



**City of Jasper and Jasper Downtown
Development Authority**

200 Burnt Mountain Road
Jasper, GA 30143

MINUTES | SPECIAL CALLED JOINT MEETING
Monday, October 24, 2022, 5:30PM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Steve Lawrence
Kirk Raffield, Council & DDA
Anne Sneve, Council
Jim Looney, Council
John Foust, Council
Jack Dunn, DDA
Amy Leake, DDA
Parish Lowrie, DDA
Marty Callahan, DDA
J Cornelius, DDA
Dave Garner, DDA

STAFF

Sonia Jammes
Kim Goldener
Tara Benson
Stacy Johnson
Lindsey Williams

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Green Suttles

LEGAL COUNSEL

R. David Syfan

MEMBERS ABSENT

Folsom C. Proctor, Council

PRESS

Mari Livsey – KnowPickens
Dan Pool – Pickens Progress

AGENDA ITEM: Call Meeting to Order		PRESENTER: Mayor Lawrence
DISCUSSION:		
<p>Mayor Lawrence seeing a quorum called the meeting to order. Mayor Lawrence called on Councilmember Kirk Raffield to give the invocation. Councilmember Jim Looney led the Pledge of Allegiance.</p> <p>Mayor Lawrence took a roll call of DDA members. All members were present.</p>		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None	N/A	N/A

AGENDA ITEM: Adopt Agenda		PRESENTER: Mayor Lawrence
CONCLUSION:		
<p>Mayor Lawrence called for a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Councilmember Foust made a motion to approve. Councilmember Looney provided a second. The motion to approve passed unanimously.</p>		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None	N/A	N/A

AGENDA ITEM: New Business		
<p>#1 Consideration and approval of Interim Loan Financing Documents for the USDA Wastewater Expansion Project in conjunction with Resolution 2022-13 to be signed by Mayor, City Clerk, City Attorney, DDA Chairman, and DDA Secretary.</p>		PRESENTER: Mayor Lawrence
DISCUSSION:		
<p>Mayor Lawrence called on City Attorney, David Syfan. Mr. Syfan provided background on why the joint meeting is taking place. The city is in the middle of an expansion project for the wastewater treatment plant that will double the capacity of the sewer plant. Mr. Syfan stated that the city has secured funding through USDA for the total project. This is an 18-million-dollar plus project. The city has acquired financing from the United States Department of Agriculture Development. The USDA is giving the city a grant of 2.7 million dollars. The financing does not “kick in” until construction is completed, and the plant is operational. We must secure short-term or interim financing to get us through the construction process – this financing has been arranged through United Community Bank. As a municipal entity, the City has statutory debt limitations placed upon it that limit the length of time that money may be borrowed, as well as the amount of money that may be borrowed. The most conservative way to secure the short-term financing without violating any of the statutory limitations surrounding it is for the city to run the short-term financing loan through the City’s DDA. The City will still be responsible for the financial obligation throughout this 2-year interim period, and at the conclusion of construction, the project will be transferred back to the City. The Council will pass a resolution and the DDA will pass a resolution to enter into an intergovernmental agreement.</p>		

CONCLUSION:

Mayor Lawrence called for a motion from the council for approval of Interim Loan Financing Documents for the USDA Wastewater Expansion Project in conjunction with Resolution 2022-13 to be signed by the Mayor, City Clerk and City attorney. Councilmember Raffield made a motion to approve. Councilmember Looney provided a second. The motion to approve passed unanimously.

Chairman Dunn with DDA made a motion for approval of Interim Loan Financing Documents for the USDA Wastewater Expansion Project in conjunction with Resolution 2022-13 to be signed by DDA Chairman and DDA Secretary. Board member Raffield motioned to approve. Board member Garner provided a second. The motion to approve passed unanimously.

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

AGENDA ITEM: Adjourn

PRESENTER: Mayor Lawrence

CONCLUSION:

Mayor Lawrence called for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Raffield made a motion to approve. Councilmember Looney provided a second. The motion to approve passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None	N/A	N/A



Mayor



City Clerk