

*City of Jasper*  
*200 Burnt Mountain Road*  
*Jasper, Georgia 30143*  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
Monday, August 6, 2018, 6 p.m.

- I. Call meeting to order
- II. Invocation
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Adopt agenda
- V. Read minutes of July 2, 2018 regular meeting
  - A. Lisa Hoyle
- VI. Old Business
  - A. None
- VII. New Business
  - A. Marble festival event
    - 1. Krista Kelly, Jasper Merchant's Association
  - B. JeepFest Show & Shine
    - 1. Jim Looney, City Manager
  - C. Alcohol license application request for continuation – Jasper Enterprises, Inc.
    - 1. Sonny Underwood, Director of Planning and Zoning
  - D. Reduced rate water/sewer applications
    - 1. Lisa Hoyle
- VIII. Executive session (at the request of Councilmember Sonny Proctor regarding legal/personnel)
  - A. Legal/Personnel discussion
    - 1. Councilmember Sonny Proctor
- 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

**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 August 6, 2018, 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.

Chris J. Hoyle                      John W. Weaver  
City Clerk                                      Mayor

(seal)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5 day of September, 2018.

Rachael Mae Childers  
Notary Public  
Pickens County, State of Georgia



My Commission Expires: Feb 10, 2022

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Monday, August 6, 2018**

Members Present:

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

Staff:

Lisa Hoyle  
Steve Roper  
Greg Lovell  
Sonny Underwood  
Lonnie Waters  
Jim Looney

Guests in Attendance:

Mari Livsey  
Krista Kelly  
Haley Bouchie  
Charles Kudary

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 Lonnie Waters give the invocation. Councilmember Tony Fountain led in the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

City Clerk Lisa Hoyle read the minutes of the July 2nd, 2018 regular meeting. Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to adopt the minutes. Councilmember Sonny Proctor seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item A under Old Business, Mayor Weaver stated that although there was no Old Business on the agenda, he would like an update from City Manager Jim Looney on the Richards Street property donation. Mr. Looney stated that Attorney Bill Pickett was looking into the transfer to the City in particular the ownership. He stated that it might be some difficulty in the transfer due to the number of names on the ownership of the property. He also stated that the family had asked that the city be required to use the property as a park. Mayor Weaver stated that he would like to keep this item under Old Business.

Item A under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Haley Bouchie of the Jasper Merchant's Association ("JMA") to present to Council the need for the city to close North Main Street for the Marble Festival. She stated that due to safety reasons she is asking council to close the street from Saturday morning (for the parade) through Sunday around 6:30 P.M. (October 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>). She stated that vendors would be set up in the parking areas for both days of the festival. Mayor Weaver called on Police Chief Greg Lovell to discuss detouring of traffic during this time. Ms. Bouchie stated that the road would be closed from Hwy 53 crossing to the old Entegra bank location. She also stated that the JMA would contact all other business owners about the closing and get opinions on the closing. Mayor Weaver stated that he was going to let council make that decision, but he wants to voice his concern that in his opinion this will create a heart attack on Main Street. He stated that if he was voting, he would probably vote no. More discussion followed regarding traffic and detour signage. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion. Councilmember Kirk Raffield asked to abstain from voting as he was a member of JMA. Mayor Weaver said that it was a Chamber event and that we will let you vote – you can't get out of it that easy. Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to allow North Main Street be closed from Saturday A.M. (at race time) to Sunday approximately 6:30 P.M. Councilmember Tony Fountain seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B under New Business, Mayor Weaver called on Mr. Looney to present a letter from Kris Stancil with the Pickens County Sherriff's Office to request that the city allow the closing of Main Street on August 31 for the Show & Shine portion of the JeepFest from approximately 5:00 P.M. until after the concert ends at 10:00 P.M. Discussion followed. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion. Councilmember Kirk Raffield made a motion that the council approve the closing of Main Street for the JeepFest Show & Shine event held Friday August 31. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

On a related request, Mayor Weaver recognized Charles Kudary with Wingzology to request a special permit for outdoor beer and wine sales on the same night as the JeepFest Show & Shine event. He stated that council had approved the outdoor sales last year. Mayor Weaver stated that he would be under the same conditions as last year. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion to approve the permit. Councilmember Tony Fountain made such motion. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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Item C under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Sonny Underwood, Director of Planning and Zoning to present an application for selling alcohol (Beer/Wine) by the package from Ali Imran Naqui, owner of Jasper Enterprises Inc. located at 585 East Church Street. Mr. Underwood stated that the background check had been received and there is nothing that would prevent him from obtaining an alcohol license. He is requesting approval to continue the application process. Councilmember Kirk Raffield made a motion to approve the continuance of the license application. Councilmember Tony Fountain seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item D under New Business Mayor Weaver called upon City Clerk Lisa Hoyle to present for council's review two reduced rate applications. Ms. Hoyle stated that the applicant qualified for the reduced water/sewer rates. Councilmember Kirk Raffield stated that one of the applicant's address on the application conflicted with his proof of income (year-end 2017 social security statement). Ms. Hoyle stated that it would be confirmed the person lived at the same Jasper address that water service was being provided. Councilmember Kirk Raffield made a motion to approve the applications if the address on the one in question was where the person was living. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

At this time Mayor Weaver entertained a motion to go into executive session at the request of Councilmember Sonny Proctor to discuss a potential legal issue. Councilmember Sonny Proctor made such motion. Councilmember Tony Fountain seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mayor Weaver recognized Councilmember Sonny Proctor to make a motion resulting from the executive session. Councilmember Proctor made a motion that the City of Jasper waive the restriction on the escrowed economic development funds for a one-time use of \$1,100 as part of the potential separation agreement for the former economic development director. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Finance Director Lisa Hoyle gave the financial report for the month of July 2018.

Lonnie Waters updated Council on roads.

Chief Greg Lovell gave a report of police activities for the month of July 2018

Chief Steve Roper gave a report of fire activities for the month of July 2018.

Councilmember John Foust gave a report on JYSA.

Mayor Weaver recognized City Clerk Lisa Hoyle to present an alternative date for September's regular council meeting. She requested that since the first Monday of September is Labor Day Holiday, would council be agreeable to the meeting being held on Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion. Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to hold September's regular council meeting on Wednesday, September 5. Councilmember Sonny Proctor seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Being no other business to come before Council, Mayor Weaver asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council is scheduled to convene next at the regular council meeting to be held September 5, 2018.

  
John W. Weaver  
Mayor

  
Lisa J. Hoyle  
City Clerk/Finance Director