



**CITY OF JASPER
STAFF / COUNCIL RETREAT MINUTES**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2026

9:00 AM – 4:00PM

MEETING WILL BE HELD AT:

JASPER CITY HALL

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

200 BURNT MOUNTAIN ROAD, JASPER, GA 30143

VII. Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Raffield

Mayor Raffield called the meeting to order @ 9:00am and called on Councilmember Steve Lawrence to verify that a quorum was present. Councilmember John Foust was absent from the meeting.

VIII. Adopt Agenda

Mayor Raffield

Mayor Raffield called for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Councilmember Brandon Hannah provided the second. Motion passed 4 to 0. Councilmember John Foust was absent.

IX. Recap

City Management

Synopsis of Friday's Dept. leaders' presentations/discussion provided. Specific recalls of volunteers/auxiliary type services for number of events + traffic control (speeding) and due diligence of technical rescue capabilities from Marble Mines personnel (if still exists).

X. Council Discussion

Mayor & City Management

Clarified scope of work for Public Works and need to have title search of cemeteries to determine if city is responsible for maintaining.

XI. 2026 SPLOST

Handout provided and discussed extensively. (see Attachment "A"). Overall general direction provided to maintain course of action relative to the GO bond issuance with the percentages and previous commitments adhered to and illustrated on handout. Top priority re: the immediate monies collected from GO bond is to look into the cost of replacing the line from the intake. This cost will help decide on how to move forward with remaining monies from GO bond (re: 60% allocation).

XII. Capital Projects

Handout provided and discussed extensively. (see Attachment "B"). Consensus of the capital outlay plans includes moving towards amending the '26 budget to include a Capital fund account to separate approximately \$2,000,000 from fund balance to allow for creation of Department capital funds for Police, Fire, Public Works, Development, and Administration (with suggestive amounts from handout). Additional discussion re: Capital outlay for enterprise/water relative to the creation of a capital outlay fund for an

approximate \$1.96 million use to couple with needed SPLOST projects. Additional need to create an O&M project list vs. new capital..also beneficial for system and a nominal amount could be allocated (i.e. cleaning and televising \$50k/\$100k annually).

Takeaways included the need to prepare for service delivery discussions (work w/ legal & committee) w/ the County. Prepare for rate adjustments (water/sewer) with multi-year review. Millage rate build out with ongoing operational assumptions provided. Prepare for capital project(s) of distribution line(s)...intake line. Continue water supply due diligence as well as due diligence for continued relationship with Inframark.

*****NO need for Executive Session*****

VII. Adjourn

Mayor Raffield called for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to adjourn the meeting @ 13:45pm. Councilmember Steve Lawrence provided the second. Motion passed 4 to 0. Councilmember John Foust was absent.





Mayor Kirk D. Raffield



Lorrie Waters, City Clerk