



City of Jasper
 200 Burnt Mountain Road
 Jasper, GA 30143
 MINUTES | REGULAR MEETING
 Monday, June 5, 2023, 6:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Steve Lawrence
 Kirk Raffield
 Jim Looney
 John Foust
 Folsom C. Proctor
 Anne Sneve

MEMBERS ABSENT

STAFF

Sonia Jammes
 Tara Benson
 Kim Goldener
 Lindsey Williams
 John Sherrer
 Matt Dawkins
 Mike Davis
 Stacy Johnson
 Mary Burgess
 Mike Davis
 Shauna Coleman

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Max Caylor
 Tania Leyra
 Gina Johnson
 Tom Nickoloff

LEGAL COUNSEL

David Syfan

PRESS

Mari Livsey – KnowPickens
 Angela Reinhardt – Pickens Progress

AGENDA ITEM: Call Meeting to Order/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance	PRESENTER: Mayor Steve Lawrence
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Mayor Lawrence, recognizing a quorum present called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
 Reverend Max Caylor to provide the Invocation.
 Councilmember Raffield led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

AGENDA ITEM: Adopt Agenda	PRESENTER: Mayor Steve Lawrence
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CONCLUSION:

Mayor Lawrence called for a motion to adopt the agenda. Councilmember Raffield 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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:	PRESENTER: Mayor Steve Lawrence
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Minutes Regular Council Meeting May 1, 2023
 I.T. Committee-Kirk Raffield & Jim Looney
 Non-Public Safety Take-Home Policy 2023-03
 Development Report
 Financial Report
 Fire Report
 Police Report

CONCLUSION:

Councilmember Raffield made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. 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 #1 Consideration & Approval of Ordinance 2023-06 Amending Variance from Sec. 94-16, Lot and Building regulations, of the City of Jasper Zoning Ordinance, Pinnacle Towns			PRESENTER: Mary Elizabeth Burgess-Planning & Development Director
DISCUSSION: Ms. Burgess provided a background of Pinnacle Town Home development was previously rezoned to R-3 in 2020. Ms. Burgess explained that due to an error made on the original approval, the existing homes and plat all illustrate a building line setback at 20 feet versus the required 25 feet. The staff is asking for a blanket variance for every lot to be set at 20 feet. Approving this request would also prevent homeowners from having to request a variance.			
CONCLUSION: Councilmember Sneve made a motion to approve. Councilmember Proctor provided a second. The motion to approve passed unanimously.			
ACTION ITEMS Approved	PERSON RESPONSIBLE N/A	DEADLINE N/A	

AGENDA ITEM: New Business #2 Consideration & Approval of Proposed Text Amendments to City of Jasper Zoning Ordinance, Sign Ordinance, and Zoning Map Ordinance 2023-07			PRESENTER: Mary Elizabeth Burgess- Planning & Development Director
DISCUSSION: Ms. Burgess addressed the Mayor and Council to approve Ordinance 2023-07 to amend the Code of Ordinance. To update the Zoning Ordinance and sign Ordinance in order for the ordinance to comply with the provisions of the Georgia Zoning Procedures Law and update certain provisions including the official zoning map. To Adopt Zoning Map as drawn and the sign code as written.			
CONCLUSION: Councilmember Raffield made a motion to approve. Councilmember Sneve provided a second. The motion to approve passed unanimously.			
ACTION ITEMS Approved	PERSON RESPONSIBLE N/A	DEADLINE N/A	

AGENDA ITEM: New Business #3 Consideration & Approval of alcohol license for Bandera Mountain Tavern LLC			PRESENTER: Lindsey Williams-Finance Director
DISCUSSION: Mrs. Williams provided background for the alcohol license for Bandera Mountain Tavern LLC located at 27 Burnt Mountain Road. The background check had no discrepancies, and the applicant met all requirements.			
CONCLUSION: Councilmember Sneve made a motion to approve. Councilmember Looney provided a second. The motion to approve passed unanimously.			
ACTION ITEMS Approved	PERSON RESPONSIBLE N/A	DEADLINE N/A	

AGENDA ITEM: New Business #4 Consideration & Approval Resolution 2023-09 to adopt the Pickens County Joint Comprehensive Plan 2023-2027		PRESENTER: Kim Goldener-Assistant City Manager
<p>DISCUSSION: Mrs. Goldener stated that Northwest Georgia Regional Commission has advised the city that the draft Joint Comprehensive Plan update has been reviewed and approved by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. The last step is for each local government to adopt the plan update prior to June 30, 2023, and then provide a copy of the signed resolution to NWGRC. By executing this document, the City of Jasper will also extend our Qualified Local Government status, making us eligible for a special package of financial resources designed to help us implement our plan.</p> <p>CONCLUSION: Councilmember Sneve made a motion to approve. Councilmember Looney provided a second. The motion to approve passed unanimously.</p>		
ACTION ITEMS Approved	PERSON RESPONSIBLE N/A	DEADLINE N/A

AGENDA ITEM: New Business #5 Consideration & Approval of Garbage Collection Ordinance 2023-08		PRESENTER: Sonia Jammes -City Manager
<p>DISCUSSION: Staff is requesting approval of the Garbage Collection Ordinance. This ordinance will include the current contracted agent for residential pickup and incorporate a 10% franchise fee for all commercial sanitation collectors collecting garbage outside of the Central Business District. The city will continue to pick up garbage only in the Central Business District.</p> <p>CONCLUSION: Councilmember Rafield made a motion to approve. Councilmember Sneve provided a second. The motion to approve passed unanimously.</p>		
ACTION ITEMS Approved	PERSON RESPONSIBLE N/A	DEADLINE N/A

AGENDA ITEM: New Business #6 Consideration & Approval of Three Part-Time Positions for Jasper Police Department		PRESENTER: Chief Matt Dawkins
<p>DISCUSSION: Chief Dawkins requested approval for three new Part-Time positions. The 2023 budget was approved to include (2) Proposed Full-Time Patrol Officers. The cost of these (2) full-time positions is around \$150,000. The cost of (3) part-time positions is around \$80,000. This would reduce the overall total budget for police salaries by \$70,000. Replacing the (2) Proposed Full-Time Patrol Officers will not affect any other vacant full-time positions that are currently available.</p> <p>CONCLUSION: Councilmember Sneve made a motion to approve. Councilmember Looney provided a second. The motion to approve passed unanimously.</p>		
ACTION ITEMS Approved	PERSON RESPONSIBLE N/A	DEADLINE N/A

AGENDA ITEM: Committee Reports		
<p>DISCUSSION: The council provided a brief update. No action was taken from the committee reports.</p>		
ACTION ITEMS N/A	PERSON RESPONSIBLE N/A	DEADLINE N/A

AGENDA ITEM: Executive Session- Legal		
<p>Councilmember Looney made a motion. Councilmember Raffield provided a second. The motion passed unanimously. Councilmember Raffield made a motion to enter back into the regular council meeting at 8:25 pm. Councilmember Looney provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Councilmember Sneve made a motion to approve Tailored Trails Bid RFQ 2023-05 for Doris Wigington Park not to exceed \$162,549.00 Councilmember Proctor provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.</p>		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Tailored Trails Bid RFQ 2023-05 for Doris Wigington Park not to exceed \$162,549.00	N/A	N/A

AGENDA ITEM: Adjourn	PRESENTER: Mayor Steve Lawrence	
<p>CONCLUSION: Mayor Lawrence adjourned the meeting.</p>		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Adjourn	N/A	N/A



 Mayor



 City Clerk

7.10.2023

 Date