



City of Jasper
 200 Burnt Mountain Road
 Jasper, GA 30143
 MINUTES | REGULAR MEETING
 Monday, January 9, 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
 David Hall
 Lindsey Williams

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE
 See Attached

MEMBERS ABSENT
 Kirk Raffield

LEGAL COUNSEL
 R. David Syfan

PRESS
 Mari Livsey – KnowPickens
 Angela Reinhardt – Pickens Progress

AGENDA ITEM: Call Meeting to Order/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance	PRESENTER: Mayor Steve Lawrence
Mayor Lawrence seeing a quorum called the meeting to order. Mayor Lawrence called on Councilmember Jim Looney to provide the Invocation. Councilmember Anne Sneve led the Pledge of Allegiance.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
None	N/A
	DEADLINE
	N/A

AGENDA ITEM: Adopt Agenda	PRESENTER: Mayor Steve Lawrence
DISCUSSION: Mayor Lawrence noted for the record that Councilmember Kirk Raffield is not in attendance.	
CONCLUSION: Mayor Lawrence called for a motion to adopt the agenda. Councilmember Looney made a motion to approve. Councilmember Sneve provided a second. The motion to approve passed unanimously.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
None	N/A
	DEADLINE
	N/A

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:	PRESENTER: Mayor Steve Lawrence
Minutes Regular Meeting December 5, 2022 Development Report Financial Report Fire Report Police Report Legal Services Agreement for City Attorney David Syfan Municipal Court Judge Service Agreement Robert A. Sneed Municipal Court Public Defender Cortney M. Stuart Municipal Court Prosecuting Attorney Joseph W. Hudson Policy 2023-01 To Promote Economic Development ETC Service Agreement	
DISCUSSION: Mayor Lawrence called for a motion to approve the amended consent agenda.	
CONCLUSION: Councilmember Sneve made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Looney provided a second.	

The motion to approve passed unanimously.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Approved	N/A	N/A

AGENDA ITEM: Recognize Retirement Von Headrick	PRESENTER: Mayor Steve Lawrence
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Mayor Lawrence stated that Assistant Fire Chief Von Headrick retired from the City of Jasper after 32 years of great service. Mayor and Council thanked Mr. Headrick for his service. Chief Sherrer thanked Mr. Headrick for his service with the Jasper Fire Department and gave Mr. Headrick a Fire Bugle. In the early days, fire departments used bugles to give orders and communicate with each other.

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

AGENDA ITEM: New Business #1 Approval of LOST Distribution Certificate	PRESENTER: Mayor Steve Lawrence
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DISCUSSION:

Mayor Lawrence stated that the law requires Counties and qualified cities that receive a general-purpose LOST revenue to renegotiate distribution agreements and to officially adopt the LOST distribution certificate submitted to the Georgia Department of Revenue (DOR) on December 12, 2022. City of Jasper-25.26%, City of Nelson -3.05%, Town of Talking Rock-1.59%, and Pickens County-70.00%

CONCLUSION:

Mayor Lawrence called for a motion to officially adopt what has been submitted to the Georgia Department of Revenue (DOR) on December 12, 2022. Councilmember Sneve made a motion to approve. Councilmember Proctor provided a second. The motion to approve passed unanimously.

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

AGENDA ITEM: New Business #2 Consideration and approval of Ordinance 2023-01, for establishing the 2023 General Election and setting the Qualifying fee.	PRESENTER: David Syfan
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DISCUSSION:

Mr. Syfan stated that the general election for the seat of Mayor and three Council seats will be held on November 7 at 55 GG Lovell Street, Jasper, Georgia. The seats up for election will be Mayor, currently held by Steve Lawrence, Post 3 currently held by John Foust, Post 4, currently held by Jim Looney and Post 5, currently held by Kirk Raffield. The qualifying period will be Monday, August 21, 2023, through Friday, August 25, 2023. The place of qualifying will be at the administrative office of the Pickens County Board of Elections located at 3100 Camp Road, Suite B, Jasper Georgia. The qualifying fee for the seat of the Mayor shall be \$180.00 and \$90 for each Council seat. The last day for voter registration will be Tuesday, October 10th, due to Monday being Columbus Day.

CONCLUSION:

Mayor Lawrence called for a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-01 and the General Election Qualifying fee. Councilmember Proctor made a motion to approve. Councilmember Sneve provided a second. The motion to approve passed unanimously.

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

AGENDA ITEM: New Business #3 Consideration and approval of an extension of Temporary	PRESENTER: Sonia Jammes
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Moratorium Resolution 2023-01

DISCUSSION:

Ms. Jammes stated that the city is in the final revisions of the zoning ordinance update, in addition to that we are finalizing our Master Utility plans and Master Development Plans. Ms. Jammes added that since the last temporary Moratorium, we had the retirement of our Development Director. Staff is requesting to extend the moratorium for residential rezoning for 90 days, ending on April 15, 2023.

CONCLUSION:

Mayor Lawrence called for a motion to approve. Councilmember Sneve made a motion to approve. Councilmember Foust provided a second. The motion to approve passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Approved		

AGENDA ITEM: Consideration and approval of City Council Committee Appointments	PRESENTER: Mayor Lawrence
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DISCUSSION:

Mayor Lawrence stated the first meeting commencing a new calendar year is used to set the organizational structure that guides the city's operations through the year. The Committee Appointments are as followed.

Committee	Committee Descriptions	Councilmembers
Public Safety & Judicial	Fire Department, Police Department, Municipal Courts	Anne Sneve Kirk Raffield
Parks & Properties	City Parks, City Common Areas, City Buildings	John Foust Dr. Sonny Proctor
Enterprise Funds	Water, Wastewater, Sanitation	Dr. Sonny Proctor Jim Looney
Development & Local Infrastructure	Residential Developments, Commercial Developments, Streets, Sidewalks, Storm Water	Kirk Raffield John Foust
Finance & Administration	Finance, Human Resources, Customer Service, Utility Billing	Jim Looney Anne Sneve

CONCLUSION:

Mayor Lawrence called for a motion to approve the 2023 Council Committee Appointments. Councilmember Sneve made a motion to approve. Councilmember Proctor provided a second. The motion to approve passed unanimously.

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

AGENDA ITEM: Committee Reports

DISCUSSION:

Council provided a brief update. Many committees were unable to meet due to Holidays.

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

AGENDA ITEM: Executive Session -Legal, Real Estate, and Personnel	PRESENTER: Mayor Steve Lawrence
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Mayor Lawrence called for a motion to go into an Executive Session for the discussion of legal, Real Estate, and Personnel. Councilmember Looney made a motion to go into Executive Session. Councilmember Sneve proved a second. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Lawrence made a motion to go back into regular council session. Councilmember Looney made a motion. Councilmember Sneve provided a second. Motion passed unanimously.

CONCLUSION

Mayor Lawrence called for a motion to approve the final release and separation notice as given to us by the county for the termination of Economic Development Director Green Suttles. Councilmember Sneve made a motion to approve. Councilmember Looney provided a second. The motion to approve passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Approved	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 Sneve made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Looney 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

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**CITY OF JASPER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
SIGN IN ROSTER
Monday, January 9, 2023, 6:00 PM**

PRINT NAME **ADDRESS/OR BUSINESS AFFILIATION**

Von Headrick

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