



City of Jasper
 200 Burnt Mountain Road
 Jasper, GA 30143
 MINUTES | REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
 Monday, February 2, 2026, 6:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Kirk Raffield
 Jim Looney
 John Foust
 Brandon Hannah
 Steve Lawrence
 Tony Davis

STAFF

Brandon Douglas
 Kim Goldener
 Lindsey Williams
 Matt Dawkins
 John Sherrer
 Mary Elizabeth Burgess
 Joshua Davis

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

See Attachment "A"

MEMBERS ABSENT

LEGAL COUNSEL

David Syfan via Zoom

PRESS

Mari Livsey – Know Pickens
 Angela Reinhardt – Pickens Progress

AGENDA ITEM: Call Meeting to Order/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance	PRESENTER: Mayor Kirk Raffield
Mayor Raffield called the meeting to order. Mayor Raffield called on the Councilmember Brandon Hannah to confirm a quorum was present. Mayor Raffield called on Dr. Sheila Crowe to provide the Invocation. Mayor Raffield called on Councilmember Jim Looney who led the Pledge of Allegiance.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE DEADLINE
None	N/A N/A

AGENDA ITEM: Appoint Deputy City Manager as City Clerk for the 02.02.2026 meeting	PRESENTER: Mayor Kirk Raffield
CONCLUSION: Mayor Raffield called for a motion. Councilmember John Foust made a motion to appoint Deputy City Manager as City Clerk for the 02.02.2026 meeting. Councilmember Brandon Hannah provided a second. The motion to approve passed unanimously.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE DEADLINE
Approved	N/A N/A

AGENDA ITEM: Adopt Agenda	PRESENTER: Mayor Kirk Raffield
CONCLUSION: Mayor Raffield called for a motion. Councilmember Steve Lawrence made a motion to adopt the agenda. Councilmember Brandon Hannah provided a second. The motion to approve passed unanimously.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE DEADLINE
Approved	N/A N/A

AGENDA ITEM: Public Comments	PRESENTER: Mayor Kirk Raffield
Mr. Jack Dunn asked council to consider the requested events. Mr. Dave Terry addressed the council to reinforce the need for council to support events for supporting small businesses and that closing streets have a positive impact on small businesses.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE DEADLINE
N/A	N/A N/A

AGENDA ITEM: Consent Agenda		PRESENTER: Mayor Kirk Raffield
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minutes from 11.20.2025 Regular Council Meeting for approval 2. Minutes from 12.01.2025 Regular Council Meeting for approval 3. Minutes from 01.05.2026 Special Called Meeting for approval 4. Minutes from 01.05.2026 Regular Council Meeting for approval 		
Conclusion:		
Mayor Raffield called for a motion. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Brandon Hannah provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Approved	N/A	N/A

AGENDA ITEM: New Business		
#1 Consideration of Reappointment of Jack Dunn to the Downtown Development Authority Board and oath		PRESENTER: Mayor Kirk Raffield
Discussion: Mayor Raffield discussed the reappointment of Jack Dunn to another term on the Downtown Development Authority Board.		
Conclusion:		
Mayor Raffield called for a motion. Councilmember Steve Lawrence made a motion to approve the reappointment of Jack Dunn to the Downtown Development Authority Board. Councilmember Brandon Hannah provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Approved	N/A	N/A

AGENDA ITEM: New Business		
#2 Consideration of Appointment of Morgan Watson to the Downtown Development Authority Board and oath		PRESENTER: Mayor Kirk Raffield
Discussion: Mayor Raffield discussed the appointment of Morgan Watson to the Downtown Development Authority Board to fill a vacant board seat. Morgan Watson is a Jasper City Resident and co-owner of Rag & Bone eclectic retail store located in Jasper.		
Conclusion:		
Mayor Raffield called for a motion. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to approve the appointment of Morgan Watson to the DDA Board. Councilmember Steve Lawrence provided a second. The motion passed unanimously. Mayor Raffield provided oaths to Jack Dunn & Morgan Watson thereafter.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Approved	N/A	N/A

AGENDA ITEM: New Business		
#3 Consideration of Appointment to Planning Commission Board		PRESENTER: Mayor Kirk Raffield
Discussion: Mayor Raffield discussed the appointment of Diane Burge to the Planning Commission Board. Ms. Burge submitted her application and would like to be considered for the vacant seat.		
Conclusion:		
Mayor Raffield called for a motion. Councilmember John Foust made a motion to approve the appointment of Diane Burge to the Planning Commission. Councilmember Brandon Hannah provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Approved	N/A	N/A

AGENDA ITEM: New Business #4 Consideration of Event – Walk-A-Mile held on 03.14.2026		PRESENTER: Carly Glaze – Community Engagement Manager
Discussion: Ms. Glaze requested consideration and approval of the Pickens County Family Connection Walk-A-Mile in their Shoes Event. It will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2026, from 8:00am – 12:00pm in Lee Newton Park.		
Conclusion: Mayor Raffield called for a motion. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to approve the Pickens County Family Connection Walk-A-Mile in their Shoes Event. Councilmember Brandon Hannah provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.		
ACTION ITEMS Approved	PERSON RESPONSIBLE N/A	DEADLINE N/A

AGENDA ITEM: New Business #5 Consideration of Event – National Day of Prayer held on 05.07.2026		PRESENTER: Carly Glaze – Community Engagement Manager
Discussion: Ms. Glaze requested consideration and approval of King of Kings National Day of Prayer Assembly scheduled for Thursday, May 7, 2026, from 5:00pm – 7:00pm located in Lee Newton Park.		
Conclusion: Mayor Raffield called for a motion. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to approve the King of Kings National Day of Prayer Assembly Event to be held in Lee Newton Park. Councilmember Steve Lawrence provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.		
ACTION ITEMS Approved	PERSON RESPONSIBLE N/A	DEADLINE N/A

AGENDA ITEM: New Business #6 Consideration of Event – Art Walk Events – 05.30.2026 and 09.12.2026		PRESENTER: Carly Glaze – Community Engagement Manager
Discussion: Ms. Glaze requested consideration and approval of the request from Pickens Arts & Cultural Alliance (PACA) for their 2026 Art Walk Events. This will be their 5 th season of holding this event. They are planning on holding two events this year on May 30th and September 12th from 2-8 p.m. These events will be held on Main Street and are on a Saturday. No road closures will be needed.		
Conclusion: Mayor Raffield called for a motion. Councilmember Brandon Hannah made a motion to approve the PACA 2026 Art Walk Events. Councilmember Tony Davis provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.		
ACTION ITEMS Approved	PERSON RESPONSIBLE N/A	DEADLINE N/A

AGENDA ITEM: New Business #7 Consideration of Event – Derby Race Benefiting the Jasper Police Department		PRESENTER: Carly Glaze – Community Engagement Manager
Discussion: Ms. Glaze requested consideration and approval of the Derby Race on Stegall – benefiting the Jasper Police Department. This event will need the closures of Mark Whitfield and Stegall Drive. The event is scheduled for Saturday, September 26, 2026.		
Conclusion: Mayor Raffield called for a motion. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to approve the Derby Race on Stegall – benefiting the Jasper Police Department. Councilmember John Foust provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.		
ACTION ITEMS Approved	PERSON RESPONSIBLE N/A	DEADLINE N/A

AGENDA ITEM: New Business #8 Consideration of Event – Downtown Live Events 2026 and Road Closures for three of these five events		PRESENTER: Carly Glaze – Community Engagement Manager
<p>Discussion: Ms. Carly Glaze requested consideration and approval of five (5) scheduled Downtown Live Events for 2026. Three of these events will require road closures and the last two events will be held in Perrow Park. Event Dates: April 25th, May 16th, June 13th, September 19th and October 12th.</p> <p>Conclusion: Mayor Raffield called for a motion. Councilmember Brandon Hannah made a motion to approve the five (5) Downtown Live Events for 2026. Councilmember Steve Lawrence provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.</p>		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Approved	N/A	N/A

AGENDA ITEM: New Business #9 Consideration of Event – Sips and Shop Events – four dates		PRESENTER: Carly Glaze – Community Engagement Manager
<p>Discussion: Ms. Carly Glaze requested consideration and approval of four (4) Sip & Shop events on Main Street. Event dates: February 12th, May 7th, August 13th, and November 19th.</p> <p>Conclusion: Mayor Raffield called for a motion. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to approve the four (4) Sip & Shop events on Main Street. Councilmember Brandon Hannah provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.</p>		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Approved	N/A	N/A

AGENDA ITEM: New Business #10 Consideration of Event – Soup Bean Festival		PRESENTER: Carly Glaze – Community Engagement Manager
<p>Discussion: Ms. Carly Glaze requested consideration and approval of First Mountain Days History & Soup Bean Festival. This event is to be held on Saturday, November 7th and there will be no road closures other than Mark Whitfield.</p> <p>Conclusion: Mayor Raffield called for a motion. Councilmember Brandon Hannah made a motion to approve the First Mountain Days History & Soup Bean Festival. Councilmember Tony Davis provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.</p>		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Approved	N/A	N/A

AGENDA ITEM: New Business #11 Consideration of Event – Trick or Treating on Main		PRESENTER: Carly Glaze – Community Engagement Manager
<p>Discussion: Ms. Carly Glaze requested consideration and approval of Trick or Treating on Main Event. This event will be held on Saturday, October 31st and will require road closures from 4:30pm – 6:30pm.</p> <p>Conclusion: Mayor Raffield called for a motion. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to approve the Trick or Treating on Main Event. Councilmember John Foust provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.</p>		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Approved	N/A	N/A

AGENDA ITEM: New Business		PRESENTER: Carly Glaze – Community Engagement Manager
#12 Consideration of Event – Halloween on SteGHOUL		
Discussion: Ms. Carly Glaze requested consideration and approval of the Halloween on SteGHOUL Event to be held on Stegall Drive and Mark Whitfield Street. Main Street will reopen after the Trick or Treating Event on Main has ended at 6:30pm and will remain open.		
Conclusion: Mayor Raffield called for a motion. Councilmember Steve Lawrence made a motion to approve the Halloween on SteGHOUL Event. Councilmember Brandon Hannah provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Approved	N/A	N/A

AGENDA ITEM: New Business		PRESENTER: Carly Glaze – Community Engagement Manager
#13 Consideration of Event – Christmas Trees – Main Street Boundaries decorations		
Discussion: Ms. Carly Glaze requested consideration and approval to begin installing Christmas Trees and Decorations on Main Street starting November 16 th – 21 st and they will be removed between January 2 nd – 5 th . Mayor Raffield did request that assistance of the DDA Board in maintaining the Christmas Trees and decorations during this time.		
Conclusion: Mayor Raffield called for a motion. Councilmember Tony Davis made a motion to approve the installation and removal of the Christmas Trees and decorations on Main Street. Councilmember Brandon Hannah provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Approved	N/A	N/A

AGENDA ITEM: New Business		PRESENTER: Carly Glaze – Community Engagement Manager
#14 Consideration of Event – Mountain City Candlelight Shopping		
Discussion: Ms. Carly Glaze requested consideration and approval of two (2) Mountain City Christmas Candlelight Shopping Events. The dates for these events are Friday, December 4 th and Friday, December 11 th . There will be no road closures for these events.		
Conclusion: Mayor Raffield called for a motion. Councilmember Brandon Hannah made a motion to approve the two (2) Mountain City Christmas Candlelight Shopping Events. Councilmember John Foust provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Approved	N/A	N/A

AGENDA ITEM: New Business		PRESENTER: Carly Glaze – Community Engagement Manager
#15 Consideration of Event – St. Patrick’s Day Event		
Discussion: Ms. Carly Glaze requested consideration and approval of a St. Patrick’s Day Celebration Event to be held on Saturday, March 14 th . This event will be held in Stegall Alley and there will be no road closures for this event.		
Conclusion: Mayor Raffield called for a motion. Councilmember Brandon Hannah made a motion to approve the St. Patrick’s Day Event. Councilmember John Foust provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Approved	N/A	N/A

AGENDA ITEM: New Business		PRESENTER: Carly Glaze – Community Engagement Manager
#16 Consideration of Event – Stegall Alley Music Events		
<p>Discussion: Ms. Carly Glaze requested consideration and approval of “Music in the Alley” Events. There are nine (9) scheduled music groups to perform in Stegall Alley.</p> <p>Dates for the Events: March 7th, March 21st, April 4th, April 11th, August 29th, September 5th, October 3rd, October 10th, October 24th.</p>		
<p>Conclusion:</p> <p>Mayor Raffield called for a motion. Councilmember Brandon Hannah made a motion to approve the Music in the Alley Events. Councilmember Jim Looney provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.</p>		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Approved	N/A	N/A

AGENDA ITEM: New Business		PRESENTER: Carly Glaze – Community Engagement Manager
#17 Consideration of Event – Wrestling on North Main		
<p>Discussion: Ms. Carly Glaze requested consideration and approval of Wrestling on Main Street Event. This event will require road closures and is scheduled for June 20, 2026. Mayor Raffield suggested moving this event to Mark Whitfield Street, if possible.</p>		
<p>Conclusion:</p> <p>Mayor Raffield called for a motion. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to approve the Wrestling and organizers will work with administration on location. Councilmember John Foust provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.</p>		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Approved	N/A	N/A

AGENDA ITEM: New Business		PRESENTER: Carly Glaze – Community Engagement Manager
#18 Consideration of Event – Scarecrow Contest on Main		
<p>Discussion: Ms. Carly Glaze requested consideration and approval of the Annual Scarecrows on Main Street contest. Scarecrow contestants would be allowed to start putting their Scarecrow Entry up on Main Street starting September 28th and they would be removed by November 5th.</p>		
<p>Conclusion:</p> <p>Mayor Raffield called for a motion. Councilmember Brandon Hannah made a motion to approve the Scarecrows on Main Street Contest. Councilmember Tony Davis provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.</p>		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Approved	N/A	N/A

AGENDA ITEM: New Business		PRESENTER: Brandon Douglas – City Manager
#19 Consideration of ETC Agreements for 2026-2029		
<p>Discussion: Consideration of the ETC Service Agreements for 2026-2029.</p>		
<p>Conclusion:</p> <p>Mayor Raffield called for a motion. Councilmember Brandon Hannah made a motion to approve the ETC Service Agreements for 2026-2029. Councilmember John Foust provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.</p>		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Approved	N/A	N/A

AGENDA ITEM: New Business		
#20 Consideration of Resolution No. 2026-01 - Modification of Temporary Suspension	PRESENTER: Mayor Kirk Raffield	
Discussion: NONE		
Conclusion: Mayor Raffield called for a motion to table Resolution No. 2026-01 Modification of Temporary Solution. Councilmember Steve Lawrence made a motion to table Resolution No. 2026-01 for further discussion. Councilmember Tony Davis provided a second. The motion to table passed 4-1. Councilmember John Foust did not vote.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Tabled	N/A	N/A

AGENDA ITEM: Committee Report Updates		
		Presenter: Councilmembers
Development & Local Infrastructure – John Foust and Brandon Hannah <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Scheduling to meet. Nothing to Report Finance & Administration – Jim Looney and Tony Davis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Finance Department working on audit and financials are in the packet. Comment re: property taxes and business licenses. Enterprise – Jim Looney and Steve Lawrence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Meeting to discuss ongoing projects and continue to work on the complications on the water issues. Parks & Properties – John Foust and Tony Davis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Committee meeting forthcoming and looking forward to continuing improvements at parks. Public Safety – Brandon Hannah and Steve Lawrence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Provide thanks for all the things and events that were ongoing during January. Fire Truck should be arriving May/June 		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
N/A	N/A	N/A

AGENDA ITEM: City Manager Comments		
		Presenter: Brandon Douglas – City Manager
Discussion: Updated council on the weekends in January with inclement weather. Updated council on the LMIG award. Update on the GEFA projects.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
N/A	N/A	N/A

AGENDA ITEM: Councilmembers Comments		
		Presenter: Councilmembers
Discussion:		

<p>Council member Hannah welcomed Morgan to DDA and thanks to Council for supporting events. Council member Davis thank Josh team. Council member Lawrence thanked Kim for his meetings with Kim on water.</p>		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
N/A	N/A	N/A

AGENDA ITEM: Mayor Comments		Presenter: Mayor Kirk Raffield
<p>Discussion: Expressed thanks to the community for attending. Mayor also expressed thanks to partners during weather events and wanted to express thanks to Dr. Westbrook and Council member Davis and to Revolution Church and Power Solutions Unlimited and Animal Medical Clinic. Thanked staff. Reminded public to support local businesses.</p>		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
N/A	N/A	N/A

AGENDA ITEM: Executive Session - Legal		PRESENTER: Mayor Kirk Raffield
<p>Discussion: Mayor Raffield called for a motion to go into Executive Session @ 6:52 pm for discussion of legal. Councilmember Foust made a motion to go into Executive Session. Councilmember Hannah provided a second. The motion passed unanimously. Mayor Raffield made a motion to end Executive Session @ 8:45pm and go back into council session. Councilmember Hannah made a motion and Councilmember Foust provided a second. Motion passed unanimously.</p>		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
	N/A	N/A

AGENDA ITEM: Adjourn		PRESENTER: Mayor Kirk Raffield
<p>Discussion: Mayor Raffield called for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Hannah made a motion to approve. Councilmember Looney provided a second. The motion to approve passed unanimously.</p>		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Adjourned	N/A	N/A



 Mayor, Kirk D. Raffield



 City Clerk, Lorrie Waters

