

*City of Jasper*  
*200 Burnt Mountain Road*  
*Jasper, Georgia 30143*  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
Monday, April 1, 2019, 6 p.m.

- I. Call meeting to order
- II. Invocation
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Adopt agenda
- V. Read minutes of the March 4, 2019 regular meeting
  - A. Lisa Hoyle
- VI. Old Business
  - A. Update on alcohol amendment – Sunday early sales
    - 1. Brandon Douglas
    - 2. Anne Sneve
  - B. Consider first reading planning/zoning commission ordinance
    - 1. Brandon Douglas
  - C. Mayoral appointments
    - 1. Brandon Douglas
  - D. Alcohol license request for approval – Smokin' Mo's BBQ, LLC
    - 1. Sonny Underwood
- VII. New Business
  - A. Fishing rodeo
    - 1. Walt Cagle
  - B. City dog park name
    - 1. Lonnie Waters
  - C. Lawnmower purchase – street department
    - 1. Brandon Douglas
  - D. Vehicle purchase – police department
    - 1. Chief Greg Lovell
  - E. Lift station rebuilds (3) – Highway 108 and hospital
    - 1. David Hall
  - F. Cove road rock slide
    - 1. Brandon Douglas
- VIII. Executive Session
  - A. Consultation with legal counsel pertaining to pending/threatened litigation
    - 1. Attorney Bill Pickett
- IX. 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
- X. Adjourn

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Monday April 1, 2019**

Members Present:

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

Staff:

Lisa Hoyle  
Brandon Douglas  
David Hall  
Steve Roper  
Sonny Underwood  
Greg Lovell

Guests in Attendance:

Mari Livsey  
Lonnie Adams  
Ethan Henry  
Wesley Babcock  
Riley Ford  
Allie Megronigie  
Shelly Spruiell  
Mo August  
Chrissy August  
Katie Cagle  
Amy Gibson  
Donnie Mills  
Valja Cobson  
Tena Finley  
Ashley Draper  
Eddie Redmond

Members Absent:

None

Legal Counsel:

Bill Pickett

Press:

Larry Cavendar

Mayor Weaver called the meeting to order promptly at 6:00 p.m. He requested Lonnie Waters give the invocation. He requested Councilmember Kirk Raffield lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Weaver asked that the agenda be reviewed and approved by council. Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to adopt the agenda. Councilmember Kirk Raffield seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Weaver called on City Clerk Lisa Hoyle to read the minutes of the March 4, 2019 regular meeting. Councilmember Kirk Raffield made a motion to adopt the minutes as read. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item A under Old Business, Mayor Weaver recognized City Manager Brandon Douglas and Councilmember Anne Sneve to give an update on the alcohol ordinance amendment for early Sunday alcohol sales. He stated that this would allow for businesses to sell an hour and a half earlier on Sunday starting at 11:00 am. Mr. Douglas stated that the city would need to have the wording and title to the registrar's office by August in order for the item to be on the ballot at the next election in November. Councilmember Anne Sneve stated that the city's food to alcohol ratio was already the same as state law. Mr. Douglas stated that we should have the ordinance change ready by next month. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion to maintain this item as old business for next month. Councilmember Anne Sneve made such motion. Councilmember Kirk Raffield seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B under Old Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Mr. Douglas to present to council an addition to the city's planning and zoning ordinance. Mr. Douglas stated that this addition was to clarify the composition of the Planning and Zoning Board. Mayor Weaver stated that this would be considered the first reading. Mr. Douglas read the addition. Mayor Weaver asked that it be clarified whether or not the chairman of the commission would be allowed to vote – or only vote in the case of a tie of the other four members. Mr. Douglas stated that he would clarify this before the next meeting.

Item C under Old Business, Mayor Weaver called on Mr. Douglas to present the Mayoral appointments which were not approved by council at the January, 2019 meeting. Mr. Douglas stated the appointments up for approval were Luke Copeland for the Planning and Zoning Board, Karen Proctor for the Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals and Don Boggus for the Housing Authority. Councilmember Tony Fountain made a motion that council accept Mayor Weaver's appointments. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item D under Old Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Sonny Underwood, Planning and Zoning Director, to present an alcohol license application to Council for approval. He informed Council that Morris L. August, the new owner of

Smokin' Mo's BBQ, LLC located at 61 North Main Street (the old Wingsology location) had completed the application process and the required advertising had been met. The owner is now requesting that the application for a license to sell alcohol (Beer/Wine) by the drink be approved. Councilmember Kirk Raffield made a motion to approve the license. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item A under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Walt Cagle with the Pickens County Sportsman's Club to present to Council dates of the Kid's Fishing Rodeo at Cove Creek. Mr. Cagle stated that the dates of the Rodeo would be May 8<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and requested permission from Council to use the Cove property exclusively for the event on those dates. Mr. Cagle went over the history of the fishing event as well as the itinerary. He stated that this was the Sportsman's Club's give-back to the community. Following Mr. Cagle's statements, Mayor Weaver stated a resolution to allow the club to use the area for the fishing rodeo. Councilmember Kirk Raffield made a motion to allow the Pickens County Sportsman's Club to have use of the Cove Creek property for the Fishing event May 8<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> and Councilmember Sonny Proctor seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Lonnie Waters to discuss the naming of the city's new dog park. Mr. Waters stated that the question had been raised as to how the city was to name and dedicate the dog park. Mr. Waters stated that there was a young man that had dedicated his life to helping animals in this area. He recommended that the city name the dog park after Kyle Brock and hold a dedication for him in the near future. Councilmember John Foust made a motion to name the park after Kyle Brock. Councilmember Kirk Raffield seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Brandon Douglas to present quotes for a zero-turn lawnmower for the street department. Mr. Douglas stated that the quotes were as follows:

Goss Equipment Co.	\$11,886.20
Nelson Tractor Co.	\$12,615.00
Ag Pro – John Deere	\$13,649.99
Roland Tire	\$13,000.00
Mason Tractor Co.	\$12,526.00

Mr. Douglas recommended that the city go with the low quote from Goss Equipment Co. Councilmember John Foust made a motion that council approve the purchase of the mower from Goss at the low bid of \$11,886.20. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Mr. Douglas stated that Goss is a local vender that can work on repairs in-house. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item D under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Chief Greg Lovell and Brandon Douglas to present to council the need for another police truck. Chief Lovell stated that they had two vehicles in the shop and one vehicle totaled and had received \$15,000 in insurance proceeds. He stated that Ronnie Thompson Ford had quoted to sell them a truck at the same price as last truck purchased - \$33,900. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion. Councilmember Kirk Raffield made a motion to approve the purchase of the truck at \$33,900 from Ronnie Thompson Ford. Councilmember John Foust seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item E under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Water and Sewer Superintendent David Hall. Mr. Hall stated that during a maintenance check it was found that three 40 horsepower lift station pumps required rebuilding. He stated the pumps are located at the Bottom of 108 and two pumps at the hospital. He stated that he only had one quote from Xylam due to the fact that another company would have to buy the parts from Xylam. He stated the cost to rebuild all three lift station pumps would be \$32,136.28. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion. Councilmember John Foust made a motion to approve \$32,136.28 for the rebuilds of the three pumps. Councilmember Tony Fountain seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item F under New Business, Mayor Weaver called on Brandon Douglas to discuss the rock slide that closed Cove Road. Mr. Douglas stated that he had been in contact with Geostabilization International Company for rock removal, scaling, and stabilization. He stated the cost of the project was quoted at \$95,000 for a six-day period of work. He stated that the city did vet the quote through a third-party firm. Mr. Douglas asked council to approve up to \$120,000 in the case additional work is necessary due to what is found by the company. Mayor Weaver stated that the city has appealed to the state for emergency funds. Attorney Bill Pickett stated his concern that in the case of a lawsuit – the contract is governed by the state of Colorado. Mr. Douglas stated that he felt the company would be willing to discuss that issue with the city. More discussion followed. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion. Councilmember Kirk Raffield made a motion to approve up to \$120,000 to hire the company to stabilize the rocks. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried by four votes. Councilmember John Foust abstained – his reason being that he worked for Georgia Power and might be on the crews working on power lines.

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Item G under New Business, Mayor Weaver stated that council needed to go into executive session in order to consult with legal counsel regarding pending/threatened litigation. Councilmember Tony Fountain made a motion to go into executive session. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Weaver closed the meeting.

Councilmember John Foust made a motion to come out of executive session. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Weaver opened the meeting.

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

Lonnie Waters gave a report on roads and streets.

Chief Greg Lovell gave a report of police activities for the month of March 2019.

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

Being no other business to come before Council, Mayor Weaver adjourned the meeting. Council is scheduled to convene next at the regular meeting to be held May 6, 2019.

(Absent)

John W. Weaver  
Mayor

  
Lisa J. Hoyle

City Clerk/Finance Director

  
Mayor Pro-tem

**AFFIDAVIT RE: CLOSURE OF OPEN MEETINGS**

Personally appeared before the undersigned officer, duly authorized under the laws of the State of Georgia to administer oaths, John W. Weaver, who in his/her capacity of Mayor or the person presiding over the meeting of the Council of the City of Jasper, Georgia, and after being first duly sworn, certifies under oath and states to the best of his or her knowledge and belief the following:

At its meeting held on April 1, 2019, the Council voted to go into closed session and exclude the public from all or a portion of its meeting. The legal exceptions applicable to the exempt matters addressed during such closed meeting are as follows:

(check or initial as appropriate)

- Discussing or deliberating upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action, dismissal, periodic evaluation, or rating of a government officer or employee.
- Privileged consultation with legal counsel pertaining to pending or threatened litigation, claims, administrative proceedings or settlements. [OCGA 50-14-2]
- Discussing the future acquisition of real estate. [OCGA 50-14-3(4)]
- Staff meetings for investigative purposes under duties or responsibilities imposed by law. [OCGA 50-14-3(1)]
- Tax matters made confidential by state law. [OCGA 50-14-2]
- Inspection of facilities under jurisdiction of the City. [OCGA 50-14-1(a)(2)]
- Meeting with a governing body, officer, agent or employee of another agency at a location outside the geographical jurisdiction of the City or such other agenda and at which no final action is taken. [OCGA 50-14-1(a)(2)]
- Other. (Explanation required.)

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I certify that the subject matter of the closed meeting or the closed portion of this meeting was devoted to the matters of official business or policy within the exceptions provided by law as set forth above.

  
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City Clerk  
(seal)

  
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Mayor

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10 day of April, 2019.

  
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Notary Public  
Pickens County, State of Georgia

My Commission Expires: Feb 10, 2022

