



**City of Jasper**  
 200 Burnt Mountain Road  
 Jasper, GA 30143  
 MINUTES | PUBLIC HEARING/WORK SESSION MEETING  
 THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 2023, 6:00 PM

**MEMBERS PRESENT**  
 Mayor Steve Lawrence  
 Folsom C. Proctor  
 John Foust  
 Jim Looney  
 Anne Sneve

**STAFF**  
 Sonia Jammes  
 Kim Goldener  
 Tara Benson  
 Shanna Coleman  
 Lindsey Williams

**GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE**  
 Corkey Welch  
 Cal McCalman  
 Tania Leyra

**MEMBERS ABSENT**  
 Kirk Raffield

**LEGAL COUNSEL**  
 David Syfan

**PRESS**  
 Mari Livsey – KnowPickens  
 Angela Reinhardt-Pickens Progress

<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b> Call Meeting to Order/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance	<b>PRESENTER:</b> Mayor Steve Lawrence	
Mayor Lawrence, seeing a quorum, called the meeting to order. Mayor Lawrence provided the Invocation. Councilmember Proctor led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Lawrence opened the meeting as a continuation of the Public Hearing Work Session on May 25, 2023		
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b> None	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b> N/A	<b>DEADLINE</b> N/A

<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b> Adopt Agenda	<b>PRESENTER:</b> Mayor Steve Lawrence
<b>Result:</b> Approved <b>Mover:</b> Councilmember Sneve <b>Second:</b> Councilmember Looney <b>Ayes:</b> Councilmember Sneve, Councilmember, Foust, Councilmember Looney, Councilmember Proctor, and Councilmember Looney	
Approved	

<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b> New Business-Public Hearing #1 Consideration of a request for a variance from Sec 94-16, Lot, and Building Regulations, of the City of Jasper Zoning Ordinance 2023-06-Pinnacle Towns	<b>PRESENTER:</b> Mary Elizabeth Burgess- Planning & Development Director	
<b>DISCUSSION:</b> Ms. Burgess provided a background of Pinnacle Town Home development that was previously rezoned to R-3 in 2020. Ms. Burgess explained that due to an error made on the original approval, the existing homes and plat all illustrate a building line setback at 20 feet versus the required 25 feet. The staff is asking for a blanket variance for every lot to be set at 20 feet. Approving this request would also prevent homeowners from having to request a variance.		
<b>CONCLUSION:</b> Mayor Lawrence called for any public comments. With no one speaking in favor or opposed Mayor Lawrence moved to the next item.		
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b> N/A	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b> N/A	<b>DEADLINE</b> N/A

<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b> New Business-Public Hearing #2 Proposed Text Amendments to City of Jasper Zoning Ordinance, Sign Ordinance, and Zoning Ordinance 2023-07	<b>PRESENTER:</b> Tania Leyra
<b>DISCUSSION:</b> Ms. Leyra, with Clark Patterson Lee, presented the purpose of the updates was to revise residential districts to	

appropriately manage growth, initiate annexation provisions to provide guidance on policy decisions, incorporate ZPL (zoning procedures law) revisions, add residential design standards, incorporate minimum mixed-use ratios and other updates identified through the process. The updates also reflect State changes as regards. The new Zoning map has been available for public review for the last few weeks as well as displayed at the meeting. A local government taking action resulting in a zoning decision shall provide for a hearing on the proposed action. The proposed action includes any combination of zoning decisions under subparagraphs (C), (E), or (F) of paragraph (4) of Code Section 36-66-3 for the same property, only one hearing shall be required under this Code Section. At least 15 but not more than 45 days prior to the date of the hearing, the local government shall cause to be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the territorial boundaries of the local government a notice of the hearing. The notice shall state the time, place, and purpose of the hearing. Ms. Burgess stated that in the draft 3 items were published incorrectly. Ms. Burgess listed the correction.

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**CONCLUSION:**

Mayor Lawrence asked for any comments from the public on the sign ordinance, Zoning ordinance and zoning map. With no one speaking in favor or opposed, Mayor Lawrence closed the public hearing portion of the meeting.

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Mayor Lawrence adjourned the continued meeting from May 25, 2023, at 6:48 PM  
Mayor Lawrence opened up the Regular Council meeting at 6:49 PM

<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b> New Business #1 Executive Session-Legal	<b>PRESENTER:</b> Mayor Steve Lawrence
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Mayor Lawrence adjourned the meeting.

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 City Clerk Date 7.10.23