



City of Jasper
 200 Burnt Mountain Road
 Jasper, GA 30143
 MINUTES | PUBLIC HEARING REGULAR MEETING
 Monday, November 7, 2022, 6:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT
 Mayor Steve Lawrence
 Kirk Raffield
 Folsom C. Proctor
 John Foust
 Jim Looney
 Anne Sneve

STAFF
 Sonia Jammes
 Kim Goldener
 Tara Benson
 David Hall
 Lindsey Williams
 Lonnie Waters
 Shaunna Coleman
 Stacy Johnson
 Mike Davis

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE
 Ruth Anne Waters
 Green Suttles
 Max Caylor
 Jennifer McDonald
 Michael Lukey

MEMBERS ABSENT

LEGAL COUNSEL
 R. David Syfan

PRESS
 Mari Livsey – KnowPickens
 Angela Reinhardt – Pickens Progress

AGENDA ITEM: Call Meeting to Order/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance		PRESENTER: Mayor Lawrence
Mayor Lawrence seeing a quorum called the meeting to order. Mayor Lawrence called on Max Caylor to provide the Invocation. Mayor Lawrence called on Development Director Lonnie Waters to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None	N/A	N/A

AGENDA ITEM: Adopt Agenda		PRESENTER: Mayor Steve Lawrence
CONCLUSION: Mayor Lawrence called for a motion to adopt the agenda. Councilmember John Foust made a motion to approve. Councilmember Anne Sneve provided a second. The motion to approve passed unanimously.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None	N/A	N/A

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:		PRESENTER: Mayor Lawrence
Minutes Public Hearing /Work Session September 29, 2022 Minutes Regular Meeting October 3, 2022 Minutes Special Called Joint Meeting October 24, 2022 Development Report Financial Report Fire Report Police Report Text My Gov Contract		
DISCUSSION: Mayor Lawrence called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.		
CONCLUSION: Councilmember Kirk Raffield made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilmember Sneve provided a second. The motion to approve passed unanimously.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Approved	N/A	N/A

AGENDA ITEM: Recognize the Retirement of Lonnie Waters		PRESENTER: Mayor Lawrence
Mayor Lawrence and Councilmembers personally thanked Mr. Waters for his 17 years of service with the City of Jasper. Mayor Lawrence and Council presented Mr. Waters with a Plaque.		

PUBLIC HEARING		PRESENTER: Mayor Lawrence
#1 Proposed 2023 Budget		
DISCUSSION: Mayor Lawrence asked for any public comments.		
CONCLUSION: With no public comments, Mayor Lawrence closed the Public Hearing. The proposed 2023 Budget will be voted on at the December 5, 2022, Regular Council Meeting. A Copy of the proposed 2023 Budget is available in the lobby of City Hall		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
To be Approved on December 5 th Council Meeting	N/A	N/A

AGENDA ITEM: New Business		PRESENTER: Mayor Lawrence
#1 Consideration and approval of appointments for Housing Authority		
DISCUSSION: Mayor Lawrence stated that there are two Vacancies open in the Housing Authority. One is due to the death of Vonce Farrow. Mayor Lawrence recommended Stephanie Pitts to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Farrow with the term ending September 18, 2024. The next appointment recommendation is Mary Cantrell who is currently serving on the board and would like to be reappointed. Mayor Lawrence stated that he would like to consider a different way of selection boards to insure that people who want to serve to know what positions are available. Mayor Lawrence called on Mayor Pro Tem for his input. Councilmember Raffield stated that the idea behind our boards and commissions within the city is to serve our community for the greater good and benefit of everyone inside of it. As an organization, we are always looking for better ways to increase public engagement and education on how we operate and how we can continue to operate in a more effective manner. Councilmember Raffield suggested that Council look to City Manager and administration to prepare a procedure for selecting and appointing open positions on boards. Councilmember Raffield stated that moving forward if there is a vacancy the elected body needs to be notified as well as the public to ensure that anyone interested in serving will have the opportunity. Ms. Jammes stated that staff is up to the task and has already discussed ideas on how to set up the process. Staff will start this process after the first of the year. Councilmember Looney asked Attorney Mr. Syfan if the change would require a change to the City Charter. Mr. Syfan stated that the charter would not need to be changed and he would check the language in the Charter to see if requires an ordinance or resolution. Councilmember Proctor stated that some of the appointments are constitutional and governed by state law.		
CONCLUSION: Mayor Lawrence called for a motion to approve Stephanie Pitts to fill the unexpired term of Vonce Farrow and to approve Mary Cantrell to be appointed to the Housing Authority. Councilmember Foust made the motion to approve. Councilmember Raffield provided a second. The motion to approve passed unanimously.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Approved	N/A	N/A

AGENDA ITEM: New Business		PRESENTER: Lindsey Williams
#2 Consideration and approval of new alcohol license for Hive and Vine LLC		
DISCUSSION: Mrs. Williams requested the approval of a new alcohol license for Hive and Vine LLC located at 57-B North Main Street. The applicant has met all requirements and the background check had no disqualifying factors.		
CONCLUSION: Mayor Lawrence called for a motion to approve the new alcohol license for Hive and Vine LLC. Councilmember Looney made a motion to approve. Councilmember Sneve provided a second. The motion to approve passed unanimously.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Approved	N/A	N/A

AGENDA ITEM: New Business		PRESENTER: Sonia Jammes
#3 Consideration and approval of Employee Christmas		

Bonus		
<p>DISCUSSION: Ms. Jammes asked that the council reward city employees on how far they have come this year, striving for excellence. Ms. Jammes asked that council provide staff with a \$500 Holiday Bonus to help them value their family's this holiday season as we have valued them.</p> <p>CONCLUSION: Mayor Lawrence made a motion to approve amending the 2022 budget to reflect employee Christmas Bonus. Councilmember Raffield made a motion to approve. Councilmember Looney provided a second. The motion to approve passed unanimously.</p>		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Approved	N/A	N/A

AGENDA ITEM: Committee Reports		PRESENTER: Council
<p>DISCUSSION: Council provided brief updates. Not all of the committees have been able to meet due to holiday scheduling conflicts. The bids for the addition to the Fire station came back higher than expected, staff is looking to continue with the project as well as seek out other opportunities.</p>		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
	N/A	N/A

AGENDA ITEM: Executive Session		PRESENTER: Mayor Steve Lawrence
<p>DISCUSSION: Mayor Lawrence called for a motion to go into Executive Session for the discussion of Real Estate and personnel. Councilmember Looney made a motion to go into Executive Session. Councilmember Raffield proved a second. Motion passed unanimously. Mayor Lawrence made a motion to go back into regular council session. Councilmember Raffield made a motion. Councilmember Sneve provided a second. Motion passed unanimously.</p>		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None	N/A	N/A

AGENDA ITEM: Adjourn		PRESENTER: Mayor Steve Lawrence
<p>DISCUSSION: Mayor Lawrence called for a motion to adjourn.</p> <p>CONCLUSION: Councilmember Raffield made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Looney provided the second. Motion to approve passed unanimously. Mayor Lawrence adjourned the meeting.</p>		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Adjourn	N/A	N/A



 Mayor


 City Clerk