



City of Jasper

200 Burnt Mountain Road
 Jasper, GA 30143

MINUTES | SPECIAL CALLED MEETING/WORK SESSION
 Thursday, July 25, 2024, 6:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Kirk Raffield
 Folsom C. Proctor
 John Foust
 Jim Looney
 Anne Sneve
 Brandon Hannah

STAFF

Lorrie Waters
 John Sherrer
 Matt Dawkins
 Kim Goldener
 Andrew Collins
 Lindsey Williams
 Mary Elizabeth Burgess

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Mel Mobley – GIRMA
 G. Moore
 Mick T. – iThink Financial

MEMBERS ABSENT

LEGAL COUNSEL

David Syfan

PRESS

Mari Livsey – KnowPickens
 Max Caylor – 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 Councilmember John Foust to verify that a quorum was present. Councilmember John Foust confirmed that a quorum was present.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None	N/A	N/A

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

AGENDA ITEM: New Business #1 Discussion & Consideration TSPLOST/IGA Agreement		PRESENTER: Brandon Douglas – City Manager
Discussion: Mr. Douglas provided a brief overview of the potential to partner with Pickens County, City of Nelson and the City of Talking Rock to place a referendum on the upcoming ballot for November. This TSPLOST/IGA agreement would be for setting aside a one (1) cent sales tax for transportation improvements. Consideration: Mayor Raffield called for a motion to Approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Use and Distribution of Proceeds from TSPLOST and to authorize the mayor to execute any and all necessary documents thereof. Councilmember Jim Looney made the motion to approve. Councilmember Dr. Folsom Proctor provided the second. The motion to approve passed unanimously.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Approved	N/A	N/A

AGENDA ITEM: City Manager’s Office Updates		PRESENTER: Brandon Douglas – City Manager
Discussion of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. PTV Ordinance – Personal Transportation Vehicle (ex. Golf Cart) – This ordinance would be amending Chapter 78 in our Code of Ordinances. b. Fire Station – Chief Sherrer provided an update on plans for Fire Station #2. c. Downtown Bathrooms – Mr. Andrew Collins provided an update on the bathrooms. Rain has held up the progress on the punch list for the completion of the bathrooms. The bathrooms will not be open for use by the next Downtown Live event. 		

- d. City Park – Ms. Kim Goldener provided an update on Jasper City Park and the various options to improve the area and various costs associated with the options. Some items have been identified as ones that can be completed in-house. New signs with the address have come in and will be installed.
- e. Perrow Park – Ms. Kim Goldener provided an overview of what the process has been and the matching grant that was awarded to this park from the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC). The city has worked with Goodwyn, Mills and Caywood (GMC) in submitting the application for review. The city has received permission to proceed with making improvements to this park.
- f. GEFA Projects – Ms. Kim Goldener discussed the fact that through our partnership with Goodwyn, Mills and Caywood (GMC) there were seven (7) critical projects identified. The has settled on four (4) projects. Two of the projects are for wastewater and two (2) are for drinking (potable) water. The City has secured approximately eight (8) million dollars in loan funding. The city is released to proceed with getting our projects started. The city has a meeting scheduled with GMC next week to discuss the Master Lift Station project which is probably the longest project when it comes to design and construction. Our other two projects are the collection system rehab and distribution system remediation and upgrades.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
N/A	N/A	N/A

AGENDA ITEM: Executive Session **PRESENTER: Mayor Raffield**

Discussion:
 Mayor Raffield called for a motion to go into Executive Session @ 7:05pm for discussion of Legal items. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to go into Executive Session. Councilmember John Foust provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Raffield made a motion to end Executive Session @ 8:06pm and go back into council session. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion and Councilmember John Foust provided a second. Motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
N/A	N/A	N/A

AGENDA ITEM: Council Meeting Reconvened **PRESENTER: Mayor Kirk Raffield**

Discussion: Councilmember Jim Looney requested to rescind the motion to approve the TSPLOST/IGA Agreement.
Conclusion: Mayor Raffield called for the motion to rescind the previous motion to approve the TSPLOST/IGA Agreement. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to rescind previous motion. Councilmember John Foust provided a second. The motion to approve passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Adjourn	N/A	N/A

AGENDA ITEM: TSPLOST/IGA Agreement **PRESENTER: Brandon Douglas – City Manager**

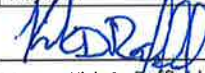
Discussion: Requested approval for Mayor Raffield to be able to execute and negotiate documents for a 5-year term TSPLOST.
Conclusion: Mayor Raffield called for a motion to approve the execution and negotiation of the documents for a 5-year term TSPLOST. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to approve. Councilmember Dr. Folsom Proctor provided a second. The motion to approve passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Adjourn	N/A	N/A

AGENDA ITEM: Adjourn **PRESENTER: Mayor Kirk Raffield**

Discussion:
Conclusion: Mayor Raffield called for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember John Foust made a motion to approve. Councilmember Jim Looney provided a second. The motion to approve passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Adjourn	N/A	N/A


 Mayor, Kirk D. Raffield




 City Clerk, Lorrie Waters