

City of Jasper
200 Burnt Mountain Road
Jasper, Georgia 30143
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, March 4, 2019, 6 p.m.

- I. Call meeting to order
- II. Invocation
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Adopt agenda
- V. Read minutes of the February 4, 2019 regular meeting and the February 8, 2019 called meeting
 - A. Lisa Hoyle
- VI. Old Business
 - A. Update of storm water upgrade at Hwy 53 and Jones Street (Speedburger)
 - 1. Jim Looney
 - B. Update on alcohol amendment – Sunday early sales
 - 1. Jim Looney
 - 2. Anne Sneve
 - C. Update on electronic filing building permits, drawings and plans
 - 1. Kirk Raffield
 - D. Mayoral appointments
 - 1. Jim Looney
 - 2. Brandon Douglas
 - E. Update Grandview Gateway to the Mountains development – consider establishing committee to review plans
 - 1. Brandon Douglas
- VII. New Business
 - A. Brownie Troup 19001 presentation – water conservation/recycling
 - 1. Kirk Raffield
 - 2. Brownie Troup 19001
 - B. Consideration change name of Stegall Drive to Veteran’s Memorial Blvd
 - 1. Frank Leist
 - C. Council email issues – consider authorizing city manager to resolve
 - 1. Brandon Douglas
 - D. Alcohol license request for continuance – Smokin’ Mo’s BBQ, LLC
 - 1. Sonny Underwood
 - E. Bank signature change – remove Jim Looney add Brandon Douglas
 - 1. Jim Looney
 - F. Sewerage system expansion – February 26, 2019 public hearing minutes read into this meeting
 - 1. Lisa Hoyle
 - 2. Brandon Douglas
 - G. Fire engine #2 repair
 - 1. Chief Steve Roper
 - H. 911 Interface purchase
 - 1. Chief Steve Roper
 - I. Vehicle purchase for fire department
 - 1. Chief Steve Roper
 - 2. Jim Looney
 - J. Roll-off vehicle repair – WPCP
 - 1. David Hall
 - K. Wet well pump repair/replace – WPCP
 - 1. David Hall
 - L. Water tank re-paint request to bid – A.W. Lawson Blvd tank vs. Pioneer Industrial Blvd tank
 - 1. David Hall
 - M. Discussion 2019 paving – consider city staff to work jointly with county staff on roads owned in part by both governments
 - 1. Lonnie Waters

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VII. New Business - Continued

- N. Consider first reading planning/zoning commission ordinance
 - 1. Brandon Douglas
- O. Reduced water/sewer rate application
 - 1. Lisa Hoyle
- P. Resolution for supplemental lease – police truck
 - 1. Lisa Hoyle

VIII. Mayor's Report

- A. Finance Report
 - 1. Lisa Hoyle
- B. Roads/Other Report
 - 1. Lonnie Waters
- C. Police Report
 - 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
Brandon Douglas
Jim Looney
David Hall
Greg Lovell
Steve Roper
Sonny Underwood

Guests in Attendance:

Mari Livsey
Frank Leist
Ray Smith
Ken Blazier
Lonnie Adams
Steve Henderson
Fondia Henderson
Cindy Foust
Brownie Troup 19001

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 Tony Fountain lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Weaver asked that the agenda be reviewed and approved by Council with a change to move the Brownie Troup presentation earlier in the agenda. Councilmember Sonny Proctor made a motion to postpone the Mayoral appointments. Councilmember Kirk Raffield seconded that motion. Motion carried unanimously. Councilmember Kirk Raffield made a motion to adopt the agenda with the changes. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Weaver called on City Clerk Lisa Hoyle to read the minutes of the February 4, 2019 regular meeting. Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to adopt the minutes as read. Councilmember Kirk Raffield seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Ms. Hoyle read the minutes of the February 8, 2019 called meeting. Councilmember Kirk Raffield made a motion to adopt the minutes as read. Councilmember John Foust seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with Anne Sneve abstaining as she was absent from the meeting.

Item A under New Business was moved earlier in the agenda. Mayor Weaver recognized Brownie Troup 19001 to make a presentation on recycling and water conservation. Each member of the Troup read aloud a different way to recycle and to conserve water. Mayor Weaver thanked the Troup and recognized Councilmember Kirk Raffield to make a motion. Councilmember Raffield made a motion that the Mayor and Council encourage all those in this community to continue to practice water conservation and recycling to the best of their ability. Councilmember Sonny Proctor seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item A under Old Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Jim Looney to give an update on the storm water upgrade at Highway 53 and Jones Street. Mr. Looney stated that he had just received the quote to prepare documents in order to bid out the repair today and had not had a chance to review. He asked that the item be tabled until the next regular council meeting. This item will be on next month's agenda under old business.

Item B under Old Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Mr. Looney and Councilmember Anne Sneve to give an update on the alcohol ordinance amendment for early Sunday alcohol sales. Mr. Looney stated that the city would need to have this on the ballot at the next election in November. He stated that they were also looking into changing the food to alcohol ratio requirements. He stated that he and Councilmember Sneve would meet and an update will be presented at the next council meeting. No action taken.

Item C under Old Business, Mayor Weaver called on Councilmember Kirk Raffield to give an update on software options for electronic filing of building permits, drawings and plans. Councilmember Raffield stated that he was awaiting more information from vendors. This item will appear on next month's agenda under old business. No action taken.

Item D under Old Business, was removed earlier from the agenda. Mayor Weaver asked Councilmember Sonny Proctor to explain to council why he wanted the Mayoral Appointments removed. Councilmember Proctor stated that he had not been able to find the ordinances that establish the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of

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Appeals. He stated that he thought it would be best if the city waited until these ordinances were established before moving forward with the appointments.

Item E under Old Business, Mayor Weaver called on City Manager Brandon Douglas to present to council an update on the Grandview Gateway to the Mountains project. Mr. Douglas stated that the city had received some site plans from the developer of this project. He requested that there be a committee formed to review the Planned Unit Development (PUD) plans. He stated that he would recommend that the Mayor and Councilmember John Foust serve as elected officials on the committee. Mayor Weaver appointed Councilmember Foust to serve along with himself and city staff. Mayor Weaver also agreed to allow former Planning and Zoning Director Mike Castagna to serve on the committee.

Item A under New Business was acted on earlier in the meeting.

Item B under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Frank Leist and Ray Smith with the Veteran's Memorial Park Association. Mr. Smith thanked council for all their help with the Veteran's Memorial Park. Mr. Smith presented council slides of the park and future plans for the park. Mr. Smith stated that they were requesting to change the name of Stegall Drive to Veteran's Memorial Boulevard. He stated that this would be the portion from Mary Street to Maple Lane. He stated that he had signed agreements from both the Pickens County Chamber and from the Senior Center. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion. Councilmember Tony Fountain made a motion to rename the portion of Stegall Drive from Mary Street to Maple Lane to Veteran's Memorial Boulevard. Councilmember John Foust seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized City Manager Brandon Douglas who requested to work with ETC and council members who were having issues with email. Mayor and council were in agreement. No action necessary.

Item D under New Business, Mr. Underwood presented an application for selling alcohol (Beer/ Wine) by the drink from Morris L. August, the new owner of Smokin' Mo's BBQ, LLC located at 61 North Main Street (the old Wingsology location). Mr. Underwood stated that the background check had not yet been received and he would report on that at the next regular meeting. Mayor Weaver stated that this item will be on the agenda for next month's regular meeting as Old Business. No action taken.

Item E under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Jim Looney. Mr. Looney stated that he is requesting council to approve bank signature changes to remove himself and to add Brandon D. Douglas. Councilmember John Foust made a motion to remove Jim Looney and add Brandon D. Douglas to all bank signature cards. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item F under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Mr. Douglas to present the minutes of the February 26, 2019 Public Hearing regarding the sewerage system expansion to be read into the present meeting. Mr. Douglas turned the minutes to be read over to City Clerk Lisa Hoyle. Ms. Hoyle read the minutes of the February 26, 2019 Public Hearing. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion to enter these minutes as part of the public record and a part of this meeting. Councilmember Anne Sneve made such motion. Councilmember Tony Fountain seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item G under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Chief Steve Roper and Mr. Douglas. Chief Roper stated that Fire Engine 2 was in need of repair. He stated that engine was at Peterbilt repair and they said it could be a head gasket blown, a cracked head or a cracked block. He stated that the worst-case scenario (a cracked block) the estimated repair cost would be \$28,631. He stated that Peterbilt thinks that it is a blown head gasket, which would cost \$7,438. He is asking council approve up to \$30,000 to repair the engine. Discussion followed. Chief Roper stated that as soon as Peterbilt removes the head we will know the cost. Chief Roper stated that he was going to use money from site improvements to pay for the repairs if necessary. City Clerk Lisa Hoyle questioned the use of funds allocated to rock work as she did not budget for that work. Councilmember Kirk Raffield stated that it was in the budget. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion. Councilmember Kirk Raffield made a motion to allow up to \$30,000 in repair work on the engine. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item H under New Business, Chief Roper stated the county began upgrading its computer-aided dispatch software in the prior year and had stopped before completion. He stated that his department had purchased iPads in the prior year in anticipation of this project. He stated that during budget preparation for 2019 he was unable to get prices on the software necessary for the city, therefore he did not budget for it. He stated that the county started the project up again in late December, therefore he purchased the software for a total of \$18,120 in order to build a computer-aided dispatch interface. He stated that this would allow for everything that the county has taken in, not

only from the call but also any other known factors, would instantly be available in the fire departments iPads. He stated that this is designed to cut radio traffic down. Mayor Weaver clarified that Chief Roper is not asking for permission to make this purchase – the purchase was made in January without council's knowledge. Mayor Weaver stated that this called for a stern reprimand to the former city manager that council was not told in advance of the expenditure. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion that council recognize the \$18,120 as previously spent funds that the city will have to come up with and promise to not make a purchase like this again without council oversight and transparency. Councilmember Kirk Raffield made such motion. Councilmember John Foust seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item I under New Business, Chief Roper presented to council the order of a new Chevrolet Tahoe. He stated that the budget for the Tahoe for 2019 was \$37,900. He stated that Day's Chevrolet of Jasper's quote came in at \$39,243 and that Hardy Chevrolet of Dallas came in at \$36,395. He stated that the Spring deadline cut-off date for ordering was last week and the next ordering deadline was October 1st, 2019. He stated that there would be a seven month build time, which puts delivery in mid-September. He stated that the previous city manager had given him permission to order the vehicle. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion to approve the purchase of the Chevrolet Tahoe from Hardy Chevrolet at a cost of \$36,395 to be financed over a three-year period. Councilmember John Foust made such motion. Councilmember Kirk Raffield seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item J under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Water and Sewer Superintendent David Hall to present to council request for approval of a repair to the 2000 Mack Roll-off truck. Mr. Hall read to council the list of necessary repairs. He stated that he had received two quotes – Wormy's Truck and Equipment for \$6,456.46 and Cope Equipment for \$7,400. He is asking council to approve the repairs at the low quote. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion. Councilmember Kirk Raffield made a motion to accept the low quote of \$6,456.46 to repair the truck. Councilmember Tony Fountain seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.

Item K under New Business, Mayor Weaver called on Mr. Hall to present quotes to replace the wet well pump at the water pollution control plant. Mr. Hall stated that he had two quotes on the 10 hp submersible pump and motor – James electric quoted \$9,800 and Xylem quoted \$9,583.92. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion. Councilmember John Foust made a motion to approve the purchase from the low quote Xylem at \$9,583.92. Councilmember Kirk Raffield seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item L under New Business, Mayor Weaver called on Mr. Hall to request council to allow the bidding out of painting the A.W. Lawson Blvd water tank. He stated that Pioneer Industrial Boulevard tank was budgeted but that he would like council to consider painting A.W. Lawson because of its proximity to Highway 515. He stated that both tanks were about the same (one not worse than the other) and they both needed painting. He stated that the city engineer thought that the work would come in at or under the \$100,000 budgeted. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion. Councilmember Kirk Raffield made a motion to transfer the funds budgeted to paint the Pioneer Industrial Boulevard tank to the A.W. Lawson Boulevard tank and to use the city's engineering firm Turnipseed Engineers to oversee the bid process at a cost of \$7,500. Councilmember Tony Fountain seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item M under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Lonnie Waters. Mr. Waters stated that he is asking permission from council to allow city staff to continue to negotiate with Pickens County in order to pave streets that are partially owned by both city and county. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion to allow the city manager and Mr. Waters to administratively oversee the streets being paved which are jointly owned with the county and provide a report back to council on how these paving projects were negotiated. Councilmember Anne Sneve made such motion. Councilmember Kirk Raffield seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item N under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized City Manager Brandon Douglas to present to council changes to the city's planning and zoning ordinances. Mayor Weaver stated that he wanted to have a chance for he and council and the public to have a better understanding of the changes to the city's ordinances. Mayor Weaver appointed himself, Mr. Douglas, Attorney Bill Pickett, and Councilmember Sonny Proctor as a committee to meet and discuss the changes. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion to table this item. Councilmember Proctor made a motion to table this item in order to give the committee a chance to meet with the expectation to have a reading of the agreed upon ordinance changes at the city's April regular meeting. Kirk Raffield seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item O under New Business, Mayor Weaver called upon City Clerk Lisa Hoyle to present for council's review a reduced rate application. Ms. Hoyle stated that the applicant qualified for the reduced water/sewer rates. Councilmember Kirk Raffield made a motion to approve the application. Councilmember Tony Fountain seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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Item P under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Finance Director Lisa Hoyle to present to Council a resolution to authorize the Mayor or City Manager to execute a long-term lease under the GMA financing program for the purchase of the Police truck earlier in the year. Councilmember Kirk Raffield made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Finance Director Lisa Hoyle gave the financial report for the month of February 2019.

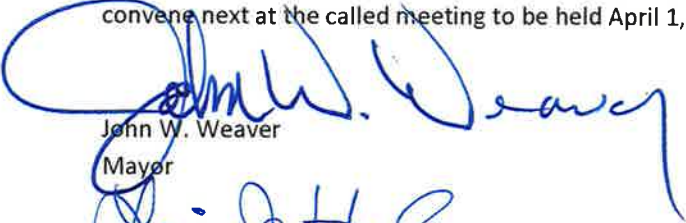
Lonnie Waters gave a report on roads and streets.

Chief Greg Lovell gave a report of police activities for the month of February 2019. Following his report, Mr. Lovell presented Officer Nathan Henderson with a Certificate of Valor and Medal of Valor for his act of bravery during a January 27, 2019 high-speed chase, in which he stopped a vehicle who was driving into oncoming traffic on Hwy 515. He stated that Officer Henderson had risked his own life while saving countless others that night.

Chief Steve Roper gave a report of fire activities for the month of February 2019.

Councilmember John Foust gave a report on JYSA.

Being no other business to come before Council, Mayor Weaver adjourned the meeting. Council is scheduled to convene next at the called meeting to be held April 1, 2019.



John W. Weaver
Mayor



Lisa J. Hoyle
City Clerk/Finance Director