corp. desire to enter into an Agreement under which McGehee Engineering Corp. is to perform parking renovations, improvements, and additions to the new City Hall parking lot and areas surrounding and adjacent to the building.

**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 McGehee Engineering Corp.

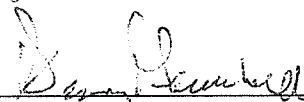
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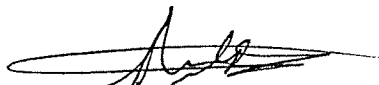
Willie Moore, III, Presiding Officer



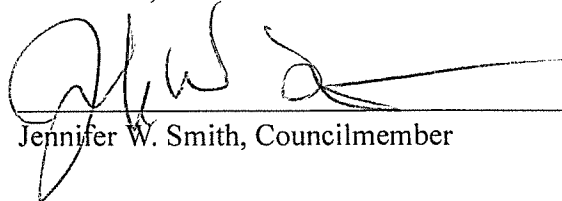
Jenny Brown Short, Councilmember



Danny Gambrell, Councilmember



Josh Gates, Councilmember



Jennifer W. Smith, Councilmember

**ATTEST:**



Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

**Introduce an economic incentive for the Heman Drummond Center of Innovation.** City Attorney Russ Robertson asked the council to set a public hearing for June 3, 2025, in regard to the proposed Development Agreement between Walker Area Community Foundation and the City of Jasper.

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Gates, seconded by Councilmember Short to adopt a Resolution to set a public hearing for June 3, 2025, to consider granting economic assistance to the Walker Area Community Foundation for the Heman Drummond Center of Innovation project.

**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. 2025-37

## RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, ALABAMA

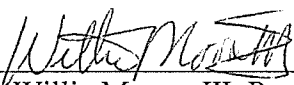
WHEREAS, the City of Jasper, Alabama, has been presented with an economic development proposal, and that it will receive an Application for Economic Development Assistance from the Walker Area Community Foundation relative to the proposed renovation of an industrial facility, to house an industrial training facility, located in the Tom Bevill Industrial Park in the City of Jasper, Alabama; and

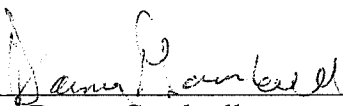
WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, believes that it is in the best interests of the City of Jasper, Alabama, to consider said proposal, and to consider whether to grant said Application; and

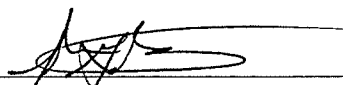
WHEREAS, the City must enact a Resolution setting a public hearing on the consideration of the Application;

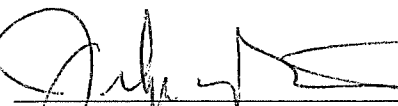
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, shall conduct a public hearing in regard to the proposed Development Agreement between the City of Jasper, Alabama, and the Walker Area Community Foundation. Said public hearing shall occur at the time of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, to-wit, at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 3, 2025.

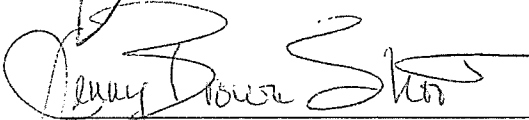
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
JASPER, ALABAMA

  
Hon. Willie Moore, III, Presiding Officer

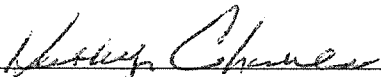
  
Hon. Danny Gambrell

  
Hon. Josh Gates

  
Hon. Jennifer Smith

  
Hon. Jenny Brown Short

ATTEST:

  
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Hon. Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

APPROVED:

  
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Hon. Gary Cowen, Mayor

**Consider authorizing Mayor Cowen to sign a Resolution and an addendum to an economic development agreement for Mar-Jac Poultry LLC.** City Attorney Russ Robertson asked the council to wait to consider action on approval of a Resolution and an amended agreement until the June 3, 2025, council meeting.

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to table action on approval of a Resolution and an amended agreement until the June 3 council 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

**Consider adoption of a Resolution for nuisance abatement for grass/weeds.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to adopt a Resolution for nuisance abatement for grass/weeds.

**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 – 38**

**WHEREAS**, the Jasper City Council finds a nuisance for grass/weeds exists at:

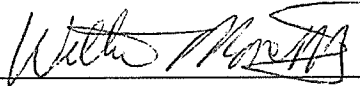
1. 405 Ridge Rd., Karle E. Legg, District 1

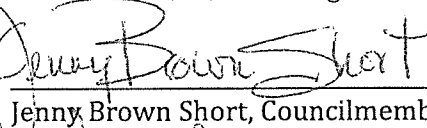
pursuant to ORD. 2001-718-A; and


**WHEREAS**, the Jasper City Council finds that the abatement of said nuisances should be taken.


**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Jasper City Council hereby approves the abatement of said nuisances.

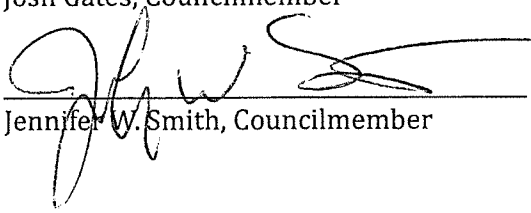
**DONE and ADOPTED** this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025.

  
Willie Moore, III, Presiding Officer

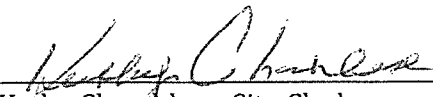
  
Jenny Brown Short, Councilmember

  
Danny Gambrell, Councilmember

  
Josh Gates, Councilmember

  
Jennifer W. Smith, Councilmember

**ATTEST:**

  
Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

**Consider adoption of 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.** After a public hearing during which no comments were made, a motion was considered.

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Gates to adopt 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.

**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)

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF JASPER, ALABAMA

Ordinance No.: 2025 – 06

TO AMEND THE CITY OF JASPER ZONING ORDINANCE

Be it hereby Ordained by the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, as follows:

Section 1. That the Jasper Zoning Map as described in Article II, Sections 30-32, of the Jasper Zoning Ordinance, which was adopted by the City Council of the City of Jasper on or about January 2, 1990, and amended, inter alia, and further amended April 1, 2003, be and is hereby amended by the rezoning or redistricting of the parcel(s) of land hereinafter described so as to change such parcel(s) from one class or district to another class or district, to wit:

From MR (Municipal Reserve) to R-1 (Single Family Residence District) Zoning District or M-1 (Light Industrial District) Zoning District.

Section 2. Said parcels are described as follows:

Parcels # 64-09-07-36-0-000-017.000, 64-09-07-36-0-000-017.002, 64-09-07-36-0-000-032.000, 64-09-07-36-0-000-032.001, 64-09-07-36-0-000-032.002, 64-09-07-36-0-000-033.000, 64-09-07-36-0-000-033.002, 64-09-07-36-0-000-034.001, 64-10-05-15-0-000-030.002, 64-10-05-15-0-000-030.003, 64-10-05-15-0-000-030.006, 64-10-05-15-0-000-030.007, 64-10-05-15-0-000-047.000, 64-10-05-15-0-000-056.001, 64-10-05-15-0-000-093.000, 64-10-05-15-0-000-093.001, 64-10-05-16-0-000-021.000, 64-10-05-16-0-000-023.000, 64-10-05-16-0-000-024.000, 64-10-05-16-0-000-024.001, 64-10-05-21-0-000-001.000, 64-10-05-21-0-000-003.002, 64-10-05-21-0-000-026.000, 64-10-05-21-0-000-033.001, 64-10-05-21-0-000-033.002, 64-10-05-21-0-000-052.000, 64-10-05-21-0-000-052.001, 64-10-05-21-0-000-054.000, 64-10-05-21-0-000-055.000, 64-10-05-21-0-000-074.002, 64-10-05-21-0-000-076.013, 64-10-05-21-0-000-076.018, 64-10-05-21-0-000-076.019, 64-10-05-22-0-000-005.000, 64-10-05-22-0-000-006.000, 64-10-05-22-0-000-007.000, 64-10-05-22-0-000-009.000, 64-10-05-22-0-000-010.000, 64-10-05-22-0-000-010.001, 64-10-05-22-0-000-011.000, 64-10-05-22-0-000-012.000, 64-10-05-22-0-000-013.000, 64-10-05-22-0-000-014.000, 64-10-05-22-0-000-015.000, 64-10-05-22-0-000-016.000, 64-10-05-22-0-000-017.000, 64-10-05-22-0-000-018.000, 64-10-05-22-0-000-019.000, 64-10-05-22-0-000-020.000, 64-10-05-22-0-000-021.000, 64-10-05-22-0-000-

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Section 3. This ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and publication in the manner required by law.

ADOPTED this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025.

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF JASPER, ALABAMA

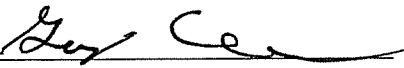
By: 

Hon. Willie Moore, III

Presiding Officer

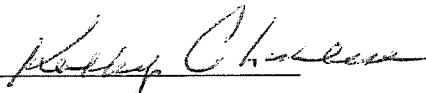
APPROVED/VETO

ATTEST:

By: 

Hon. Gary Cowen

Mayor

By: 

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 the next regular council meeting.

**Recognize Mayor Cowen to give notice of a municipal election to be held August 26, 2025, and runoff election to be held September 23, 2025.** Mayor Cowen read the Notice of Election of Municipal Officers aloud.

(See following page)



## NOTICE OF ELECTION OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS FOR THE CITY OF JASPER, ALABAMA

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, August 26, 2025, an election for the purpose of electing a Mayor, Councilmember for District One, Councilmember for District Two, Councilmember for District Three, Councilmember for District Four, and Councilmember for District Five, and other officers as pursuant to duly enacted law or ordinance, or any or all of the officers, are to be elected for the City of Jasper, Alabama will be held, and that all registered and qualified electors of the State who have resided within the corporate limits of Jasper, Alabama, and who have resided therein for thirty (30) days or more immediately preceding the date of the election, and who are qualified to vote in the County precinct which embraces and covers that part of the corporate limits of the city in which the elector resides, will be authorized to participate in the election.

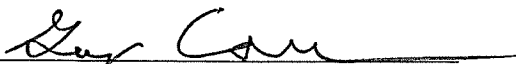
In the event no candidate for a position receives a majority of votes cast for an office, a second or runoff election shall be held on Tuesday, September 23, 2025. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All districts will vote at the following location:

Jasper Civic Center located at 204 19<sup>th</sup> Street East, Jasper, Alabama


Any qualified elector who will have resided within the municipality for a period of at least 90 days on Election Day may qualify to run for office by filing the appropriate forms with the Jasper City Clerk and paying any appropriate fees as set by Ordinance No. 1992-333 (\$50.00 Mayor and Councilmembers).

**Qualifying begins on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. Qualifying shall end at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 24, 2025.**


THIS the 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Gary Cowen, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

I, Kathy Chambless, City Clerk, City of Jasper, Alabama, do hereby certify that the foregoing notice was published in the *Daily Mountain Eagle* on the 22 day May, 2025.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

**Comments:** Aquatics Director/Natatorium Manager Stacy Smothers thanked Mayor Cowen and the council for the portable lift and Councilmember Short for an aquatic wheelchair, and Jessica Cook for working on purchase orders while all departments are in the process of getting access to the purchase order software.

Dora Mayor Hezekiah Walker thanked Mayor Cowen and the council for donating a brush truck to the city of Dora.

Councilmember Smith welcomed Sadie from DreamFit and announced that she will continue to represent the City of Jasper on the Alabama League of Municipalities' (ALM) Fourth Congressional District Board of Directors and on the ALM State and Federal Legislative Committee.

**Consider adjournment of the meeting.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Gates, seconded by Councilmember Short 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

10:21 a.m. – Meeting adjourned.

A P P R O V E D:

  
 Willie Moore, III, Presiding Officer

A T T E S T:

  
 Kathy Chambless, City Clerk/Administrator