



City of Jasper
 200 Burnt Mountain Road
 Jasper, GA 30143
 MINUTES | SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
 Thursday, April 13, 2023, 6:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT
 Mayor Steve Lawrence
 Kirk Raffield
 Folsom C. Proctor-Zoom
 John Foust
 Anne Sneve

STAFF
 Sonia Jammes
 Kim Goldener
 Tara Benson
 Lindsey Williams

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE
 Charles Welch-GMC
 Cal McCalaman-GMC

MEMBERS ABSENT
 Jim Looney

LEGAL COUNSEL

PRESS
 Mari Livsey – KnowPickens
 Dan Pool – Pickens Progress

AGENDA ITEM: Call Meeting to Order/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance		PRESENTER: Mayor Steve Lawrence	
Mayor Lawrence asked Councilmember Sneve if we have a quorum present. Councilmember Sneve stated yes. Mayor Lawrence called the meeting to order. Mayor Lawrence called on councilmember Kirk Raffield to provide the Invocation. Councilmember Foust led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmember Looney was not in attendance. Councilmember Proctor joined via Zoom.			
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 Sneve made a motion to approve. Councilmember John Foust provided a second. The motion to approve passed unanimously.			
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Approved	N/A	N/A	

AGENDA ITEM: New Business #1 Presentation of Water/Wastewater Utility Rate Study		PRESENTER: Charles Welch	
DISCUSSION: In 2022, City Council commissioned Goodwyn Mills Cawood, LLC. (GMC) Engineering Firm to perform a rate study for our utility. Mr. Welch from GMC is here to present the findings of the rate study. Mr. Welch started with a brief overview of what it will take for the city to do a rate increase to meet the debit services for the new wastewater treatment plant. Mr. Welch gave a presentation of the draft water and wastewater Rate Study. Mr. Welch provided the council with a copy of the draft Utility Rate study. Mr. Welch stated that he is available to answer any questions that the council has. Councilmember Raffield stated that this study has been pivotal in moving forward to provide services for our citizens. He added that there will be adjustments made to the study that the administration will make internally.			
CONCLUSION: Mayor Lawrence called for a motion to advertise for New Water and Sewer Services. Councilmember Sneve made a motion. Councilmember Rafield provided a second. The motion to approve passed unanimously.			
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Approve to Advertise	N/A	N/A	

AGENDA ITEM: New Business #2 Presentation of the Utility & Development Draft Master Plan	PRESENTER: Charles Welch
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DISCUSSION:

In 2022, City Council commissioned Goodwyn Mills Cawood, LLC. (GMC) Engineering Firm to create a system-wide Master Plan. The intent of the plan is to systematically identify priorities based on the critical need to start updating/upgrading/replacing infrastructure within the current system and propose ways that the city could create a more efficient system based on current industry standards. Mr. Welch presented the draft Utility & Development Master Plan. He stated that with the population growth, the water system is going to grow provided that additional water can be found. He said that they could not do a full model of the system because they did not have all of the data, they are doing additional mapping in the city. He added that general maintenance needs to be done on the water and sewer system. Mr. Welch encouraged the Mayor and Council to provide any changes or comments that they may have on the draft. Mr. Welch stated that another presentation with recommendations will be presented to the Mayor and Council, once the plan is finalized.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
N/A	N/A	N/A

AGENDA ITEM: Adjourn	PRESENTER: Mayor Steve Lawrence
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DISCUSSION:

Mayor Lawrence called for a motion to adjourn.

CONCLUSION:

Councilmember Foust made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Raffield provided the second. The motion to approve passed unanimously. Mayor Lawrence adjourned the meeting.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Adjourn	N/A	N/A



 Mayor



 City Clerk