



City of Jasper
 200 Burnt Mountain Road
 Jasper, GA 30143
 MINUTES | REGULAR MEETING
 Monday, April 4, 2022, 6:00 PM

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

STAFF
 Sonia Jammes
 Kim Goldener
 Josh Davis
 Tara Benson
 David Hall
 Stacy Johnson
 Lindsey Williams

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE
 See Attached Sign in Sheet

MEMBERS ABSENT
 None

LEGAL COUNSEL
 R. David Syfan

PRESS
 Mari Livsey – KnowPickens
 Dan Pool – Pickens Progress

AGENDA ITEM: Call Meeting to Order/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance		PRESENTER: Mayor Steve Lawrence
DISCUSSION: Mayor Lawrence seeing a quorum called the meeting to order. Mayor Lawrence called on Lonnie Waters to give the invocation. Councilmember Folsom Proctor led the Pledge of Allegiance.		
ACTION ITEMS None	PERSON RESPONSIBLE N/A	DEADLINE N/A

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

AGENDA ITEM: Approve minutes from March 7, 2022, Regular Council Meeting		PRESENTER: Mayor Steve Lawrence
DISCUSSION: Mayor Lawrence called for a motion to approve.		
CONCLUSION: Councilmember Sneve made a motion to approve the minutes from March 7, 2022, Regular Council Meeting. Councilmember Raffield provided a second. Motion to approve passed unanimously.		
ACTION ITEMS None	PERSON RESPONSIBLE N/A	DEADLINE N/A

AGENDA ITEM: Recognize the Retirement of Fire Chief Steve Roper		PRESENTER: Mayor Steve Lawrence
DISCUSSION: Mayor and Council recognized Fire Chief Steve Roper for his 38 years of service with the City of Jasper, serving 23 years as Fire Chief. Mayor and Council presented Chief Roper with a representation of the plaque that will be permanently mounted in the remodeled Fire Station. Following the Mayor and Council presentation, Assistant Chief		

Headrick and members from the fire department presented Chief Roper his helmet, thanking him for his service. Chief Roper called 10-7 (out of service call) for the final time. Chief Roper's 10-7 was acknowledged by Pickens 911 with a thankful message and congratulations on his retirement. Chief Roper was then given a ride home in Engine 1.

CONCLUSION:

The Fire Department drove Chief Roper home for his last ride in the fire truck.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None	N/A	N/A

AGENDA ITEM: Swearing in of Chief of Police

PRESENTER: Mayor Steve Lawrence

DISCUSSION:

Mayor Lawrence recognized Chief Mathew Dawkins and wife Jessica Dawkins.

CONCLUSION:

Mayor Lawrence swore in Mr. Dawkins as the Police Chief for the City of Jasper.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None	N/A	N/A

AGENDA ITEM: Swearing in of the Fire Chief

PRESENTER: Mayor Steve Lawrence

DISCUSSION: Mayor Lawrence asked for John Sherrer III to come forward.

CONCLUSION:

Mayor Lawrence swore in John Sherrer, III for the City of Jasper Fire Chief.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None	N/A	N/A

AGENDA ITEM: Old Business

Item #1 Consideration and approval of revisions to alcohol ordinance #2022-02

PRESENTERS: Sonia Jammes

DISCUSSION:

City Manager Sonia Jammes provided background information to evaluate some of the economic needs and long-term viability and sustainability of our downtown (CBD). Staff is asking to amend the alcohol ordinance.

Sec. 10-29. – Application

Sec. 10-35. – Review of application by city council

Sec. 10-39. – Term of license; fees.

Sec. 10-40. – License renewal.

Sec. 10-130. – Package and on premises sales restrictions

Sec. 10-136. – Happy hour and other promotions prohibited

Sec. 10-309. – Permitted locations, access

Sec. 10-315. – Patios and open areas

CONCLUSION:

Mayor Lawrence called for a motion to approve the revisions to alcohol ordinance #2022-02. Councilmember Sneve made a motion to approve. Councilmember Dr. Proctor provided a second. Motion to approve passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Approved Ordinance #2022-02	N/A	N/A

AGENDA ITEM: New Business Item #1 Update on Veterans Memorial Park Phase II		PRESENTER: Frank Leist
DISCUSSION: Frank Leist provided Mayor and Council with a PowerPoint of Phase II of the Veterans Memorial. The second phase will honor the 55 Pickens County Veterans who passed away during a war conflict. This includes relocating the monument currently located on the courthouse lawn. Pickens County has given permission if family members of those listed on the monument are notified of the move.		
CONCLUSION: Mr. Leist reviewed the upcoming plans for Phase II.		
ACTION ITEMS None	PERSON RESPONSIBLE N/A	DEADLINE N/A

AGENDA ITEM: New Business Item #2 Discussion of sidewalks		PRESENTER: Cortney Stuart, Esq.
DISCUSSION: Cortney Stuart stated she has voiced her concerns about tables on sidewalks with council on other dates and would be happy to discuss further if anyone has any questions. Councilmember Raffield stated that the city is growing and experiencing more foot traffic, which is a great problem. The city will navigate these opportunities and check our ordinance to see if they may need to be revised and amended.		
CONCLUSION: Councilmember Raffield will provide City Manager, Mayor, Council and City Attorney with the ordinance to review and provide feedback to any changes that may need to be made.		
ACTION ITEMS None	PERSON RESPONSIBLE N/A	DEADLINE N/A

AGENDA ITEM: New Business Item #3 Consideration and approval of DDA budget for Second Saturday events		PRESENTER: Marty Callahan
DISCUSSION: Marty Callahan provided background information on the Second Saturday. The Downtown Development Authority has been setting up the Second Saturday events. The four dates have been approved. Mr. Callahan is asking for approval of budget of \$20,000 to cover cost of stage and promotional expense. Council discussed the excitement and the high energy for these events. The funds would be held in the DDA account. Mr. Callahan hopes to have eight or ten events next year. Councilmember Raffield added that moving forward the DDA will be seeking sponsorships to lower the cost for the city.		
CONCLUSION: Mayor Lawrence called for a motion to approve the \$20,000 for Second Saturday events. Councilmember Looney made a motion to approve. Councilmember Sneve provided a second. Motion to approve passed unanimously.		
ACTION ITEMS Approved-\$20,000 for DDA account.	PERSON RESPONSIBLE N/A	DEADLINE N/A

AGENDA ITEM: New Business Item #4 Consideration and approval to issue alcohol license for Jasper 786, LLC		PRESENTER: Lindsey Williams
DISCUSSION:		

Lindsey Williams requested the approval of the alcohol license for Jasper 786 LLC. Mrs. Williams stated that all of the advertising requirements and background verification has been met.

CONCLUSION:

Mayor Lawrence called for a motion to approve the issue of alcohol license for Jasper 786, LLC. Councilmember Sneve made a motion to approve. Councilmember Raffield provide a second. Motion to approve passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

None

PERSON RESPONSIBLE

N/A

DEADLINE

N/A

AGENDA ITEM: New Business

Item #5 Consideration and approval waterline extensions

PRESENTER: Lonnie Waters

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Waters is asking to move forward with negotiations and plans for adding waterline extensions for three locations that are in the city service delivery area. Mr. Waters stated these are residential homes that want to be tied into the city. Councilmember Proctor stated he was remiss in the project and misunderstood that Lonnie was coming for approval for an application. He stated the city needs to better scrutinize the impact these projects have on the water source. He referred to a process Ms. Jammes laid out where a developer would provide engineer drawings to come before committee, then committee would evaluate the process and bring it to council. Councilmember Dr. Proctor recommended tabling the consideration or getting engineer drawings from the three individuals. Attorney David Syfan suggested for water and sewer services to use a system capacity fee rather than all the steps and cost for an impact fee evaluation. Mayor Lawrence suggested tabling for a month and for Lonnie to get more information to bring to the water committee. Ms. Jammes recommended having an engineer review any new waterline extension request.

CONCLUSION:

Mayor Lawrence called for a motion to table this for a month for Mr. Waters to move forward in discovery work on water extensions and report back to the Water-Waste Water committee. Councilmember Sneve made a motion to table. Councilmember Raffield provided a second. Councilmember Looney stated Lonnie is seeking approval to move forward with negotiation and plans for the waterline extensions. Councilmember Looney stated that the item may not be tabled, that we continue with negotiation. Councilmember Sneve withdrew motion to table. Councilmember Looney made a motion to move forward with exploring the situation and establish a process to report back to water and sewer committee. Councilmember Sneve provided a second. Motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

None

PERSON RESPONSIBLE

N/A

DEADLINE

N/A

AGENDA ITEM:

Item #6 Adoption of Mountain Way Street

PRESENTER: David Syfan

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Syfan asked that the agenda be amended to add item # 6 for the adoption of Mountain Way Street dedication. Mayor Lawrence stated that discussion was previously had on not taking in the street until after the development was done. Mr. Syfan stated that the deed says the developer will maintain the street one year after the certificate of occupancy is issued.

CONCLUSION:

Mayor Lawrence called for a motion to accept the dedication of Mountain Way right of way contingent upon the approval of the language in the deed by the City Manager and City Attorney approving the deed language. Councilmember Dr. Proctor made a motion to approve. Councilmember Raffield provided a second to open up discussion. Councilmember Raffield addressed that a motion had not been made to amend the agenda. Mayor Lawrence called for a motion to amend the agenda and add Item #6. Councilmember Dr. Proctor made a motion to approve. Councilmember Raffield provided a second. Motion to approve passed unanimously. Mayor Lawrence called for a motion to accept the dedication of Mountain Way right of way contingent upon the approval of the language in the deed by the City Manager and City Attorney approving the deed language. Councilmember Dr. Proctor made a motion to approve. Councilmember Looney provide a second. Motion to approve passed four to one with councilmember Raffield opposed.

AGENDA ITEM: Committee Reports		
<p>Development Committee reported that they have been working on item by item for new ordinance, staff and committee will complete the new ordinance and turn it over to the city attorney for review. The committee continues to work on the growth and how to manage with our infrastructure.</p> <p>Streets and park committee reported that the Doris Wigington Trail builders should be completed within a few weeks. The Trail builders informed the city that after flagging they discovered some parts were not suitable for trails. The beginning estimate was three miles and now will be closer to two miles. The city will be holding a stakeholder meeting on May 18th at 6PM and will be open to the public.</p> <p>Police and Fire committee reported that the remainder police vehicles are at Madden Associates waiting for equipment to be installed. The drawings for the Fire Station edition are near completion. Councilmember Raffield spoke of the process of hiring new Police and Fire Chief. This organization went through a process that has historically not been in place. The council had opportunities and obstacles that they overcame. Council thanked the Chiefs that were in attendance.</p> <p>Mrs. Williams provided the financial report.</p> <p>Mr. Waters provide the Development report.</p> <p>Chief of Police Matt Dawkins provide police report and updated Mayor and Council that the Police decals have changed. The department is also working on changing the patch with Councils approval.</p> <p>Fire Chief John Sherrer provided fire report. Chief Sherrer stated that he plans on having a five-year plan to move forward to grow the department to match the city to present within the first ninety days.</p>		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None	N/A	N/A

AGENDA ITEM: Adjourn	PRESENTER: Mayor Steve Lawrence	
<p>DISCUSSION:</p> <p>Mayor Lawrence called for a motion to adjourn.</p> <p>CONCLUSION:</p> <p>Councilmember Foust made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Sneve provided the second. Motion to approve passed unanimously. Mayor Lawrence adjourned the meeting.</p>		
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None	N/A	N/A



 Mayor



 City Clerk