

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD JUNE 7, 2022**

10:00 a.m. - The meeting was called to order by Presiding Officer Gary Cowen in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 400 19th 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, and City Attorney Russell B. Robertson

Absent:

Invocation: City Planner Brent McCarver

Pledge of Allegiance: Police Captain David Mize

Approval of Minutes:

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Gambrell, seconded by Councilmember Moore that the minutes of the regular meeting held May 17, 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 is one amendment to the agenda: Consider adoption of a Resolution to authorize Mayor O'Mary to enter into an agreement with McGehee Engineering Corp. to conduct phase II of the traffic study for the area around Sherer Auditorium.

Consider approval of the agenda.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, 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

Consider approval of event permits for 1) Free Senior Citizen Walk/Meet & Greet for AHEC, June 25, 2022, at Gamble Park, and 2) 4th and Que for WACF Fundraiser by Jasper Main Street, July 16, 2022, Tallulah Brewing – 4th Avenue between 18th and 19th Street.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Short to approve event permits for Free Senior Citizen Walk/Meet & Greet for AHEC, June 25, 2022, at Gamble Park, and 4th and Que for WACF Fundraiser by Jasper Main Street, July 16, 2022, Tallulah Brewing – 4th Avenue between 18th and 19th Street.

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 send out bid invitations for 1) Phase 1 Paving Project, and 2) a used commercial garbage truck.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to approve sending out bid invitations for the Phase 1 Paving Project, and a used commercial garbage truck.

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 purchase turnout gear for the Fire Department.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Short to approve the purchase of turnout gear for the Fire Department.

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

Receive report on bids for the following:

- a) **Tires, Tubes & Services**
- b) **Emergency Vehicle Light Package**

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to receive the report of the Purchasing Agent and to adopt Resolutions awarding the contracts for Tires, Tubes & Services to Southern Tire Mart, and Emergency Vehicle Light Package to Jackson Communications LLC.

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 recommendation to award bids to the next lowest bidder for grounds maintenance at North Jasper Park and Gay Reed cemetery.**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Short to award bids to the next lowest bidder for grounds maintenance at North Jasper Park to Premiere Lawn Services, LLC and Gay Reed cemetery to Apex Lawn 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 declare a bucket truck as surplus property unneeded.**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to declare a 1997 Ford bucket truck as 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 a request for approval of overnight travel for the City Attorney to attend the CLE Seminar – Alabama Association of Municipal Attorneys Fall Law Conference in September.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Smith to approve overnight travel for the City Attorney to attend the CLE Seminar – Alabama Association of Municipal Attorneys Fall Law Conference in September.

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 #2021/2022-09.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Gambrell, seconded by Councilmember Short to adopt Budget Amendment #2021/2022-09.

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 #2021/2022-10. The budget amendment was introduced by the City Clerk and will be considered at the next council meeting.

Consider adoption of a Resolution to set cost for nuisance abatement at the NW corner of Florida Ave & 26th Street East for overgrown grass/weeds.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Smith 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 a Resolution to set cost for nuisance abatement at 1300 10th Ave for removal of an unsafe structure.

Motion

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

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Moore to adopt a Resolution to authorize Mayor O’Mary to enter into an agreement with McGehee Engineering Corp. to conduct phase II of the 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 adoption of a Resolution to authorize Mayor O’Mary to enter into an agreement with Nelson Engineering for engineering services for the 19th Street CDBG Neighborhood Improvement project.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Short to authorize Mayor O’Mary to enter into an agreement with Nelson Engineering for engineering services for the 19th Street CDBG Neighborhood Improvement project.

Vote

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

Consider adoption of a Resolution to authorize Mayor O’Mary to enter into an agreement with Alabama Department of Transportation for access management improvements, including turn lanes on SR-69 (US-78A) at Jones Dairy Road, Project #ATRP2-64-2022-291.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Smith to authorize Mayor O’Mary to enter into an agreement with Alabama Department of Transportation for access management improvements, including turn lanes on SR-69 (US-78A) at Jones Dairy Road, Project #ATRP2-64-2022-291.

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 Alabama State University to provide a redistricting plan.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Moore to authorize Mayor O’Mary to enter into an agreement with Alabama State University to provide a redistricting plan.

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 at 3266 North Walston Bridge Road.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Gambrell, seconded by Councilmember Short to adopt an Ordinance annexing a parcel of land located at 3266 North Walston Bridge 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 6.5 acre +- parcel(s) of land located at and near 1304 Old Birmingham Highway from the R-2 (Single Family Residential) Zoning District to the AG (Agricultural) Zoning District for the purpose of placing an accessory manufactured home. After a public hearing was conducted during which no comments were made, a motion was considered.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Smith to adopt an Ordinance rezoning 6.5 acre +- parcel(s) of land located at and near 1304 Old Birmingham Highway from the R-2 (Single Family Residential) Zoning District to the AG (Agricultural) Zoning District for the purpose of placing an accessory manufactured home.

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 30 acre +- parcel of land located at and near 2760 Highway 195 from the R-1 (Single Family Residential) Zoning District to the R-4C (Urban Dwelling Conditional) Zoning District for the purpose of developing a single-family residential subdivision. The condition being placed on the property is that only single-family residences will be constructed. After a public hearing was conducted during which no comments were made, a motion was considered.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Short to adopt an Ordinance rezoning a 30 acre +- parcel of land located at and near 2760 Highway 195 from the R-1 (Single Family Residential) Zoning District to the R-4C (Urban Dwelling Conditional) Zoning District for the purpose of developing a single-family residential subdivision. The condition being placed on the property is that only single-family residences will be constructed.

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 Sec.112 (B) of the Jasper Zoning Ordinance concerning district dimensional regulations.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to adopt an Ordinance amending Sec.112 (B) of the Jasper Zoning Ordinance concerning district dimensional regulations.

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:

Mayor O’Mary briefly discussed the increase in residential development in Jasper. The balance of development is a plus for the city.

Recognize a representative from Williams Blackstock Architects for a presentation on sports complex design. No representative was present due to a transportation issue.

Consider adjournment of the meeting.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell 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

10:26 a.m. – Meeting adjourned.

A P P R O V E D:

Gary Cowen, Presiding Officer

A T T E S T:

Kathy Chambless, City Clerk/Administrator