

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD OCTOBER 21, 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 Josh Gates and Jennifer W. Smith, Mayor Gary Cowen, City Clerk/Administrator Kathy Chambless, and City Attorney Russ Robertson

Absent: Councilmembers Jenny Brown Short and Danny Gambrell

Invocation: Police Lieutenant Heath Allred

Pledge of Allegiance: Police Sergeant Paul Agnew

Approval of Minutes:

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Gates, seconded by Councilmember Smith that the minutes of the regular meeting October 7, 2025, be approved.

Vote

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

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gates that the minutes of the special called meeting October 17, 2025, be approved.

Vote

Councilmember Jenny Brown Short	Absent
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Absent
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 Gates, seconded by Councilmember Smith that the agenda be approved.

Vote

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

Consider approval of an event permits for the following events:

- a) **Fall Fest requested by Northside Baptist Church to be held on October 26, 2025, in downtown Jasper with requested road blockages around the Courthouse Square: 2nd and 3rd Avenue from 18th to 20th Streets, and 19th Street from 1st Ave to 4th Ave.**
- b) **Walker County Christmas Parade requested by the Chamber of Commerce of Walker County to be held on December 2, 2025, with requested blockages along portions of 19th Street, 6th Avenue, and 18th Street.**
- c) **Festival of Lights Tree Lighting Ceremony requested by Hope for Women to be held at the Courthouse Square on December 1, 2025, updated to include a requested blockage on 19th Street from 2nd to 3rd Avenue and a portion of 3rd Avenue from 19th to 18th Street.**

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gates to approve an event permit for Fall Fest, Walker County Christmas Parade, and Festival of Lights Tree Lighting Ceremony to include road blockages.

Vote

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

Consider a request for approval of travel for Mayor-elect Gates and Councilmembers to attend the ALM 2025 regional orientation training November 5-6, 2025, in Huntsville, AL.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Gates, seconded by Councilmember Smith to approve travel for Mayor-elect Gates and Councilmembers to attend the ALM 2025 regional orientation training November 5-6, 2025, in Huntsville, AL.

Vote

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

Consider a request for approval of overnight travel for Sanitation Superintendent Carmen Harris to attend the SWANA Fall Forum November 5-7, 2025, in Guntersville, AL.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gates to approve overnight travel for Sanitation Superintendent Carmen Harris to attend the SWANA Fall Forum November 5-7, 2025, in Guntersville, AL.

Vote

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

Consider adoption of a resolution to declare a 2006 Keystone 31ft travel trailer (0693) as surplus property unneeded.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Gates, seconded by Councilmember Smith to adopt a resolution to declare a 2006 Keystone 31ft travel trailer (0693) as surplus property unneeded.

Vote

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

(See following page)

RESOLUTION NO.: 2025 - 89

WHEREAS, over the past few years, a 2006 Keystone 31ft. Travel trailer (4YDT31B296E320693) command post has become obsolete due to the purchase of newer items and age; and

WHEREAS, the Jasper Police Department is requesting authorization to sell, recycle, donate, and/or dispose of these items; using its discretion to determine manner of removal, resale value and the most effective marketplace for sale; and

WHEREAS, the Jasper Police Department is requesting authorization to sell, recycle, donate, and/or dispose of the following unneeded/surplus items:

2006 Keystone 31ft. Travel trailer (Old Command Post)

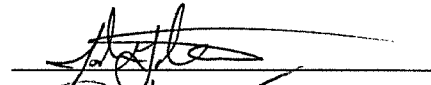
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of City of Jasper, Alabama authorizes the City Purchasing Agent to sell, recycle, donate, and/or dispose of these items; using its discretion to determine manner of removal, resale value and the most effective marketplace for sale.

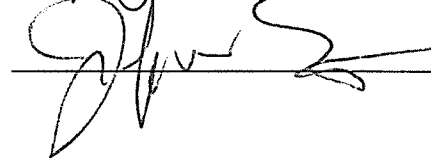
ADOPTED THIS THE 21st DAY OF October, 2025.

ATTEST:


Kellie Chandler


William Moore


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Receive report and consider a recommendation for the Jasper City Hall landscaping project.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Gates, seconded by Councilmember Smith to award the bid for the Jasper City Hall landscaping project to Professional Landscaping, the lowest responsible bidder.

Vote

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

(See following page)

RESOLUTION NO.: 2025 - 90

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama has given its permission to send bid invitations for Landscaping Services – Jasper City Hall.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama has received bids from the below listed in the below listed amounts,

BIDDER**AMOUNT PER SERVICE CALL**

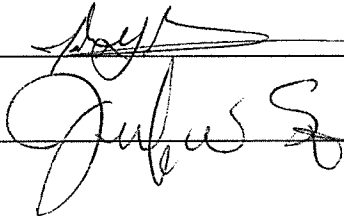
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| • Pine Valley Landscaping | \$165,200.00 |
| • Professional Landscaping | \$46,200.00 |

AND, WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jasper is desirous of awarding the bid to the lowest responsible bidder who has met bid specifications,


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid for Landscaping Services – Jasper City Hall be awarded to Professional Landscaping in the amount of \$46,200.00.

ADOPTED THIS THE 21st **DAY OF** October, 2025.





ATTEST:



Consider a request for permission to renew the contract for portable restrooms for another year under the same terms and pricing.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gates to renew the contract for portable restrooms for another year under the same terms and pricing.

Vote

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

(See following page)

RESOLUTION NO.: 2025 - 91

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama has previously awarded the contract for **Portable Restrooms**, 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 **A Plus Portable Restrooms, Inc.**

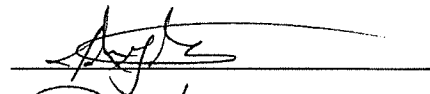
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the contract be renewed at the same terms as previously stated.

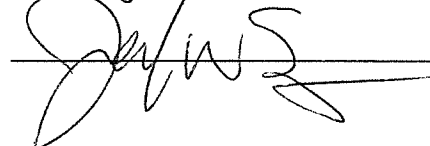
ADOPTED THIS THE 21st DAY OF October, 2025.

ATTEST:









Consider adoption of Budget Amendment #2025/2026-01 for the purchase of a Mobile Command Unit and a Ford Explorer for the Police Department.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Gates, seconded by Councilmember Smith to adopt Budget Amendment #2025/2026-01 for the purchase of a Mobile Command Unit and a Ford Explorer for the Police Department.

Vote

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

Introduce Budget Amendment #2025/2026-03 for the cost of hiring a Community and Economic Development Director. The Budget Amendment was introduced by the City Clerk and will be considered for approval at the next regular council meeting.

Conduct a public hearing and consider adoption of a resolution to set cost for nuisance abatement properties. After a public hearing during which no comments were made, a motion was considered.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gates to adopt a resolution to set cost for nuisance abatement.

Vote

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

(See following pages)

RESOLUTION NO.: 2025 - 92

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 10/21/25" 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 10/21/25" attached and made a part of this resolution.

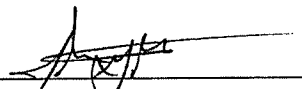
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jasper City Council hereby adopts and approves the setting of said cost of abatement of said properties.

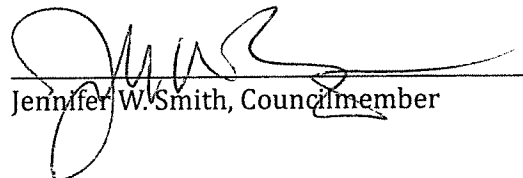
ADOPTED this the 21st day of October 2025.


Willie Moore, III, Presiding Officer


Jenny Brown Short, Councilmember

Danny Gambrell, Councilmember


Josh Gates, Councilmember


Jennifer W. Smith, Councilmember

ATTEST:


Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

COST HEARING REPORT
10/21/2025

610 23rd St W (William & Margaret Shepherd), District 5

\$5,824.00	Removal of Unsafe Structure
<u>25.00</u>	Administrative Fees
\$5,849.00	Total

Conduct a public hearing and consider adoption of a resolution to approve an application and agreement from Jasper Pavilion, LLC for economic development assistance for retail development.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gates to adopt a resolution to approve an application and agreement from Jasper Pavilion, LLC for economic development assistance for retail development.

Vote

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

(See following pages)

RESOLUTION NO.: 2025 – 93
RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF JASPER, ALABAMA

This Resolution is made this the 21st day of October 2025, by the Jasper, Alabama City Council (the Granting Authority), to grant a tax abatement to Jasper Pavilion, LLC (the Company).

WHEREAS, the Company and the City desire to cooperate in the economic redevelopment provided by Economic Assistant Ordinance 2011-15 of certain property located within the City of Jasper, Alabama, and identified more particularly as 3600 Highway 78 East, Jasper, Alabama, hereinafter referred to as the “the Property”; and

WHEREAS, the Granting Authority has considered the request of the company, and the completed application filed with the Granting Authority by the Company, in connection with its request; and

WHEREAS, the Granting Authority has found the information contained in the Company’s application to be sufficient to permit the Granting Authority to make a reasonable cost/benefit analysis of the proposed project and to determine the economic benefits to the community; and

WHEREAS, the construction of the project will involve a capital investment of \$20,000,000; and will employ more than 20 new full-time employees; and

WHEREAS, the Company is duly qualified to do business in the State of Alabama and has powers to enter into, and to perform and observe the agreements and covenants on its part contained in the Tax Abatement Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Granting Authority as follows:

Section 1. Approval is hereby given to the application of the Company and abatement is hereby granted to provide a rebate of one hundred percent (100%) of the rebatable 2% portion of the sales tax revenues generated by any new businesses located on the property, or, in other words, 2.0% of the entire 3.5% municipal sales tax revenues generated by all new businesses, and all excess sales tax revenues, being defined as the sales taxes which are in excess of the averages sales tax revenues for the year preceding relocation, for all relocated businesses within the Project. This portion of the sales tax revenues, hereinafter referred to as “rebatable revenue”, shall be rebated to Developer until such time as the earlier of the following:

1. The expiration of twenty-two years (22) years from the first date the Project opens for business and collects sales tax; or
2. The total amount of \$25,329,000.00 is rebated to Developer.

Section 2. The governing body of the Granting Authority authorizes the Mayor to enter into an abatement agreement with the Company to provide for the abatement granted in Section 1.

Section 3. A certified copy of this resolution, with the application and abatement agreement, shall be forwarded to the Company to deliver to the appropriate local taxing authorities (if applicable) and to the Alabama Department of Revenue in accordance with the Act.

Section 4. The governing body of the Granting Authority is authorized to take any and all actions necessary or desirable to accomplish the purpose of the foregoing of this resolution.

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing was duly adopted by the Jasper, Alabama City Council at a meeting held on the 21st day of October 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 inoperable vehicles.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gates to adopt a resolution for nuisance abatement for inoperable vehicles.

Vote

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

(See following page)

RESOLUTION NO: 2025 – 94

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

1. 2600 Delaware Ave, Rodney Woods, District 5
2. 806 24th St E, Shanna Wilhite, District 5
3. 2711 Gamble Ave, Mary C. White, District 5
4. 2803 Florida Ave, Johnny Harris, 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.

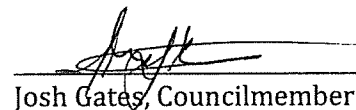
DONE and ADOPTED this the 21st day of October 2025.



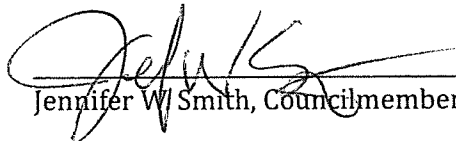
Willie Moore, III, Presiding Officer

Jenny Brown Short, Councilmember

Danny Gambrell, Councilmember

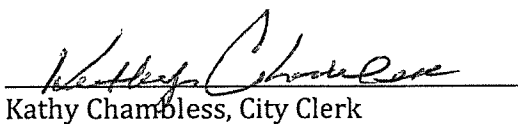


Josh Gates, Councilmember



Jennifer W. Smith, Councilmember

ATTEST:



Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

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

Motion

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

Vote

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

(See following page)

RESOLUTION NO: 2025 – 95

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


1. 2705 Corona Ave, Herman C. Davis; Shell L. Davis; Bernard Davis; Angelita M J Davis, District 5
2. 607 W 7th 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.

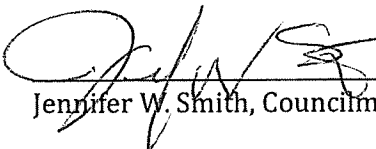
DONE and ADOPTED this the 21st day of October 2025.


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 ordinance rezoning a 1.3 acre+- parcel of land located at 1500 Hwy 69 S, Jasper, AL (Parcel # 64-17-04-17-4-000-015.000) from the B-1 (Neighborhood Center) Zoning District to the B-T (Transition Business) Zoning District to allow for single family residential. (District 4) The ordinance was introduced by the City Planner and will be considered for approval at the next regular council meeting.

Introduce an ordinance rezoning a 1.17 acre+- parcel of land located at 4402 Cain Rd, Jasper, AL (Parcel # 64-17-07-26-0-001-012.000) from the B-4 (I-22 Business Corridor) Zoning District to the B-T (Transition Business) Zoning District to allow for single family residential. (District 1) The ordinance was introduced by the City Planner and will be considered for approval at the next regular council meeting.

Introduce an ordinance rezoning a .62 acre+- parcel of land located at 4406 Cain Rd, Jasper, AL (Parcel # 64-17-07-26-0-001-016.000) from the B-4 (I-22 Business Corridor) Zoning District to the B-T (Transition Business) Zoning District to allow for single family residential. (District 1) The ordinance was introduced by the City Planner and will be considered for approval at the next regular council meeting.

Introduce an ordinance rezoning a .75 acre+- parcel of land located at 2205 Lakewood Dr, Jasper, AL (Parcel # 64-17-07-26-0-001-012.001) from the B-4 (I-22 Business Corridor) Zoning District to the B-T (Transition Business) Zoning District to allow for single family residential. (District 1) The ordinance was introduced by the City Planner and will be considered for approval at the next regular council meeting.

Introduce an ordinance rezoning a 2.0 acre+- parcel of land located at 3103 Lakewood Dr, Jasper, AL (Parcel # 64-17-07-26-0-001-031.000) from the B-4 (I-22 Business Corridor) Zoning District to the B-T (Transition Business) Zoning District to allow for single family residential. (District 1) The ordinance was introduced by the City Planner and will be considered for approval at the next regular council meeting.

Introduce an ordinance to amend the ordinance regulating unsafe structures and dangerous buildings. The ordinance was introduced by the City Attorney and will be considered for approval at a subsequent regular council meeting.

Recognize District 13 House Representative Greg Barnes. Representative Greg Barnes addressed the mayor and council to introduce himself as the newly elected District 13 House Representative.

Comments: Mayor Cowen recognized outgoing District Two Councilmember Danny Gambrell (who was not present) and thanked him for serving for 13 years as Councilmember. He said it has been a privilege to work with him. Mayor then asked for prayers for Councilmember Gambrell who is battling some health issues.

Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith thanked Sanitation Superintendent Carmen Harris for help with assisting a resident in getting a replacement can. She suggested adding information to the website to assist residents in getting a replacement can when needed.

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	Absent
Councilmember Josh Gates	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Presiding Officer Willie Moore, III	Yes

10:24 a.m. – Meeting adjourned.

A P P R O V E D:

Willie Moore, III, Presiding Officer

A T T E S T:

Kathy Chambless, City Clerk/Administrator