

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD AUGUST 5, 2025**

10:00 a.m. - The meeting was called to order by Presiding Officer Willie Moore, III in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 121 17th 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, and City Attorney Russ Robertson

Absent:

Invocation: Lincoln Moody

Pledge of Allegiance: City Planner Brent McCarver

Approval of Minutes:

Motion

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

Consider approval of the agenda.

Motion

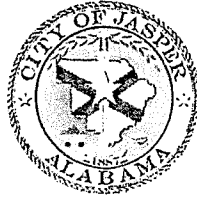
Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Gates that the agenda be approved.

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

Present a Proclamation for City Hall Selfie Day. Mayor Cowen read the proclamation aloud proclaiming August 12, 2025, City Hall Selfie Day.

(See following page)



PROCLAMATION

Office of the Mayor of Jasper, Alabama

WHEREAS, City Hall Selfie Day is a celebration of public service and civic pride, showcasing the vital role of local government in our daily lives; and

WHEREAS, this annual event, now celebrating its 10th anniversary, has engaged public servants and community members since its founding in 2016; and

WHEREAS, City Hall Selfie Day is organized by Engaging Local Government Leaders (ELGL), a professional association committed to supporting and connecting people who work in and with local government; and

WHEREAS, participants are encouraged to take selfies in front of city halls and government buildings to highlight the accessibility and importance of local government; and

WHEREAS, the use of the hashtag #CityHallSelfie and tagging ELGL on social media handles allows communities to connect, inspire civic engagement, and promote transparency and public trust; and

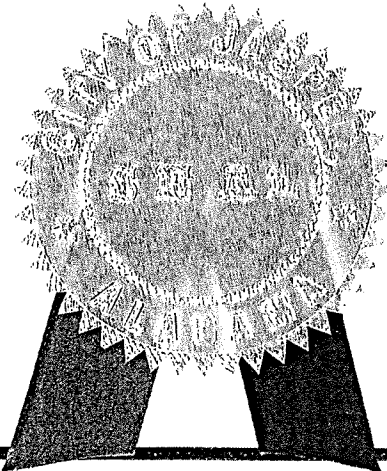
WHEREAS, we encourage all members of our community to participate in this fun and meaningful celebration by taking part in City Hall Selfie Day and showing their appreciation for the work of local public servants;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gary Cowen, Mayor of the City of Jasper, Alabama, and on behalf of the Jasper City Council do hereby proclaim August 12, 2025, as City Hall Selfie Day in the City of Jasper and encourage all residents, employees, and visitors to join in the celebration.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed this 5th day of August 2025.

Gary Cowen
Gary Cowen, Mayor

Walter Charles
Attest: City Council Meeting Minutes 8/5/2025
Walter Charles, City Clerk



Consider approval of event permits for the following:

- a) **Unity in the Community** requested by Ken Marbury to be held at A.P. Howell Park on August 9, 2025, with a requested blockage of a portion of 25th Street to MLK Drive.
- b) **POW/MIA Ceremony** requested by the Jasper VFW to be held at the Courthouse Square on September 19, 2025.
- c) **Veterans Day Parade** requested by the Jasper VFW to be held at the Courthouse Square with a procession route from T.R. Simmons School down 19th Street to 6th Ave and back to T.R. Simmons School along 18th Street on November 1, 2025.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to approve event permits for Unity in the Community, POW/MIA Ceremony, and a Veterans Day parade.

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 a request for permission to renew the following contracts under the same terms and pricing.

- a) **Demolition Services**
- b) **Pool Chemicals**
- c) **Concrete Ready Mix**
- d) **Dual Wall Polyethylene Pipe**

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to renew the contracts for demolition services, pool chemicals, concrete ready mix, and dual wall polyethylene pipe with Bolen Construction, Anders Pool & Spa, Brothers Concrete Supply, and J & G Culverts, respectively.

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 – 56

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama has previously awarded the contract for Demolition Services, which contained an option to renew at the same terms,

AND, WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama is desirous of exercising the option to renew with Bolen Construction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the contract be renewed at the same terms as previously stated for a third year.

ADOPTED THIS THE 5th DAY OF August, 2025.

Willie McNeill
Jimmy B. Short
Danny Bannard
[Signature]
[Signature]

ATTEST:

Kelley Chandler

RESOLUTION NO.: 2025 – 57

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama has previously awarded the contract for Pool Chemicals, which contained an option to renew at the same terms,

AND, WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama is desirous of exercising the option to renew with Anders Pool & Spa.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the contract be renewed at the same terms as previously stated for a third year.

ADOPTED THIS THE 5th DAY OF August, 2025.

Walter M. Smith
James B. Short
Johnny Hancock
[Signature]
John S.

ATTEST:

[Signature]

RESOLUTION NO.: 2025 – 58

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama has previously awarded the contract for Concrete Ready Mix, which contained an option to renew at the same terms,

AND, WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama is desirous of exercising the option to renew with Brothers Concrete Supply.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the contract be renewed at the same terms as previously stated for a third year.

ADOPTED THIS THE 5th DAY OF August, 2025.

Walter Moore
Jerry B. Short
Dawn Gumball
[Signature]
[Signature]

ATTEST:

Kathy Chambers

RESOLUTION NO.: 2025 – 59

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama has previously awarded the contract for **Dual Wall Polyethylene Pipe** which contained an option to renew at the same terms,

AND, WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama is desirous of exercising the option to renew with **J & G Culverts**.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the contract be renewed at the same terms as previously stated for a third year.

ADOPTED THIS THE 5th DAY OF August, 2025.

With Moore
James B. Skott
Dan P. ...
[Signature]
[Signature]

ATTEST:

[Signature]

Consider a request for permission to send bids for the following:

- a) **Inmate Food**
- b) **Tires, Tubes, and Services**

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Gates, seconded by Councilmember Smith to send bids for inmate food and tires, tubes, and services.

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 #2024/2025-22, by unanimous consent, for fencing panels, Wright Street, trailer, HVAC and surge protector for Natatorium, HVAC for Police Department, pickup truck for Street Department, and AEDs.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell that the rules be suspended and unanimous consent be given for immediate consideration of and action on said budget amendment.

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

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gates to approve Budget Amendment #2024/2025-22 for fencing panels, Wright Street, trailer, HVAC and surge protector for Natatorium, HVAC for Police Department, pickup truck for Street Department, and AEDs.

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 authorizing Mayor Cowen to enter into an agreement with the Walker County Commission for use of election machines leased by the Commission from Election Systems & Software in the municipal election on August 26, 2025.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Gates, seconded by Councilmember Short to adopt a Resolution to enter into an agreement with the Walker County Commission for use of election machines leased by the Commission from Election Systems & Software in the municipal election on August 26, 2025.

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 - 60

WHEREAS, the City of Jasper, Alabama, will hold a municipal election as required by law on August 26, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the City of Jasper, Alabama, desires to use the election machines and ExpressVote machines leased by the Walker County Commission from Election Systems & Software (ES&S); and

WHEREAS, the Walker County Commission is agreeable to allowing the City of Jasper to use said machines on the conditions and terms set forth in a shared agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, that Mayor Gary Cowen is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the Walker County Commission for use of election machines from ES&S leased by the Walker County Commission.

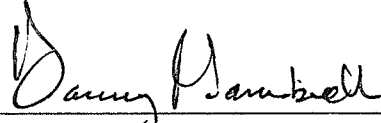
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Willie Moore, III, Presiding Officer



Jenny Brown Short, Councilmember



Danny Gambrell, Councilmember

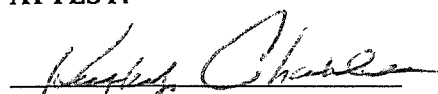


Josh Gates, Councilmember



Jennifer W. Smith, Councilmember

ATTEST:



Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

Consider authorizing the closure of 3rd Avenue South, between 19th and 20th Streets on September 30, 2025, and on October 28, 2025, if necessary, from 5:30 pm – 10:00 pm to enable Probate Judge A. Lee Tucker to utilize the Walker County Probate Office as the location for the return of election ballots and reporting of election returns for the House District 13 election.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to authorize the closure of 3rd Avenue South, between 19th and 20th Streets on September 30, 2025, and on October 28, 2025, if necessary, from 5:30 pm – 10:00 pm to enable Probate Judge A. Lee Tucker to utilize the Walker County Probate Office as the location for the return of election ballots and reporting of election returns for the House District 13 election.

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 authorizing the closure of 17th Street West between 1st and 2nd Avenues from 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm on August 7, 2025, for the City Hall Grand Opening.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gates to authorize the closure of 17th Street West between 1st and 2nd Avenues from 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm on August 7, 2025, for the City Hall Grand Opening.

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 authorizing Mayor Cowen to enter into a lighting services agreement with Alabama Power to provide outdoor LED lighting and maintenance at the Jasper Civic Center.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Gates to authorize Mayor Cowen to enter into a lighting services agreement with Alabama Power to provide outdoor LED lighting and maintenance at the Jasper Civic Center.

Vote

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Yes
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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 – 61

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, desires to upgrade the lighting at the Jasper Civic Center located at 204 19th Street East; and

WHEREAS, Alabama Power Company (APC), as the City’s electric service supplier, will perform the LED lighting upgrade at the above-stated property; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jasper and APC desire to enter into a Lighting Services Agreement.

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 Alabama Power Company.

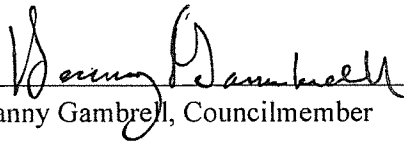
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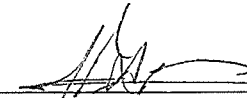
Willie Moore, III, Presiding Officer



Jenny Brown Short, Councilmember



Danny Gambrell, Councilmember



Josh Gates, Councilmember



Jennifer W. Smith, Councilmember

ATTEST:



Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

Consider adoption of a Resolution for nuisance abatement for unsafe structures.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Gates to adopt a Resolution for nuisance abatement for unsafe structures.

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 - 62

WHEREAS, the Jasper City Council finds a nuisance for unsafe structure exists at:


1. 801 S Walston Bridge Rd, Beth A. & Thomas Moon, District 1
2. 2611 Robinwood Dr, Thomas Barry & Beth B. Moon, District 2
3. 1200 9th Ave, Jack H. & Richard W. Hall, District 4
4. 604 23rd St W, Carl & Evelyn Howard, District 5
5. 2607 Corona Ave, Doris Jean Thomas James, District 5
6. 2609 Corona Ave, Doris Jean Thomas James, District 5

pursuant to ORD. 2001-718-A; and

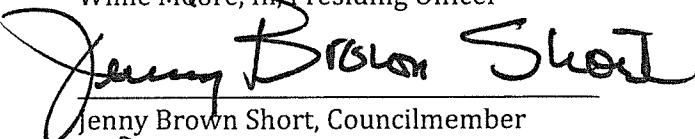
WHEREAS, the Jasper City Council finds that the abatement of said nuisances should be taken.

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

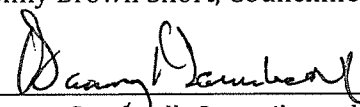
DONE and ADOPTED this the 5th day of August 2025.



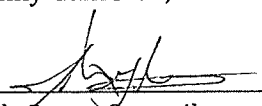
Willie Moore, III, Presiding Officer



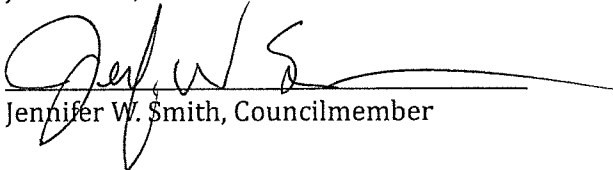
Jenny Brown Short, Councilmember



Danny Gambrell, Councilmember

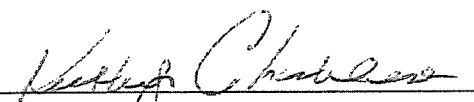


Josh Gates, Councilmember



Jennifer W. Smith, Councilmember

ATTEST:



Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

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

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Gates 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 - 63

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

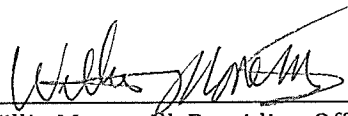
1. 302 Crest Circle, Grand Manor Holdings LLC, District 1
2. 1006 Shady Lane, Flagstar Bank NA, District 3
3. 1207 Airport Rd S, JRS Properties LLC, District 1
4. 1205 Airport Rd S, May 3 2004 LLC, District 1
5. 1502 7th Ave S, Cecil Taylor, District 5
6. 716 Elliott Blvd, Jent & Assoc. Properties LLC, District 4
7. 2309 Greenwood Circle, Myron T. Craig, District 5
8. 2201 Old Birmingham Hwy, Eric Christopher & Leslee Christine Carlson, District 5
9. 2107 Corona Ave, Dale W. Brown, District 5
10. 904 Robinson St., A.H. Shumaker, District 1
11. 701 4th Ave S, William E. Young Jr, District 4
12. 804 24th St, Damon & Eunice Beard, District 5
13. 2605 9th Ave, Anthony Dickerson, District 5
14. 1410 Hunters St, Lan Kim Thi Huynh, District 5
15. 1104 9th Ave, David M. & Michelle B. Pearson, District 4
16. 1102 Cherokee Rd, Roger McCauley, District 4
17. 711 4th Ave S, Teresia Hardin, District 4
18. 1206 Cherokee Rd, Jimmy Samuel & Toni Marie Gilliland, District 4
19. 2711 Corona Ave, Angelita Jackson, District 5

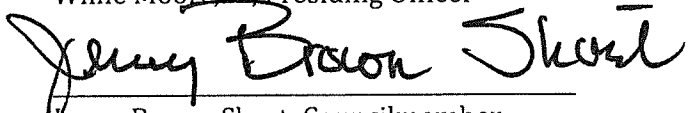
pursuant to ORD. 2001-718-A; and

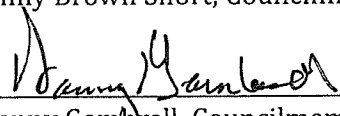
WHEREAS, the Jasper City Council finds that the abatement of said nuisances should be taken.


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

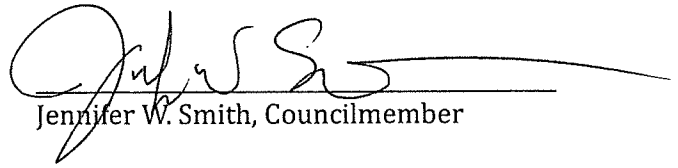
DONE and ADOPTED this the 5th day of August 2025.


 Willie Moore, III, Presiding Officer


 Jenny Brown Short, Councilmember



 Danny Gambrell, Councilmember


 Josh Gates, Councilmember



Jennifer W. Smith, Councilmember

ATTEST:



Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

Introduce an agreement related to the use of Young Jeweler’s parking lot for vendors during Foothills Festival. The city attorney introduced the agreement and proposed the terms of the agreement be two years. This agreement will be considered for approval at a subsequent council meeting.

Introduce an Ordinance to provide handicap accessible parking in the lot located directly behind the City Hall Annex for Foothills Festival. The city attorney introduced the ordinance to be considered at a subsequent council meeting.

Introduce an Ordinance rezoning 50 separate parcels from the MR (Municipal Reserve) Zoning District to the R-1 (Single Family Residence), B-T (Transition Business), B-2 (Community Service), B-4 (I-22 Business Corridor), M-2 (Heavy Industrial), M-3 (Industrial Park) or AG (Agricultural) Zoning District. The Ordinance was introduced by the City Planner and will be considered at the next regular meeting.

Presiding Officer Moore announced that the City Hall Grand Opening will be this Thursday, August 7, 2025, at 5:00 pm.

Comments: A citizen living at 1304 West 22nd Street asked to speak to Councilmember Moore after the meeting regarding damaged property due to water line installation.

Mayor Cowen noted that the 2025/2026 budget planning has begun.

Presiding Officer Moore announced that Ken Marbury wanted to express his thanks to the city for allowing his team to play baseball at A.P. Howell Park. They won the Birmingham Industrial League championship.

Consider adjournment of the meeting.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Gates, seconded by Councilmember Smith 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


10:26 a.m. – Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:



Willie Moore, III, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:



Kathy Chambless, City Clerk/Administrator

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