

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD JULY 1, 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 Danny Gambrell, Josh Gates, and Jennifer W. Smith, Mayor Gary Cowen, City Clerk/Administrator Kathy Chambless

**Absent:** Councilmember Jenny Brown Short and City Attorney Russ Robertson

**Invocation:** City Planner Brent McCarver

**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 June 17, 2025, be approved.

**Vote**

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Absent
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 was one amendment: Recognize Daphne McCain to request funding for Jasper Parks and Recreation 10U and 8U softball all-star teams to travel to the World Series.

**Consider approval of the agenda.**

**Motion**

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

**Vote**

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

**RESOLUTION NO: 2025 – 46**

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


1. 602 15<sup>th</sup> St W, Christian Tyler Wright, District 4
2. 1106 8<sup>th</sup> Ave, Terence Kiyoshi & Bridget Omori, District 4
3. 505 17<sup>th</sup> Ave, Darlene Faye McDonald, District 4
4. 18<sup>th</sup> Ave SW, Doris Baker, District 4
5. 607 W 7<sup>th</sup> St, GU LLC, District 4

pursuant to ORD. 2001-718-A; and

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

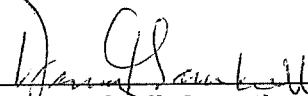
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Jasper City Council hereby approves the abatement of said nuisances.

**DONE and ADOPTED** this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July 2025.

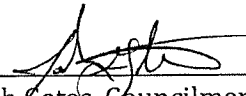


Willie Moore, III, Presiding Officer

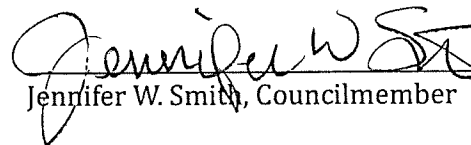
Jenny Brown Short, Councilmember



Danny Gambrell, Councilmember

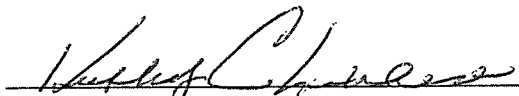


Josh Gates, Councilmember



Jennifer W. Smith, Councilmember

**ATTEST:**



Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

**Consider adoption of a Resolution for officers elected without opposition.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gates to adopt a Resolution for officers elected without opposition.

**Vote**

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

(See following pages)

**STATE OF ALABAMA****WALKER COUNTY****CITY OF JASPER****RESOLUTION NO. 2025 – 47**

WHEREAS, Sections 11-46-20 through 11-46-73 of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, provide for and regulate general and special elections in cities and towns of this state, except those cities and towns which have a commission form of government, and

WHEREAS, Section 11-46-43 of the Alabama Code of 1975 prohibits write-in candidates in elections held under Sections 11-46-20 through 11-46-73 of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, and

WHEREAS, Section 11-46-26 of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, provides that if only one person has filed a statement of candidacy or has been nominated for an office for an election to be held pursuant to Sections 11-46-20 through 11-46-73 of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, at the time the deadline for qualification has passed, then such person shall, for all purposes, be deemed elected to such office, and the mayor or other chief executive officer shall not cause the name of such person or the office for which his candidacy was declared to be printed on the ballot, but he shall immediately file a written statement with the governing body of the municipality, attested by the clerk, certifying the fact that only one person filed a statement of candidacy or was nominated for the office preceding the deadline set for an election of municipal officers of the municipality and setting forth the name of such person, and

WHEREAS, said Section 11-46-26, as amended, provides that the governing body of the municipality, after receiving such statement, shall adopt a resolution declaring the person named in the statement duly elected to the office described in the statement, and shall issue a Certificate of Election to such person, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City Jasper has filed a written statement with the governing body of the municipality, attested by the Clerk, certifying the fact that only one person filed a statement of candidacy for the office of Councilmember, District Three prior to the deadline and that the name of that person who filed such statement was Sam Watts.

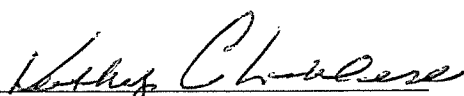
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Jasper of that Sam Watts be and he is hereby declared duly elected to the office of Councilmember, District Three in the City of Jasper for the term of office commencing on the first Monday in November, 2025, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the City of Jasper be and he hereby is directed to issue a certificate of election to Sam Watts for the office of Councilmember, District Three for such term pursuant to the provisions of Section 11-46-25, as amended.

ADOPTED THIS THE 1<sup>st</sup> DAY OF July, 2025.

  
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Willie Moore, III, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

  
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Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

**STATE OF ALABAMA****WALKER COUNTY****CITY OF JASPER****RESOLUTION NO. 2025 – 48**

WHEREAS, Sections 11-46-20 through 11-46-73 of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, provide for and regulate general and special elections in cities and towns of this state, except those cities and towns which have a commission form of government, and

WHEREAS, Section 11-46-43 of the Alabama Code of 1975 prohibits write-in candidates in elections held under Sections 11-46-20 through 11-46-73 of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, and

WHEREAS, Section 11-46-26 of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, provides that if only one person has filed a statement of candidacy or has been nominated for an office for an election to be held pursuant to Sections 11-46-20 through 11-46-73 of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, at the time the deadline for qualification has passed, then such person shall, for all purposes, be deemed elected to such office, and the mayor or other chief executive officer shall not cause the name of such person or the office for which his candidacy was declared to be printed on the ballot, but he shall immediately file a written statement with the governing body of the municipality, attested by the clerk, certifying the fact that only one person filed a statement of candidacy or was nominated for the office preceding the deadline set for an election of municipal officers of the municipality and setting forth the name of such person, and

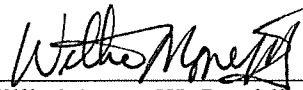
WHEREAS, said Section 11-46-26, as amended, provides that the governing body of the municipality, after receiving such statement, shall adopt a resolution declaring the person named in the statement duly elected to the office described in the statement, and shall issue a Certificate of Election to such person, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City Jasper has filed a written statement with the governing body of the municipality, attested by the Clerk, certifying the fact that only one person filed a statement of candidacy for the office of Councilmember, District Five prior to the deadline and that the name of that person who filed such statement was Willie Moore III.

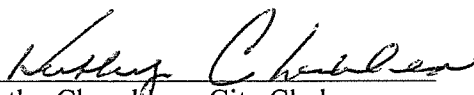
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Jasper of that Willie Moore III be and he is hereby declared duly elected to the office of Councilmember, District Five in the City of Jasper for the term of office commencing on the first Monday in November, 2025, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the City of Jasper be and he hereby is directed to issue a certificate of election to Willie Moore III for the office of Councilmember, District Five for such term pursuant to the provisions of Section 11-46-25, as amended.

ADOPTED THIS THE 1<sup>st</sup> DAY OF July, 2025.

  
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Willie Moore, III, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

  
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Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

**Present a Certificate of Election to Sam Watts and Willie Moore III.** Mayor Cowen presented a Certificate of Election to Sam Watts and Willie Moore, III, who both ran unopposed.

**Introduce an Ordinance rezoning 56 separate parcels from the MR (Municipal Reserve) Zoning District to the R-1 (Single Family Residence), R-4 (Urban Dwelling), B-2 (Community Service) or AG (Agricultural) Zoning District to correct the Jasper zoning map.** The Ordinance was introduced by the City Planner and will be considered at the next regular meeting.

**Recognize Daphne McCain to request funding for Jasper Parks and Recreation 10U and 8U softball all-star teams to travel to the World Series.** Councilmembers discussed donating out of their discretionary funds. No action was taken.

**Comments:** Mayor Cowen congratulated Councilmember Moore and Sam Watts. He also announced that this will likely be the last council meeting in the current City Hall. The next meeting is expected to be in the new City Hall (former Sherer Auditorium).

Presiding Officer Moore congratulated Sam Watts and welcomed him to the council. He also congratulated the Jasper Parks & Recreation girls softball teams.

Councilmember Smith invited everyone to DreamFit's 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration tomorrow at Swann Gym. She said hello to the Summer Adventures in Learning students watching the council meeting online. She also announced that John Earl and Jonathan Barton gave the city an oversized Baron's bat and helmet. The council decided to accept the donation.

**Consider accepting a Birmingham Baron's bat and helmet as a donation to the Parks & Recreation department from John Earl and Jonathan Barton.**

#### **Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gates to accept a Birmingham Baron's bat and helmet as a donation to the Parks & Recreation department from John Earl and Jonathan Barton.

#### **Vote**

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

**Consider adjournment of the meeting.**

#### **Motion**



Moved by Councilmember Gates, seconded by Councilmember Smith to adjourn the meeting.

**Vote**

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

10:18 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

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