

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD AUGUST 25, 2026**

10:08 a.m. - The meeting was called to order by Acting Presiding Officer Jennifer W. Smith in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 121 17th Street West, Jasper.

Present: Acting Presiding Officer Jennifer W. Smith, Councilmembers Lincoln Moody and Willie Moore III, Mayor Josh Gates, City Clerk/Administrator Kathy Chambless, City Attorney Russ Robertson

Absent: Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short, Councilmember Sam Watts

Invocation: Police Chief J.C. Poe

Pledge of Allegiance: Fire Chief Chris Uptain

Approval of Minutes:

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Moody that the minutes of the regular meeting held August 4, 2026, be approved.

Vote

Councilmember Lincoln Moody	Yes
Councilmember Sam Watts	Absent
Acting Presiding Officer Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Absent

Consider amendments to the agenda. There were no amendments.

Consider approval of the agenda.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moody, seconded by Councilmember Moore that the agenda be approved.

Vote

Councilmember Lincoln Moody	Yes
Councilmember Sam Watts	Absent
Acting Presiding Officer Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Absent

Consider approval of an event permit for the 2026 Foothills 5K requested by Jasper High School XC and Track & Field Team to be held on September 12, 2026, at Jasper Civic Center parking lot (registration) and around downtown Jasper from 8:00 am – 10:00 am.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moody, seconded by Councilmember Moore to approve an event permit for the 2026 Foothills 5K.

Vote

Councilmember Lincoln Moody	Yes
Councilmember Sam Watts	Absent
Acting Presiding Officer Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Absent

Conduct a public hearing and consider approval of a Restaurant Retail Liquor License for on premise consumption for Zandk Enterprise Inc. d/b/a E Food Mart and Bayou Fresh Seafood located at 200 Highway 78 East. After a public hearing during which no comments were made, a motion was considered.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Moody to approve a Restaurant Retail Liquor License for on premise consumption for Zandk Enterprise Inc. d/b/a E Food Mart and Bayou Fresh Seafood located at 200 Highway 78 East.

Vote

Councilmember Lincoln Moody	Yes
Councilmember Sam Watts	Absent
Acting Presiding Officer Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Absent

Consider approval of funding, from Fund 209, for the purchase of a pothole patcher.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moody, seconded by Councilmember Moore to approve funding (from Fund 209) for the purchase of a pothole patcher for \$110,000.

Vote

Councilmember Lincoln Moody	Yes
Councilmember Sam Watts	Absent
Acting Presiding Officer Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Absent

Consider adoption of a resolution to authorize Mayor Gates to enter into a consulting and advisory services agreement with Capstone GEO.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Moody to adopt a resolution to authorize Mayor Gates to enter into a consulting and advisory services agreement to develop a Strategic Transportation Asset Management Plan and conduct a city-wide traffic study for \$59,700 with Capstone GEO.

Vote

Councilmember Lincoln Moody	Yes
Councilmember Sam Watts	Absent
Acting Presiding Officer Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Absent

(See following page).

RESOLUTION NO.: 2026 - 61

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, wishes to invest in a data-driven system for managing roads and transportation infrastructure; and

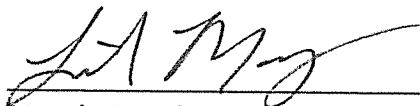
WHEREAS, the City Council desires to retain consulting and advisory services to develop a Strategic Transportation Asset Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jasper intends to enter into an agreement with Capstone Geo, LLC under which Capstone Geo will provide consulting and advisory services to develop a Strategic Transportation Asset Management Plan to develop reliable transportation infrastructure information, practical investment intelligence, and long-term framework for managing publicly maintained transportation assets.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, that Mayor Josh Gates is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Capstone Geo, LLC for consulting and advisory services.

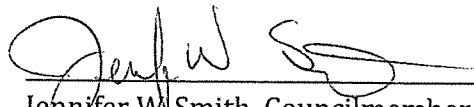
ADOPTED this the 25th day of August 2026.

Jenny Brown Short, Presiding Officer



Lincoln Moody, Councilmember

Sam Watts, Councilmember

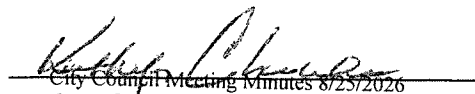


Jennifer W. Smith, Councilmember



Willie Moore III, Councilmember

ATTEST:



Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

Consider adoption of a resolution to approve the Jasper Housing Authority's acceptance of the transfer of the Parrish Housing Authority.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moody, seconded by Councilmember Moore to adopt a resolution to approve the Jasper Housing Authority's acceptance of the transfer of the Parrish Housing Authority.

Vote

Councilmember Lincoln Moody	Yes
Councilmember Sam Watts	Absent
Acting Presiding Officer Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Absent

(See following page)

RESOLUTION NO.: 2026 - 62

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority of the Town of Parrish has approved the voluntary transfer of the Parrish housing program budget authority, baseline units, and assets to the Housing Authority of the City of Jasper; and

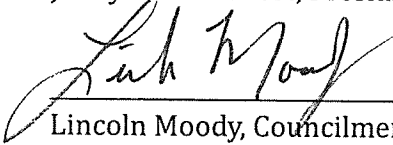
WHEREAS, the Housing Authority of the City of Jasper is willing to accept the transfer of said housing programs, to assume administrative and operational responsibility, and to ensure continuity of affordable housing services with the affected geographic area; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, desires to approve the transfer to the extent required by local and state enabling legislation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, that Mayor Josh Gates is hereby authorized to acknowledge and agree to the voluntary transfer of said housing program authority.

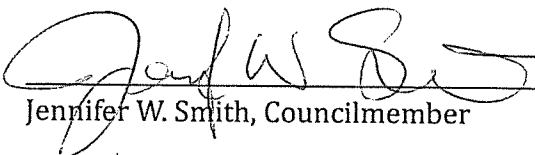
ADOPTED this the 25th day of August 2026.

Jenny Brown Short, Presiding Officer



Lincoln Moody, Councilmember

Sam Watts, Councilmember



Jennifer W. Smith, Councilmember



Willie Moore III, Councilmember

ATTEST:



Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

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 Moore, seconded by Councilmember Moody to adopt a resolution to set cost for nuisance abatement.

Vote

Councilmember Lincoln Moody	Yes
Councilmember Sam Watts	Absent
Acting Presiding Officer Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Absent

(See following pages)

RESOLUTION NO.: 2026 – 63

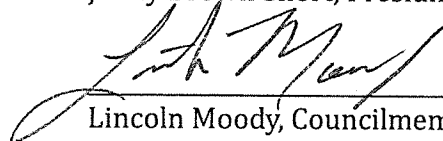
WHEREAS, the Jasper City Council has held a cost hearing on the abatement of nuisances on the following properties as presented in Exhibit "Cost Hearing Report 8/25/26" attached and made a part of this resolution; and

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 8/25/26" 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.

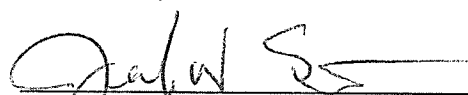
ADOPTED this the 25th day of August 2026.

Jenny Brown Short, Presiding Officer

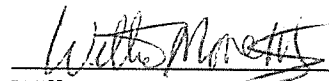


Lincoln Moody, Councilmember

Sam Watts, Councilmember

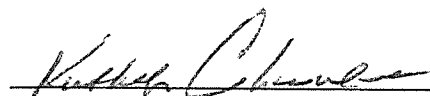


Jennifer W. Smith, Councilmember



Willie Moore III, Councilmember

ATTEST:



Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

COST HEARING REPORT
8/26/2026

**64-17-04-17-1-101-023.000 & 64-17-04-17-1-101-023.001 Williams Street (Worship
Life International), District 5**

\$ 975.00	Removal of Overgrown Grass and Weeds
<u>25.00</u>	Administrative Fees
\$1,000.00	Total

1608 Barker Street (Judy Blain), District 5

\$ 812.50	Removal of Overgrown Grass and Weeds
<u>25.00</u>	Administrative Fees
\$837.50	Total

64-17-03-08-4-000-046.000 Clarence Street (Carlene Boshell c/o James Boshell), District 4

\$ 812.50	Removal of Overgrown Grass and Weeds
<u>25.00</u>	Administrative Fees
\$837.50	Total

Consider adoption of a resolution for nuisance abatement for accumulation.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Moody to adopt a resolution for nuisance abatement for accumulation.

Vote

Councilmember Lincoln Moody	Yes
Councilmember Sam Watts	Absent
Acting Presiding Officer Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Absent

(See following page)

RESOLUTION NO: 2026 - 64

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

1. 401 Crest Circle (Parcel No. 64-17-02-09-4-401-031.000), Trinity Construction & Remodeling, LLC, District 1

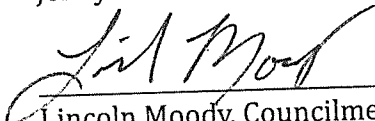
pursuant to ORD. 1963-19; and

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.

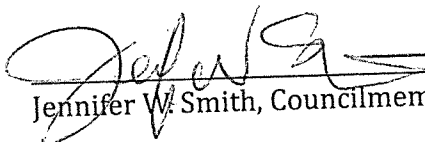
DONE and ADOPTED this the 4th day of August 2026.

Jenny Brown Short, Presiding Officer

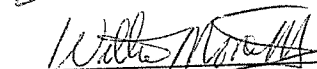


Lincoln Moody, Councilmember

Sam Watts, Councilmember

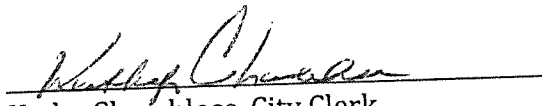


Jennifer W. Smith, Councilmember



Willie Moore III, Councilmember

ATTEST:



Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

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

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Moody to adopt a resolution for nuisance abatement for grass/weeds.

Vote

Councilmember Lincoln Moody	Yes
Councilmember Sam Watts	Absent
Acting Presiding Officer Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Absent

(See following page)

RESOLUTION NO: 2026 - 65

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

1. 2708 Gamble Avenue (Parcel No. 64-17-05-15-3-000-082.000), Knitter Neoma R, District 5
2. 2800 Gamble Ave (Parcel No. 64-17-05-15-3-000-079.000), Smith Elizabeth c/o Regina Finch, District 5

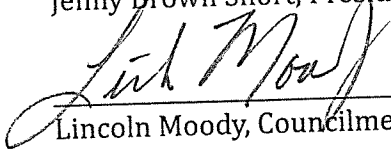
pursuant to ORD. 2001-718-A; and

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.

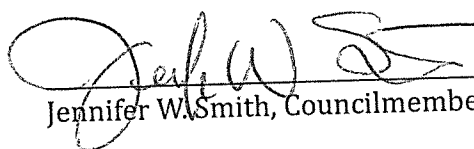
DONE and ADOPTED this the 25th day of August 2026.

Jenny Brown Short, Presiding Officer



Lincoln Moody, Councilmember

Sam Watts, Councilmember

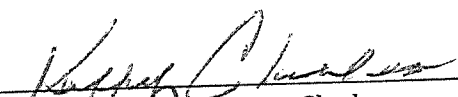


Jennifer W. Smith, Councilmember



Willie Moore III, Councilmember

ATTEST:



Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

Consider adoption of a resolution for unsafe structures.**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Moody to adopt a resolution for nuisance abatement for unsafe structures.

Vote

Councilmember Lincoln Moody	Yes
Councilmember Sam Watts	Absent
Acting Presiding Officer Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Absent

(See following page)

RESOLUTION NO: 2026 - 66

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

1. 305 Crest Circle (Parcel No. 64-17-02-09-4-401-049.000), Terry Dewayne & Wilburn T Self, District 1
2. A Street East (Parcel No. 64-17-05-15-3-000-002.000), Perez Petrona & Jose Bernardo Ponce A, District 5
3. 1321 Vineland Drive (Parcel No. 64-17-04-17-4-000-098.004), Alexander Brittney, District 5
4. 2804 Calumet Road (Parcel No. 64-17-04-17-4-000-098.023), Gosha Danielle Palmore, District 5

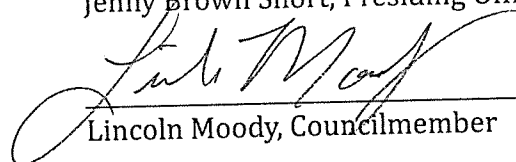
pursuant to ORD. 2001-718-A; and

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.

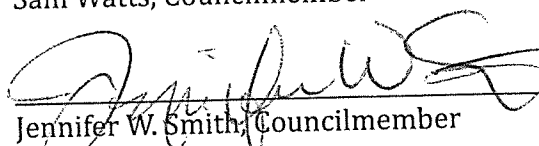
DONE and ADOPTED this the 25th day of August 2026.

Jenny Brown Short, Presiding Officer

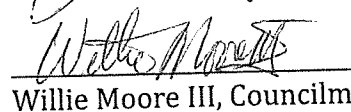


Lincoln Moody, Councilmember

Sam Watts, Councilmember

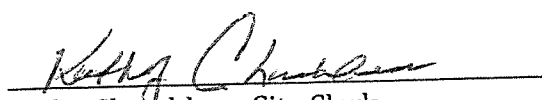


Jennifer W. Smith, Councilmember



Willie Moore III, Councilmember

ATTEST:



Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

Consider adoption of an ordinance, by unanimous consent, to amend the lodging tax ordinance.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moody, seconded by Councilmember Moore that the rules be suspended and unanimous consent be given for immediate consideration of and action on said ordinance.

Vote

Councilmember Lincoln Moody	Yes
Councilmember Sam Watts	Absent
Acting Presiding Officer Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Absent

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moody, seconded by Councilmember Moore to adopt an ordinance to amend the lodging tax ordinance.

Vote

Councilmember Lincoln Moody	Yes
Councilmember Sam Watts	Absent
Acting Presiding Officer Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Absent

(See following pages)

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – 16

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LODGING TAX IN THE CITY OF JASPER, ALABAMA

WHEREAS, the Jasper City Council desires to allocate certain portions of its Lodging Tax to provide for Industrial and Retail Development; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 2010-01, dated January 19, 2010, provided a distribution of the Lodging Tax.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, that the following section of the Code of Ordinances be amended as follows:

Delete the following section:

Sec. 6-91. License tax imposed; amount.

There is hereby imposed, levied and assessed against every person engaged in the business of operating hotels, motels, tourist courts, tourist cabins, lodging houses and rooming houses renting to transients, in addition to all license taxes heretofore imposed and now existing against them, an additional license tax equal to six (6) per cent of the gross income received by each such person from the renting of same within the corporate limits of the city. The six (6) per cent lodging tax that is collected by the city shall be allocated as follows: Thirty (30) per cent to the Chamber of Commerce of Walker County, in satisfaction of a contractual obligation of the city to said entity, and the remainder to the Industrial Development Board of the City of Jasper, Alabama, each of such foregoing sums to be determined after payment of the costs of collection and administration.

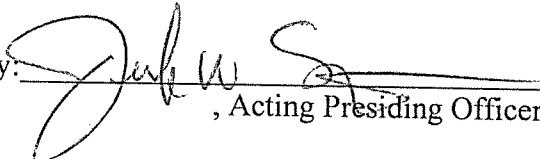
Add the following section:

Section 6-91. License tax imposed; amount.

There is hereby imposed, levied and assessed against every person engaged in the business of operating hotels, motels, tourist courts, tourist cabins, lodging houses and rooming houses renting to transients, in addition to all license taxes heretofore imposed and now existing against them, an additional license tax equal to six (6) per cent of the gross income received by each such person from the renting of same within the corporate limits of the city. The six (6) per cent lodging tax that is collected by the city shall be allocated on an annual basis as follows: the Chamber of Commerce of Walker County \$123,700, the Walker County Industrial Development Board \$200,000, in satisfaction of a contractual obligation of the city to said entities, and the Industrial Development Board of the City of Jasper, Alabama, \$88,650.

ADOPTED this the 25 day of August, 2026.

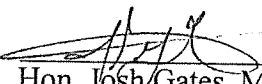
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
JASPER, ALABAMA

By: , Acting Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

APPROVED/VETOED


Hon. Kathy Chambless, City Clerk


Hon. Josh Gates, Mayor

Introduce an ordinance rezoning a 4.0 acre+- parcel of land located at 2700 Tate Rd, parcel # 64-10-06-24-0-000-018.003 from the temporary MR (Municipal Reserve) Zoning District to the permanent AG (Agricultural) Zoning District to apply permanent zoning to a newly annexed parcel. (District 2)
The ordinance was introduced by the Planning & Zoning Coordinator to be considered for approval at the next regular council meeting.

Introduce an ordinance rezoning a 4.4 acre+- parcel of land, parcel # 64-10-06-24-0-000-018.000 from the temporary MR (Municipal Reserve) Zoning District to the permanent AG (Agricultural) Zoning District to apply permanent zoning to a newly annexed parcel. (District 2) The ordinance was introduced by the Planning & Zoning Coordinator to be considered for approval at the next regular council meeting.

Comments: Resident Wanda Howard requested an update on overgrown property located at 604 27th Street West and 2604 Martin Luther Kind Dr. She briefly spoke to Building Inspector Adam Bolton.

Mayor Gates recognized several Jasper Police Officers who were recently promoted. Officer Jeremiah Alexander was promoted to Captain, Officer Ryan Brewer was promoted to Sergeant, and Officer Octavious Dockery was promoted to Sergeant. He then recognized Hope Kilgore, Joshua Dotson, and Kent Hall with the Street Department who have been working throughout the summer to maintain and enhance the appearance of the community with work on crosswalks and rights-of-way, among other projects.

Councilmember Moore announced that there will be a District 5 citizens meeting on September 24, 2026, at City Hall at 5:00 p.m.

Acting Presiding Officer Smith announced that the next regular council meeting will be held on September 8, 2026.

Consider adjournment of the meeting.

Motion

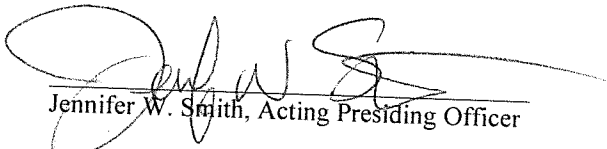
Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Moody to adjourn the meeting.

Vote

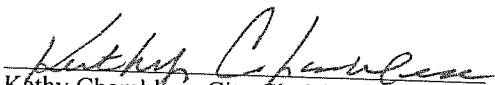
Councilmember Lincoln Moody	Yes
Councilmember Sam Watts	Absent
Acting Presiding Officer Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Absent

10:31 a.m. – Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:


Jennifer W. Smith, Acting Presiding Officer

ATTEST:


Kathy Chambless, City Clerk/Administrator