

City of Jasper
200 Burnt Mountain Road
Jasper, Georgia 30143
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, October 1, 2018, 6 p.m.

- I. Call meeting to order
- II. Invocation
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Adopt agenda
- V. Read minutes of September 5, 2018 regular meeting and September 26, 2018 town hall meeting
 - A. Lisa Hoyle
- VI. Old Business
 - A. Sanitation service update
 - 1. Jim Looney
 - B. Pet ordinance – second reading
 - 1. Jim Looney
 - C. Millage rate
 - 1. Lisa Hoyle
- VII. New Business
 - A. Planning Commission report
 - 1. Robert Walker
 - B. Gateway planned unit development
 - 1. Jim Looney
 - 2. J.R. McLaughlin
 - C. Reinhardt University 2019 fundraiser
 - 1. Jim Looney
 - D. Police department vehicle
 - 1. Jim Looney
 - 2. Chief Greg Lovell
 - E. Historic old jail on Main Street (repair & maintenance)
 - 1. Jim Looney
 - F. Pouring license – liquor by the drink
 - 1. Jim Looney
 - G. City tax exemptions
 - 1. Lisa Hoyle
 - H. GDOT decorative signal mast arms
 - 1. Jim Looney
 - I. Four-way stop- Confederate, Old Philadelphia & Philadelphia Lane
 - 1. Jim Looney
 - J. Groundwater permit increase
 - 1. Jim Looney
 - 2. David Hall
- VIII. Mayor's Report
 - A. Finance Report
 - 1. Lisa Hoyle
 - B. Roads/Other Report
 - 1. Lonnie Waters
 - C. Police Report

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- 1. Chief Greg Lovell
- D. Fire Report
 - 1. Chief Steve Roper
- IX. Adjourn

**MINUTES
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Members Present:

Mayor John Weaver
John Foust
Tony Fountain
Anne Sneve
Dr. Sonny Proctor
Kirk Raffield

Staff:

Lisa Hoyle
Steve Roper
Greg Lovell
Jim Looney
David Hall

Guests in Attendance:

Mari Livsey
Lonnie Adams
Carlo Delpizzo
Bettie Alan
Dale Morrisey

Members Absent:

None

Legal Counsel:

Bill Pickett

Press:

Angela Reinhardt

Mayor Weaver called the meeting to order promptly at 6:00 p.m. He requested John Foust give the invocation. He requested Councilmember Sonny Proctor lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Weaver asked that the agenda be reviewed and approved by council. Mayor Weaver recognized City Manager Jim Looney who stated that he would like to remove items A and B under New Business and add an item to the agenda regarding the EPD groundwater withdrawal permit increase. Mayor Weaver stated that he would like to keep items A and B on the agenda and explain why these items should be tabled and add to the agenda the EPD groundwater increase as item J under New Business. Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to approve the agenda with the change. Councilmember Kirk Raffield seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk Lisa Hoyle read the minutes of the September 5, 2018, regular meeting. Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to adopt the minutes as read. Councilmember Sonny Proctor seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Hoyle read the minutes of the September 26, 2018, town hall meeting. Councilmember Kirk Raffield asked that there be a change made to clarify his statement that he felt that that our public safety was lacking, to read that he felt that our public safety equipment was lacking. Councilmember Kirk Raffield made a motion to adopt the minutes with the change. Councilmember John Foust seconded the motion. Motion carried by four votes with Tony Fountain abstaining as he was absent from the September 26th meeting.

Item A under Old Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Jim Looney to give an update on the city's sanitation service. Mr. Looney stated that he was exploring different options including evaluating rates and also ways to grow the business. No action taken.

Item B under Old Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Mr. Looney to perform the second reading of the additions to the city's pet ordinance. Following the second reading, Mayor Weaver entertained a motion to approve the ordinance additions. Councilmember John Foust made a motion to approve the second reading. Councilmember Kirk Raffield seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C under Old Business, Mayor Weaver called on Finance Director Lisa Hoyle to present the 2018 tax millage rate as advertised and as considered in the upcoming budget. She recommended to Council that the millage rate remain at 4.655 mills for the upcoming 2018 tax billing. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion to adopt the millage rate at 4.655 mills. Councilmember Anne Sneve made such motion, and Councilmember John Foust seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimously.

Items A and B under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Mr. Looney to discuss the two recent Planned Unit Developments (PUDs) recommended by the Planning Commission. Mr. Looney stated that it had come to the city's attention that according to the city's code, the council cannot approve a PUD unless the parcel is zoned as R-A (residential agricultural). Parcel 053D 079 002 of 79.76 acres owned by Onyx Investment Services, LLC and Gateway to the Mountains, LLC and parcel 042 012 001 of 68.22 acres owned by MSMD, LLC, which were recommended by the Planning Commission to be PUDs must have the zoning on the parcels changed from C-2 to R-A prior to approving them as PUDs. He stated that another meeting by the Planning Commission must be held to recommend changing the zoning before the recommendation can be made for the PUDs.

Item C under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Mr. Looney who recognized Ms. Dale Morrisey from Reinhardt University to ask permission from council to set up their St. Patrick's Day fundraiser event held on March 16 either in the city's greenspace or possibly use N. Main in downtown Jasper. She stated the event would be held from 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion to approve Ms. Morrisey's request to use the downtown area on March 16, 2019 from 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm. Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to approve such request. Councilmember Sonny Proctor seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item D under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Jim Looney to present for council's approval the purchase of a pursuit pick-up truck for the police department. Mr. Looney stated that this item was budgeted for 2018. A quote from Ronnie Thompson Ford and Mountain Communications, Inc was presented in the amounts of \$33,452 and \$5,545, respectively. Mr. Looney stated that this was the lowest quote. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion. Councilmember John Foust made a motion to approve the purchase. Councilmember Kirk Raffield seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.

Item E under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Mr. Looney to present to council a request from the historical society for the city to participate in replacing windows, repairing steps and cutting trees and shrubs at the old jail on N. Main Street. Mr. Looney stated that the total dollar amount for the windows and step repairs would be \$4,125. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion. Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to allow the city manager to work with the society in providing in-kind assistance using city employees to perform the tree/shrub removal at this time. Councilmember Kirk Raffield seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item F under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Mr. Looney who stated that he had a request from Carlo Delpizzo to ask council to consider lowering the license fee for liquor by the drink. Mayor Weaver recognized Mr. Delpizzo to explain his theory that if the license fee were cut in half then there are six more restaurants in town that might possibly buy a license, so the city would not lose revenue from the licenses and additionally would collect excise tax on the drinks sold. Councilmember Sonny Proctor stated that he would like to hear from the other potential businesses that are interested in purchasing the license. No action was taken on this matter. Mr. Delpizzo also stated that closing N. Main Street for the car shows on Saturday was hurting his business. Mayor Weaver appointed Councilmembers Kirk Raffield and Tony Fountain to form a committee to work with Mr. Depizzo and the car club to come up with a recommendation for council.

Item G under New Business, Mayor Weaver called on Finance Director Lisa Hoyle to present the recommended homestead exemptions for the city's 2018 property taxes. She recommended to Council that the City continue to offer a \$3,000 homestead exemption and \$4,000 homestead exemption for citizens 65 and older. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion to continue the homestead exemptions as recommended. Councilmember John Foust made such motion, and Councilmember Tony Fountain seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item H under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Mr. Looney to present the additional cost to the city for the decorative mast arms for traffic lights. Mr. Looney presented a quote from World Fiber Technologies for \$52,244.33. He stated this could be paid for out of SPLOST funds. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion. Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to purchase the decorative arms. Councilmember John Foust seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item I under New business, Mayor Weaver recognized Mr. Looney to present to council a request by one of the business owners in the area to create a four-way stop at the intersection of Confederate, Old Philadelphia and Philadelphia Lane. Discussion followed. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion. Councilmember John Foust made a motion to approve the four-way intersection at Confederate, Old Philadelphia and Philadelphia Lane with the addition of rumble strips. Councilmember Kirk Raffield seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item J under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Mr. Looney and David Hall to present a groundwater permit increase from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division (EPD). Mr. Hall stated that due to our leak detection efforts as well as hiring an outside firm to do leak detection on our water system, we received an increase from 1.0 mgd to 1.33 mgd. Mayor Weaver read the letter from the EPD and entertained a motion that council approve this permit increase. Councilmember Kirk Raffield made such motion. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Finance Director Lisa Hoyle gave the financial report for the month of September 2018.

Lonnie Waters gave a report on roads, striping and signs.

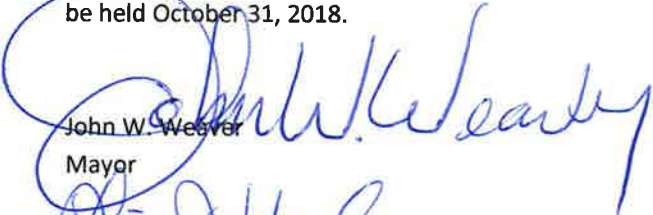
Chief Greg Lovell gave a report of police activities for the month of September 2018

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Chief Steve Roper gave a report of fire activities for the month of September 2018.

Councilmember John Foust gave a report on JYSA.

Being no other business to come before Council, Mayor Weaver asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember John Foust made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council is scheduled to convene next at the special called meeting to be held October 31, 2018.



John W. Weaver
Mayor



Lisa J. Hoyle
City Clerk/Finance Director



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September 28, 2018

Mr. John Weaver
City of Jasper
200 Burnt Mountain Road
Jasper, GA 30143

Re: City of Jasper's Groundwater Withdrawal Permit No. 112-0002

Dear Mr. Weaver:

The Water Supply Program of the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has enclosed the above draft Groundwater Withdrawal Permit. The EPD is prepared to recommend the draft Permit to the Director for approval after a public notice period (30+ days from posting).

If you agree with the conditions of the Permit, please complete and sign at the appropriate place below and return this letter to EPD by October 05, 2018. Please make any corrections, and return the signed draft permit signature page as an e-mail attachment (farshad.baloochestani@dnr.ga.gov), or via e-fax (770) 359-1596.

If you have any questions, please contact Farshad Baloochestani at farshad.baloochestani@dnr.ga.gov or (404) 232-7820.

Sincerely,

William Frechette
Unit Manager
Water Supply Program - Groundwater Unit

Enclosure

I agree with the terms contained in this letter and the enclosed draft withdrawal permit No. 112-0002.

Name (Signed) _____ Date _____

Name (Typed or Printed) _____

Title _____

PERMIT NO. 112-0002
ISSUANCE DATE:



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PERMIT TO USE GROUNDWATER

PERMIT HOLDER'S NAME **City of Jasper**
PERMIT HOLDER'S ADDRESS **200 Burnt Mountain Road, Jasper, GA 30143**
COUNTY: **Pickens County**

In accordance with the Provisions of the Groundwater Use Act, (O.C.G.A § 12-5-90 et seq.) as amended, and the Rules and Regulations for Groundwater Use, Chapter 391-3-2, promulgated pursuant thereto, this Permit is issued to withdraw, obtain, or utilize a maximum system wide total of groundwater in the amount of:

1.330 million gallons per day monthly average and **1.330** million gallons per day annual average;

from **two** well(s) located at/near **Jasper, Georgia – Pickens County**, for the purpose of a consumptive use for a **central water supply**.

This Permit is conditioned upon the permit holder complying with the attached **Standard Conditions** (1 through 5) and the additional **Special Conditions** (6 through 13), which are hereby made a part of this Permit.

In accordance with the application dated **June 09, 2017** and in conformity with the statements and supporting data entered therein or attached thereto, all of which are filed with the EPD and are hereby made part of this Permit.

This permit is effective from the date first above written and is subject to revocation on evidence of noncompliance with any of the provisions of the Groundwater Use Act, as amended, or any of the Rules and Regulations promulgated pursuant thereto; or with any representation made in the above mentioned application or the statements and supporting data entered therein or attached thereto; or with any condition of this permit.

Absent prior revocation in accordance with the above language, this Permit will expire on the **XXth day of Month 202X**.



Richard E. Dunn, Director
Environmental Protection Division

This Permit is conditioned upon the permit holder complying with the following:

STANDARD CONDITIONS

- (1) The provisions of the Groundwater Use Act, as amended, or any of the Rules and Regulations promulgated pursuant thereto;
- (2) The Permit must not be transferred except with the approval of the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD);
- (3) The Groundwater Withdrawal Report will be submitted MONTHLY in accordance with the following schedule:
 - Production between the first day of the month and the last day of the month will be submitted to EPD by the 10th day of the following month (ex. January 1st through January 31st groundwater withdrawal data will be reported to the EPD by February 10th).
- (4) The withdrawal of groundwater is limited to the quantities and purpose of the water herein specified.
- (5) Applications for permit renewal should be submitted within 6 months of the permit expiration date. A permit may be renewed following its expiration upon compliance with the provisions for submitting a new permit application.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- (6) This Permit is valid for ground water withdrawal from the Crystalline Rock Aquifer(s). No other aquifer(s) can be used without the approval of the EPD.
- (7) If multiple aquifers are designated in Special Condition (6) above, groundwater withdrawal of each aquifer must be reported separately. Each aquifer must be identified on the Groundwater Withdrawal Report, as well as listing the well or wells that are producing in each aquifer. If a well is producing in more than one aquifer, it is to be noted. The Groundwater Withdrawal Report must be submitted in accordance with the schedule outlined in Standard Condition (3) of this permit.
- (8) The replacement of any permitted well must receive prior approval from EPD.
- (9) In accordance with the Groundwater Use Rules, 391-3-2-.08(2), a permit holder will analyze a raw groundwater sample for specific conductance on an annual basis. Analysis for specific conductance must be conducted in accordance with 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 141.89. A raw groundwater sample must be collected for every five permitted wells (i.e., if you have between one and five permitted wells, collect one raw groundwater sample for analysis; if you have between six and ten permitted wells, collect a raw groundwater sample from two of the permitted wells, etc.). The groundwater samples will be collected from the highest yielding wells. The results must be submitted to EPD attached to a corporate letterhead and will include the date sampled, well number, temperature of water sample at time of testing, the specific conductance result, and the units of measurement.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- (10) This groundwater withdrawal permit and any future modifications or re-issuances of such, is conditioned upon implementation of the permit holder's Water Conservation Plan developed in accordance with the Rules and Regulations for Groundwater Use, Chapter 391-3-2, and updated to be consistent with current EPD guidelines. This permit holder must demonstrate an effort to increase water use efficiency.
- (11) The permit holder must abide by applicable water conservation requirements.
- (12) The permit holder must abide by applicable drought response requirements.
- (13) This permit supersedes any and all previous permits of the same permit number.

PERMIT MODIFICATION

The permit holder may seek modification of any of the terms of an unexpired permit upon written request to the Director.

The Georgia EPD has the authority to modify any groundwater withdrawal permit at any time.