

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD NOVEMBER 18, 2025**

10:00 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, and City Attorney Russ Robertson

Absent: Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short, Councilmember Sam Watts

Invocation: Police Chief J.C. Poe

Pledge of Allegiance: Community & Economic Development Director Tana Collins-Allred

Approval of Minutes:

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Moody that the minutes of the regular meeting held November 4, 2025, be approved.

Vote

Councilmember Lincoln Moody	Yes
Councilmember Sam Watts	Absent
Councilmember 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

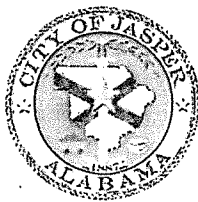
Moved by Councilmember Moody, seconded by Councilmember Moore that the agenda be approved.

Vote

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

Present a proclamation for Alabama Farm-City Week. Mayor Gates read the proclamation aloud and presented it to Danny Cain, extension director for the Walker County Extension Office.

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PROCLAMATION

Office of the Mayor of Jasper, Alabama

WHEREAS, for 70 years, the American people have joined together during Thanksgiving week to observe Farm-City Week, a time set aside to express gratitude for the bounty with which God has blessed our land; and

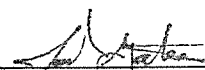
WHEREAS, throughout the week, Americans recognize the hard work and achievements of the farmers, rural townspeople, and city residents who make our nation's agricultural production and distribution system so successful. This cooperation between rural and city dwellers for mutual benefit truly helps to ensure our country's well-being; and

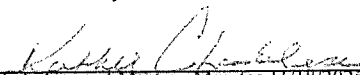
WHEREAS, Alabama farmers have provided for the state over the years by producing the food and fiber everyone relies on. This year's Farm-City theme of "Grow Alabama" focuses on the impact of agriculture on local communities and the state. Farmers, foresters, and ag professionals generate over \$77.3 billion a year for Alabama's economy while accounting for over 270,000 jobs – 10% of the state's workforce; and

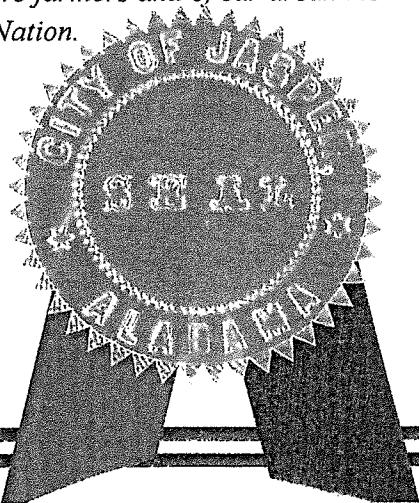
WHEREAS, American agriculture, and the many service industries that depend upon it, is a story of extraordinary labor creating extraordinary abundance. The American farmer has an impact on every aspect of life, from big cities to small towns and all of the routes in between. At this time of year, it is only fitting that all Americans offer a special sign of thanks to those who grow, harvest, and bring the fruits of sun, seed, and soil to our nation's tables.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Josh Gates, Mayor of the City of Jasper, Alabama, and on behalf of the Jasper City Council do hereby proclaim the week of November 21 through November 27, 2025, as Alabama Farm-City Week in Jasper. I call upon all citizens to join in recognizing the accomplishments of our productive farmers and of our urban residents, who cooperate to create abundance, wealth, and strength for our Nation.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed this 18th day of November 2025.


Josh Gates, Mayor


Attest: Kathy Chambless, City Clerk



Consider approval of an event permit for the following events:

- a) Christmas Parade Performance requested by the Athletic Arts Center, to be held on December 2, 2025, with a requested blockage of a portion of 19th Street between 4th Avenue and 5th Avenue prior to the start of the Christmas parade.
- b) Tallulah Half-Marathon requested by Jasper Main Street to be held on March 14, 2026, in front of the courthouse square with requested blockages along the marathon route.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Moody to approve an event permit for a Christmas Parade Performance and the Tallulah Half-Marathon.

Vote

Councilmember Lincoln Moody	Yes
Councilmember Sam Watts	Absent
Councilmember 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 GJOCA Inc d/b/a Amore, located at 305 W Hwy 78. 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 GJOCA Inc d/b/a Amore, located at 305 W Hwy 78.

Vote

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

Conduct a public hearing and consider approval of a Retail Liquor Class II (Package) License for off premise consumption for Jan Jasper LLC d/b/a Puff N Pour, located at 500 Highway 78 W, Suite 200. 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 Retail Liquor Class II (Package) License for off premise consumption for Jan Jasper LLC d/b/a Puff N Pour, located at 500 Highway 78 W, Suite 200.

Vote

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

Consider reappointments to the Planning Commission. Mayor Gates recommended Councilmember Jenny Brown Short be reappointed as the council representative and Jim Smothers be reappointed as the mayoral designee to the Planning Commission.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Moody to reappoint Councilmember Jenny Brown Short as the council representative and Jim Smothers as the mayoral designee to the Planning Commission.

Vote

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

Consider a reappointment to the Jasper Public Library Board for District One.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Moody to table this reappointment until the next meeting.

Vote

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

Consider a request for permission to send out bids for Phase 1 of the mountain bike trail project.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Moody to allow for bids to be sent for Phase 1 of the mountain bike trail project.

Vote

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

Consider a request for permission to purchase three pickup trucks for the Fire Department from the state bid list.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moody, seconded by Councilmember Moore to purchase three pickup trucks for the Fire Department from the state bid list.

Vote

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

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
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Absent

(See following pages)

RESOLUTION NO.: 2025 – 99

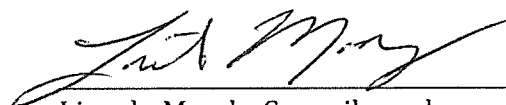
WHEREAS, the Jasper City Council has held a cost hearing on the abatement of nuisances on the following properties as presented in Exhibit "Cost Hearing Report 11/18/25" attached and made a part of this resolution; and

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 11/18/25" 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.

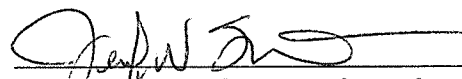
ADOPTED this the 18th day of November 2025.

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
11/18/2025

600 6th St W (Ervin Allen), District 4

\$ 300.00	Removal of Overgrown Grass and Weeds
<u>25.00</u>	Administrative Fees
\$325.00	Total

Introduce an ordinance to eliminate the following local boards: Architectural Review Board, Jasper Tree Commission, and the Parks & Recreation Board. City Attorney Robertson introduced the ordinance to be considered for approval at a subsequent meeting.

Comments: Mayor Gates commented on the landscaping being installed at City Hall, saying it should be finished in a couple of weeks. He also wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Councilmember Moore wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving as well.

Councilmember Smith congratulated Stephen Underwood who is away on his honeymoon. She thanked Bridgett Lamb for her help with the meeting. She shared that Presiding Officer Short is away at the National League of Cities' City Summit. She also enjoyed attending the regional training recently with Councilmembers Moody and Watts and Mayor Gates.

Consider adjournment of the meeting.

Motion

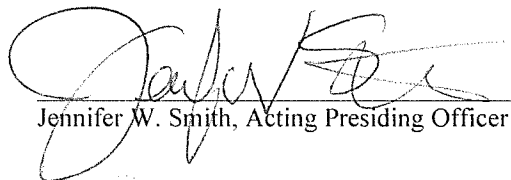
Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Moody to adjourn the meeting.

Vote

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

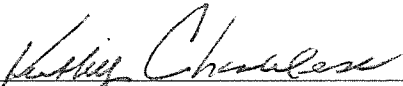
10:15 a.m. – Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:



Jennifer W. Smith, Acting Presiding Officer

A T T E S T:


Kathy Chambliss, City Clerk/Administrator