

MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
Monday, December 20, 2021, 6:00 PM

Members Present:

Mayor Steve Lawrence
Jim Looney
John Foust
Kirk Raffield

Staff:

Beverly Ragland
Lindsey Williams
Stacey Johnson
David Hall

Guests in Attendance:

Green Suttles

Members Absent:

Anne Sneve

Legal Counsel:

Press:

Pickens Progress- Dan Pool
Know Pickens

Mayor Steve Lawrence asked Councilmember Kirk Raffield if he recognized a quorum. Seeing a quorum, Mayor Lawrence recognized meeting as open. Mayor Lawrence stated Councilmember Anne Sneve was not in attendance.

He requested Councilmember Raffield to provide the invocation. He requested Councilmember Jim Looney to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Lawrence advised that an agenda is in front of them, and he entertained a motion to adopt the agenda. Councilmember Raffield made a motion to adopt the agenda with Councilmember John Foust providing a second. Motion to approve passed unanimously.

Mayor Lawrence called for a motion to approve minutes from November 15, 2021, Special Called Meeting/Work Session. Councilmember Looney made a motion to approve. Councilmember Foust provided a second. Motion to approve passed unanimously.

Mayor Lawrence recognized item A under old business Consideration and approval of the 2022 Budget. Mayor Lawrence called on Finance Director Beverly Ragland to bring this forward. Ms. Ragland provided a report for Mayor and Council. Mayor Lawrence called for a motion to approve the 2022 Budget. Councilmember Raffield made motion to approve. Councilmember Dr. Sonny Proctor confirmed that any changed that had been made moving forward related to expenditures next year would be in a budget amendment. Councilmember Looney provided a second. Motion to approve passed unanimously.

With the conclusion of Old Business Mayor Lawrence recognized first item under new business (item A) Consideration and approval of An Ordinance and Adoption Agreement for the City of Jasper Defined Benefit Retirement Plan. Mayor Lawrence called on Ms. Ragland. Ms. Ragland stated the minimum age for retirement is changed from 55 to 52 and noted the special provisions for the City Manager to be vested in the program on the first day of employment. The plan becomes effective January 2022. Mayor Lawrence called for a motion to approve. Councilmember Looney made a motion to approve. Councilmember Raffield provided a second. Motion to approve passed unanimously.

Mayor Lawrence recognized the next item under new business (Item B) Consideration and approval of the 2022 Workers Compensation Renewal. Mayor Lawrence called for a motion. Councilmember Foust made a motion to approve. Councilmember Looney provided a second. Motion to approve passed unanimously.

Mayor Lawrence called for a motion to go into Executive Session for Personnel. Councilmember Looney made a motion. Councilmember Raffield provided a second.

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Councilmember Looney made a motion to come out of executive Session. Councilmember Foust provided a second. Motion to approve passed unanimously.

Mayor Lawrence called for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Foust made a motion. Councilmember Raffield provided a second. Motion to approve passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.



Steve Lawrence

Mayor



Beverly Ragland

Finance Director/City Clerk