

*City of Jasper*  
*200 Burnt Mountain Road*  
*Jasper, Georgia 30143*  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
Monday, November 5, 2018, 6 p.m.

- I. Call meeting to order
- II. Invocation
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Adopt agenda
- V. Read minutes of October 1, 2018 regular meeting and October 31, 2018 called meeting
  - A. Lisa Hoyle
- VI. Old Business
  - A. Update on city manager position
    - 1. Jim Looney
  - B. Sanitation rate increase for consideration
    - 1. Jim Looney
  - C. Pouring license fees – liquor by the drink
    - 1. Jim Looney
  - D. Blight ordinance update
    - 1. Bill Pickett
  - E. 125 N. Main Street purchase update
    - 1. Jim Looney
- VII. New Business
  - A. Christmas parade – December 1
    - 1. Downtown Merchants Association
    - 2. Jim Looney
  - B. Christmas Tour of Homes on S. Main Street – December 2
    - 1. ACES
    - 2. Jim Looney
  - C. Fire engine capital lease IRS Form 8038-G
    - 1. Jim Looney
  - D. Georgia DOT project update
    - 1. Jim Looney
  - E. Vacation policy changes
    - 1. Jim Looney
  - F. Burton Street property easement
    - 1. Bill Pickett
  - G. Storm drainage at Highway 53 and Jones Street
    - 1. Jim Looney
  - H. Alcohol license request for continuation – Peking Garden
    - 1. Sonny Underwood
  - I. Alcohol license renewals for 2019
    - 1. Sonny Underwood
  - J. 2019 operating budget presentation
    - 1. Lisa Hoyle
  - K. Long-term watershed monitoring
    - 1. David Hall
- VIII. Mayor's Report

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- 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
- IX. Adjourn

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
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Members Present:

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

Staff:

Lisa Hoyle  
Steve Roper  
Greg Lovell  
Jim Looney  
David Hall  
Sonny Underwood

Guests in Attendance:

Mari Livsey

Members Absent:

Anne Sneve

Legal Counsel:

Bill Pickett

Press:

Angela Reinhardt

Mayor Weaver called the meeting to order promptly at 6:00 p.m. He requested John Foust give the invocation. He requested Jim Looney lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Weaver asked that the agenda be reviewed and approved by council. Mayor Weaver recognized City Manager Jim Looney who stated that he would like to add an item to the agenda regarding the city's long-term watershed monitoring. He stated David Hall will present quotes for the service. Mayor Weaver stated that we would add this to the agenda as item K under New Business. Councilmember Tony Fountain made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition. Councilmember John Foust seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Weaver stated for the record that Councilmember Anne Sneve was absent from this meeting.

City Clerk Lisa Hoyle read the minutes of the October 1, 2018, regular meeting. Councilmember Tony Fountain made a motion to adopt the minutes as read. Councilmember Kirk Raffield seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Hoyle read the minutes of the October 31, 2018 called meeting. Councilmember John Foust made a motion to adopt the minutes as read. Councilmember Tony Fountain seconded the motion. Motion carried by 3 votes with Kirk Raffield abstaining as he was absent from the October 31 meeting.

Item A under Old Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Mr. Looney to give an update on the city manager search. Mr. Looney stated that Council had received 36 candidate's resumes and that he had requested that council send an email to Mr. Lasseter of the Carl Vincent Institute ranking the top five candidates by November 9. He stated that he planned to hold a called council meeting on November 15 for council to speak to Mr. Lasseter.

Item B under Old Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Jim Looney to give an update on the city's sanitation service. Mr. Looney presented council with a proposed rate increase. Discussion followed regarding communication with the Housing Authority and city merchants. Mr. Looney stated that he had not discussed the rate increases with either. Councilmember Kirk Raffield made a motion to table this proposal until he had a chance to speak with the Housing Authority. Councilmember John Foust seconded the motion. Mr. Looney stated that he would rather talk to the Authority after the rates were approved by council. Mayor Weaver asked Mr. Looney if he had informed the general public of the increase and Mr. Looney stated that he had not. More discussion followed. Mayor Weaver called for a vote. Motion to table passed unanimously.

Item C under Old Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Mr. Looney to present to council a list of restaurants interested in purchasing a license to sell liquor by the drink if the fee were lowered from \$3,000 to \$1,500. Mr. Looney stated that of the ten restaurants he contacted, only three were interested. Councilmember Tony Fountain made a motion that due to the lack of interest, the license fee remain the same. Councilmember John Foust seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Following the vote, Mayor Weaver asked Councilmembers Tony Fountain and Kirk Raffield if they had contacted the merchants and the car club regarding the closing of Main Street for the monthly car shows. Councilmember Raffield stated that he had contacted several of the downtown merchants and all of them felt the car show and street closing were not positive for their businesses. Councilmember Tony Fountain stated that he had not had a chance to contact the car club. Mayor Weaver stated that he would like to keep this item on the agenda for next month's meeting under Old Business to give Councilmember Fountain a chance to contact the car club.

Item D under Old Business, Mayor Weaver called on Attorney Bill Pickett to present for council's review a draft of the proposed blight ordinance. He asked council to review before the next council meeting. He stated that by the next council meeting we could have the first reading. Mayor Weaver noted that this would be an item for Old Business next month.

Item E under Old Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Mr. Looney to discuss the purchase of the Old Entegra Bank property on North Main Street. Mr. Looney stated that Mike Denson, Chairman of the Downtown Development Authority had not contacted Community Bank of Pickens County to complete the application for the note. Mayor Weaver advised Mr. Looney to contact the bank himself and get the paperwork for the loan completed, then have the necessary members of the Downtown Development Authority meet to sign the paperwork. Mayor Weaver stated to keep this item on Old Business for next month's meeting.

Item A under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Mr. Looney to present a request from the Jasper Merchant's Association to close Main Street on December 1 for the Christmas parade. He stated that they were requesting to close North Main at 4:00 pm and Hwy 53 and South Main at 6:00 and both remain closed until the parade was over. Councilmember Kirk Raffield made a motion to allow the closing. Councilmember Sonny Proctor seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item B under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Mr. Looney to present a request from the Aces Youth Home to close South Main Street on December 2 for their Christmas Tour of Homes event. He stated that they were requesting to close South Main from 1:00 pm until 5:30 pm. He stated they are also requesting to use the city's green space. Councilmember John Foust made a motion to allow the closing and use of the space. Councilmember Kirk Raffield seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item C under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Mr. Looney to present Form 8038-G Information Form for Governmental Tax-Exempt Governmental Bonds. He stated this form was required to be filed with the IRS. He stated that the financing company for the new fire engine capital lease had filled out the form as a paid preparer for us to sign as the borrower. He stated that the amount on the form did not match the principal amount borrowed due to issue costs. Finance Director Lisa Hoyle stated that the number on the form did not tie to any number in the contract. Mayor Weaver asked Ms. Hoyle to contact the city's auditor for guidance on how to proceed. He then called for a motion to allow the form to be signed by the city manager or mayor after getting an OK from the auditor. Councilmember Tony Fountain made such motion. Councilmember John Foust seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item D under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Mr. Looney for an update on the Georgia DOT project involving the widening of State Route 53 from Highway 515 to East Spring Street. Mr. Looney stated that all property owners affected had received a notification letter from the DOT that they would be conducting environmental surveys along the route. Mr. Looney stated that the project date had been moved to 2021. Mayor Weaver stated that this process was a good step forward. No action taken.

Item E under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Mr. Looney to present to council proposed vacation policy changes for firefighters, police officers and water plant operators. He stated that these employees work more than 40 hours per week on average and he is proposing that they are offered additional vacation time. Discussion followed regarding the cost to the city. Mr. Looney stated that he did not have the cost information. Councilmember Tony Fountain made a motion to table this item until more information could be obtained. Motion failed for lack of a second motion. More discussion followed. Councilmember Kirk Raffield made a motion to table this item until after the next council work session whereby council could have a better understanding. Councilmember Tony Fountain seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Mayor Weaver stated to keep this item as Old Business on next month's meeting.

Item F under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Attorney Bill Pickett who stated that there had been some surveying on Burton Street and it had been discovered that there were city sewer lines that the city did not have easements. He stated that he would write up the easements and have council approve at a later date. Mayor Weaver stated to keep this item as Old Business on next month's meeting.

Item G under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Mr. Looney to present for council's approval a quote from Trail and Son's in the amount of \$5,350. He stated that they would clean and use cameras on the drainage system at the Speedburger, Highway 53 and Jones Street in order to determine obstructions, size, junction boxes, leaks and slope of the system. Councilmember Sonny Proctor made a motion to approve the quote. Councilmember John Foust seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item H under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Sonny Underwood to present an application for selling alcohol (Beer/ Wine) by the drink from the new owner (Frank Cas XI) of the Peking Garden restaurant located at 28 Bill Wigington Parkway. 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 Tony Fountain made a motion to approve the continuance of the license application. Councilmember Kirk Raffield seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item I under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Sonny Underwood to present to Council the 2019 alcohol license renewal applications. See list attached hereto. Councilmember Sonny Proctor made a motion to approve the license renewal requests and Councilmember Kirk Raffield seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item J under New Business, Mayor Weaver called on Finance Director Lisa Hoyle to present the 2019 Operating Budget for Council's review. Ms. Hoyle stated that the public hearing on the budget would be held on November 14<sup>th</sup> and we would expect to adopt the budget at the next regular Council meeting held December 3rd. Discussion by Council followed. No action necessary.

Item K under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Water and Sewer Superintendent David Hall to present to council two quotes to for the city's long-term watershed monitoring. Mr. Hall stated that CCR Environmental Inc. quoted \$13,720 for 2019, \$22,180 for 2020 and \$14,260 for 2021. He stated that Fox Environmental quoted \$24,200 for 2019, \$24,200 for 2020 and \$16,850 for 2021. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion to approve the quote for 2019 only. Councilmember Kirk Raffield made a motion to accept the low quote from CCR Environmental in the amount of \$13,720 for 2019. Councilmember John Foust seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

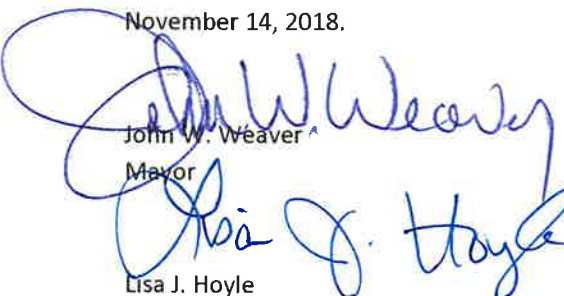
Finance Director Lisa Hoyle gave the financial report for the month of October 2018.

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

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

Councilmember John Foust gave a report on JYSA.

Being no other business to come before Council, Mayor Weaver asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember John Foust made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council is scheduled to convene next at the public hearing to be held November 14, 2018.



John W. Weaver  
Mayor



Lisa J. Hoyle  
City Clerk/Finance Director