

City of Jasper
200 Burnt Mountain Road
Jasper, Georgia 30143
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, January 7, 2019,

- I. Call meeting to order
- II. Invocation
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Adopt agenda
- V. Read minutes of December 3, 2018 regular meeting, the December 10, 2018 called meeting, the December 13 called meeting and the December 28, 2018 called meeting
 - A. Lisa Hoyle
- VI. Organization meeting
 - A. Appointment/Extension City Manager position
 - 1. Mayor Weaver
 - B. Review & approval of annual position appointments
 - 1. Mayor Weaver
- VII. Public comment city manager finalist
- VIII. Old Business
 - A. Sewer line easements on Burton Street
 - 1. Attorney Bill Pickett
 - B. Main street closing car club
 - 1. Kirk Raffield
 - 2. Tony Fountain
 - C. Update on Jonah Lane re-zoning from C-2 to R-3
 - 1. Jim Looney
 - D. Jonah Lane re-zoning discussion
 - 1. David Shouse
 - 2. Brad Dilbeck
 - E. Blight ordinance second reading
 - 1. Attorney Bill Pickett
 - F. Update on 125 North Main purchase
 - 1. Jim Looney
 - G. Update on new well pump at Cove Road
 - 1. David Hall
- IX. New Business
 - A. Tennis court – pickle ball
 - 1. Jim Looney
 - 2. Cheryl Evans
 - B. Alcohol permit (liquor) – I Love NY Pizza
 - 1. Sonny Underwood
 - C. Alcohol license (beer/wine) – request for continuation – Woodbridge
 - 1. Sonny Underwood
 - D. Storm drain at Highway 53
 - 1. Jim Looney
 - 2. Ben Trail
 - E. Highway 108 water line repair
 - 1. David Hall
 - F. Leak detection request for approval
 - 1. David Hall
 - G. Sewer pump located on Indian Forest Rd. – request for approval
 - 1. David Hall
 - H. Return sludge pump at WPCP – request for approval
 - 1. David Hall

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- X. 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
- XI. Adjourn

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Members Present:

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

Staff:

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

Guests in Attendance:

Mari Livsey
Cristian Dumitres
Stephan Hall
Brad Dilbeck
David Shouse
Ben Trail
Cheryl Evans
Randy Evans
Amberle Godfrey
Chris & Amy Leake
Carlo Delpizzo
Ed Johnson
Lee Morrison
Jackie Dunn
Larry Brown

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 Councilmember John Foust give the invocation. He requested Councilmember Anne Sneve lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Weaver asked that the agenda be reviewed and approved by Council. Councilmember Sonny Proctor asked that the review and approval of annual appointments be removed since council was not provided a list of the appointments in advance. Mayor Weaver stated that he would provide the council with the appointments later in the meeting. Council voted unanimously to approve the agenda.

City Clerk Lisa Hoyle read the minutes of the December 3, 2018 regular meeting. Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to adopt the minutes as read with a correction to the numbering of items. Councilmember Kirk Raffield seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with the exception of Tony Fountain who was absent from the December 3rd meeting. Ms. Hoyle read the minutes of the December 10, 2018 called meeting. Councilmember Sonny Proctor made a motion to adopt the minutes as read. Councilmember John Foust seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Ms. Hoyle read the minutes of the December 13, 2018 called meeting. Councilmember Anne Sneve 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 December 28, 2018 called meeting. Councilmember Kirk Raffield made a motion to adopt the minutes as read. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item A under Organization meeting, this item was addressed later in the meeting.

Item B under Organization meeting, Mayor Weaver recognized Councilmember Sonny Proctor to explain his issue with the appointments. Councilmember Proctor stated that engaging the public in appointments was one of the most important things that the council did. He stated that council should have prior knowledge of who the appointees are, their duties, education and that they should be evaluated by council. Mayor Weaver stated that he would make his presentation this evening and council could either vote for the appointees or against. Councilmember Proctor stated that any appointments made should be supported by council. Mayor Weaver stated that he was going to ask for support this evening and that as soon as you get to be mayor you get to make these decisions. Attorney Bill Pickett stated that the Mayor had the right to make the appointments. Mayor Weaver presented his appointments for 2019. For the Planning and Zoning Commission, Mayor Weaver recommended that Luke Copeland be re-appointed for a three-year term. Councilmember Tony Fountain made a motion to accept the re-appointment. Motion failed for lack of a second. Mayor Weaver stated you guys (council) are pretty incredible. Mayor Weaver also stated that it is pretty obvious to the public that there is a show going on for politics and so shall it be – this is the chaos that prevails. Mayor Weaver recommended that Karen Proctor be re-appointed for a 3-year term to serve on the Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals. Councilmember Tony Fountain made a motion to accept

the re-appointment. Motion failed for lack of a second. Mayor Weaver recommended that Don Boggus be re-appointed for a 5-year term to serve on the Jasper Housing Authority. Councilmember Tony Fountain made a motion to accept the re-appointment. Motion failed for lack of a second. Attorney Bill Pickett stated that the persons not re-appointed would serve until such time that an appointment is made. Mayor Weaver asked Councilmember Proctor if there was anymore chaos. Councilmember Proctor stated that he was trying to prevent the chaos and the council deserves input as to who serves on these committees. Mayor Weaver stated to Councilmember Proctor that he had more input than he could imagine so congratulations.

Mayor Weaver read the following recommendations for the Council Committees:

Finance Committee	Tony Fountain John Foust
Water Committee	Tony Fountain
Public Safety	Sonny Proctor
Streets	Anne Sneve
Parks	John Foust Anne Sneve
JYSA Liaison	John Foust
Perrow/Roper/Pool Property	Jim Looney Sonny Proctor

Councilmember Tony Fountain made a motion to accept the Mayor's recommendations for the Council Committees. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Under Public Comment City Manager Finalist, there were no public comments made or to report.

Item A under Old Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Attorney Bill Pickett to give an update on the sewer line easements on Burton Street. Mr. Pickett stated that he had met with the Housing Authority and the deeds had been executed. He stated that the deeds are at the courthouse waiting to be recorded. Mayor Weaver stated that this item would remain on Old Business for next month's meeting after the deeds are recorded for the purpose of council's approval to accept the easements.

Item B under Old Business, Mayor Weaver asked for an update on the closing of Main Street from Councilmembers Kirk Raffield and Tony Fountain. Councilmember Raffield stated that he had no update. Councilmember Fountain stated he had no update but would do his best to meet with the car club before the next regular council meeting.

Items C and D under Old Business, Mayor Weaver recognized City Manager Jim Looney to present an update on the Jonah Lane re-zoning which was approved at the last regular council meeting contingent upon approval from the Appalachian Regional Commission. Mr. Looney stated at the December 3, 2018 council meeting he was asked to research the restrictive use of Jonah Lane which was served by the water tank and sewer projects paid for in part by Appalachian Regional Commission grant money. Mr. Looney read from a letter from the USDA that stated they do not find any restrictions that would prohibit the city from rezoning portions of the property to R3 (High Density Multi-Family Residential). Mayor Weaver then recognized Brian Dilbeck and David Shouse who were present at the council meeting to express concerns about the change in zoning. Mr. Dilbeck stated that he was not notified of the Planning Commission public hearing or the council meeting whereby the decisions to change the zoning took place. He and Mr. Shouse made presentations to council and recognized several of their tenants who expressed concerns as well. Some of the concerns expressed were safety of people living in the apartments, noise complaints because of the proximity to the industrial park, traffic on the narrow roads as well as increases to liability insurance of the manufacturers. Mayor Weaver called on Mr. Looney to address council as to what needs to be done. Mr. Looney called on Mr. Pickett who stated that in his opinion the only way to overturn the re-zoning was to start over with the process of notifications and another public hearing. Mayor Weaver asked if there was anyone present in opposition of what was presented tonight. There was no response. Mayor Weaver stated that at the last regular council meeting he told Mr. McLaughlin not to move forward with the development until the administration gave him the go ahead. Mayor Weaver stated that the city owns property on that street as well and council's decision also affected the value of that property, which is owned by the taxpayers. Mayor Weaver asked Mr. Pickett what he suggested be done and Mr. Pickett stated that he would advise that council table any decision at this time. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion to table this item. Councilmember Tony Fountain made a motion to table the final re-zoning of the properties on Jonah Lane. Councilmember Kirk Raffield seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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Item E under Old Business, Mayor Weaver called on Attorney Bill Pickett to present for council's review the proposed blight ordinance for the second reading. Mr. Pickett stated that in his opinion the ordinance is ready to be approved as the second reading. Mr. Looney asked to be recognized and stated that it appeared that what he placed in the council's books was not consistent and he would like to ask council to table this approval until the next regular meeting. Councilmember Kirk Raffield made a motion to table the second reading. Councilmember John Foust seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item F under Old Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Mr. Looney to give an update on the city's purchase of property located at 125 North Main Street (the old Entegra bank building). Attorney Bill Pickett asked that council go into executive session for the purpose of discussing the future acquisition of real estate. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion. Councilmember John Foust made a motion to go into executive session. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Weaver closed the meeting.

Councilmember Tony Fountain made a motion to come out of executive session. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Weaver opened the meeting. Mayor Weaver stated that there was no action taken during executive session.

Item G under Old Business, Mayor Weaver called on David Hall to give council an update on the newly installed well pump (at well #3) at the Cove. Mr. Hall stated that the pump had been installed by Byers Well Drilling at the budgeted amount.

Item A under Organization Meeting (which was skipped earlier in the meeting), Mayor Weaver recognized Jim Looney who asked that council hold a called meeting on January 14, 2019 at 6:00 pm for the purpose of finalizing a contract with the new city manager. Councilmember Kirk Raffield made such motion. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item A under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Mr. Looney and Cheryl Evans. Ms. Evans stated that she is a member of a pickleball association and would like for the city to add markings on the park's tennis courts for pickleball. She stated that there is a grant available for \$800 to be used for this purpose. She presented to council how the court would look. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion. Councilmember John Foust made a motion to add the markings to the city's tennis courts for pickleball. Councilmember Kirk Raffield seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Planning and Zoning Director Sonny Underwood to present a request from the owner of I Love NY Pizza to purchase a license to sell distilled spirits by the drink. Mr. Underwood stated that the owner already had a license to sell beer and wine by the drink and had gone through all the requirements, background checks etc. that are required to sell alcohol. Bill Pickett stated that he saw no reason that would prevent council from allowing him to purchase a distilled spirits license. Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to allow the owner of I Love NY Pizza to purchase a distilled spirits license. Councilmember Kirk Raffield seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Mr. Underwood to present a request from the new owners of the Woodbridge Inn restaurant to use the previous owner's alcohol license until the city approved a license in their name. He stated this would allow them to continue selling alcohol during the application process. Discussion followed and Attorney Bill Pickett stated that it was legal for the city to allow this, so long as the license is not transferred (which is not legal to do). Councilmember Kirk Raffield made a motion to allow the new owners to continue to use the previous owners license during the application process until such time they obtain their own license. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item D under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Mr. Looney and Ben Trail of Trail and Sons to present to council a video and discussion of the stormwater drainage problems located at the Speedburger on Highway 53. Mr. Trail stated that he insisted on probing a camera through the entire system. He stated that this is the worst system he's worked on in his 56 years. Mr. Trail stated that the whole system needs to be repaired with the exception of the two catch basins across Highway 53 (but the tops of those also need to be replaced which will be a State issue). He presented council with a video of the system. Discussion followed Mayor Weaver entertained a motion for Mr. Trail to bring a quote to prepare documents in order to bid out the repair. Councilmember Kirk Raffield made such motion. Councilmember John Foust seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item E under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized David Hall to present to council two quotes to replace the water line located on Highway 108. He stated the line was washed away during the latest rains. He stated that he would like to replace the line and encase it due to the flooding in that area. He presented council with two quotes:

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Core and Main quoted \$10,175.80 and Fortiline quoted \$9,963.92. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion. Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to accept the low quote of \$9,963.92. Councilmember John Foust seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.

Item F under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Mr. Hall to ask council's approval for leak detection. He stated that the same company the city used in the prior year – MatchPoint – had done a great job and that he is asking for council's approval to hire them to do the leak detection for 2019. He stated that \$25,000 is in the budget. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion. Councilmember John Foust made a motion to approve MatchPoint to perform our leak detection services. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item G under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Mr. Hall to present to council quotes on the purchase of a sewer pump located on Indian Forest Road which was included in the 2019 budget. Mr. Hall stated that he had received two quotes: James Electric at \$14,875 and North Georgia Electric at \$15,710. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion. Councilmember John Foust made a motion to accept the low quote from James Electric for \$14,875. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Item H under New Business, Mayor Weaver recognized Mr. Hall to present to council a quote for a sludge pump for the water pollution control plant. He stated that he was only able to get the one quote Xylam Water Solutions for \$4,898.32. Mayor Weaver entertained a motion. Councilmember John Foust made a motion to accept the quote of \$4,898.32 from Xylam Water Solutions. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

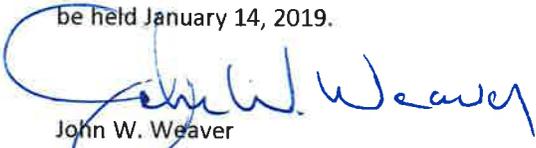
Lonnie Waters gave a report on roads and streets.

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

Chief Steve Roper gave a report of fire activities for the month of December 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 Sonny Proctor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council is scheduled to convene next at the called meeting to be held January 14, 2019.



John W. Weaver
Mayor



Lisa J. Hoyle
City Clerk/Finance Director

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF PICKENS

AFFIDAVIT RE: CLOSURE OF OPEN MEETINGS

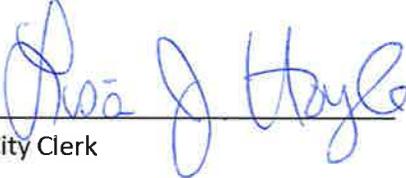
Personally appeared before the undersigned officer, duly authorized under the laws of the State of Georgia to administer oaths, John W. Weaver, who in his/her capacity of Mayor or the person presiding over the meeting of the Council of the City of Jasper, Georgia, and after being first duly sworn, certifies under oath and states to the best of his or her knowledge and belief the following:

At its meeting held on January 7, 2019, 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:

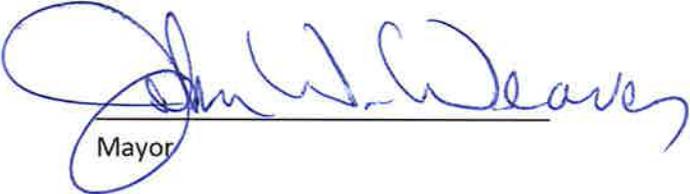
(check or initial as appropriate)

- 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.)

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.



City Clerk



Mayor

(seal)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4 day of February, 2019.



Notary Public
Pickens County, State of Georgia

My Commission Expires: Feb 10, 2022

