

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD SEPTEMBER 13, 2022**

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10:00 a.m. - The meeting was called to order by Presiding Officer Gary Cowen in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 400 19<sup>th</sup> Street West, Jasper.

**Present:** Presiding Officer Gary Cowen, Councilmembers Danny Gambrell, Jennifer W. Smith and Willie Moore, III, Mayor David P. O'Mary, City Clerk/Administrator Kathy Chambless, City Attorney Russell B. Robertson

**Absent:** Councilmember Jenny Brown Short

**Invocation:** City Planner Brent McCarver

**Pledge of Allegiance:** JIDB Executive Director Mike Ferdinand

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell that the minutes of the regular meeting held August 16, 2022, be approved.

**Vote**

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

**Consider amendments to the agenda.** Two items were removed from the agenda: 1) Consider acceptance of gifted property from the Simmons family conditioned upon review of a qualified official, and 2) Consider adoption of a Resolution to officially retire JPD K-9, Ikon, and approve transfer of ownership to his handler.

**Consider approval of the agenda.**

**Motion**

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

**Vote**

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

**Present a Proclamation for Gynecological Cancer Awareness.** Mayor O’Mary read the proclamation for Gynecological Cancer Awareness, proclaiming September Gynecological Cancer Awareness month in Jasper, and presented it to survivors, patients, and family members who were present. Cecilia Crandall briefly spoke on behalf of the Laura Crandall Brown Foundation.

**Consider approval of event permits:**

- a. **Pets on Parade by Walker County Humane Society, October 15, 2022, at Gamble Park**
- b. **5K Run by Pro1 Training, October 27, 2022, at/near Memorial Park**
- c. **Veterans Day Fun Run by American Legion Woods-Smith Post 9, November 12, 2022, downtown Jasper**
- d. **Festival of Lights by Hope for Women, December 5, 2022, at the Courthouse Square**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Moore to approve event permits for Pets on Parade, 5K Run, Veterans Day Fun Run, and Festival of Lights.

**Vote**

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Absent
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 the following:**

- a. **2021 Dodge Charger Pursuits**
- b. **Hauling Service**
- c. **Infrared Pothole Patching**
- d. **Concrete Pipe**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Gambrell, seconded by Councilmember Smith to approve a request for permission to send out bid invitations for 2021 Dodge Charger Pursuits, Hauling Service, Infrared Pothole Patching, and Concrete Pipe.

**Vote**

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

**Receive report and consider a recommendation for the following: (Jessica Cook, Accountant/Purchasing Agent)**

- a. **Concrete Ready Mix**
- b. **Crushed Stone**
- c. **Dual Wall Polyethylene Pipe**

**d. Inmate Food****Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to receive the report of the Purchasing Agent, and based on her recommendation, award the contracts to North Alabama Concrete, Wiregrass Construction, J&G Culverts, and Son's Supermarket, the lowest responsible bidders, respectively.

**Vote**

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Absent
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 2004 Cadillac Deville and a 2003 Ford Expedition as surplus property unneeded.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Gambrell, seconded by Councilmember Moore to adopt a Resolution to declare a 2004 Cadillac Deville and a 2003 Ford Expedition as surplus property unneeded.

**Vote**

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

**Consider adoption of Budget Amendment #2021/2022-14.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Gambrell, seconded by Councilmember Moore to adopt Budget Amendment #2021/2022-14.

**Vote**

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

**Introduce Budget Amendment #2021/2022-15.** The budget amendment was introduced by the City Clerk and will be considered for approval at the next council meeting.

**Consider adoption of a Resolution for Nuisance Abatement of grass/weeds.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Moore to adopt a Resolution for Nuisance Abatement of grass/weeds.

**Vote**

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Absent
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 adopt a policy to change the work period for firefighters from 19 days to 28 days.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Moore to adopt a policy to change the work period for firefighters from 19 days to 28 days.

**Vote**

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

**Consider adoption of the 2022/2023 Budget.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Gambrell, seconded by Councilmember Moore to adopt the 2022/2023 Budget.

**Vote**

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Absent
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 allow Mayor O’Mary to enter into an agreement with ALDOT for signal upgrades.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Moore to adopt a Resolution to allow Mayor O'Mary to enter into an agreement with ALDOT for signal upgrades.

**Vote**

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Absent
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 allow Mayor O'Mary to enter into an on-call agreement with Sain Associates, Inc. to provide engineering support services.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Gambrell, seconded by Councilmember Smith to adopt a Resolution to allow Mayor O'Mary to enter into a renewal on-call agreement with Sain Associates, Inc. to provide engineering support services.

**Vote**

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

**Introduce an Ordinance to approve the redistricting map prepared by Alabama State University.**  
The Ordinance was introduced by Mayor O'Mary and will be considered at the next council meeting.

**Comments:** Mayor commended Foothills Festival 2022 which took place September 9-10. He thanked everyone involved for their hard work to make the event a success.

Councilmember Cowen also complimented the event.

Councilmember Smith announced that there will be a town hall meeting at the Jasper Civic Center on September 22 at 6:00 pm to get community input on the development of the new sportsplex.

Natatorium Director Stacy Smothers announced that APEX Park and the splash pad will be closed starting Monday, September 19 to begin demolition to make park improvements.

**Consider adjournment of the meeting.**

**Motion**

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

**Vote**

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

10:36 a.m. – Meeting adjourned.

A P P R O V E D:

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Gary Cowen, Presiding Officer

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Kathy Chambless, City Clerk/Administrator