



City of Jasper
 200 Burnt Mountain Road
 Jasper, GA 30143
 MINUTES | PUBLIC HEARING/WORK SESSION
 Thursday, September 29, 2022, 6:00 PM

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

STAFF
 Sonia Jammes
 Lonnie Waters
 Tara Benson
 David Hall
 Lindsey Williams

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE
 Green Suttles
 Max Caylor

MEMBERS ABSENT

LEGAL COUNSEL
 R. David Syfan

PRESS
 Mari Livsey – KnowPickens
 Angela Reinhardt – Pickens Progress

AGENDA ITEM: Call Meeting to Order/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance		PRESENTER: Mayor Lawrence	
<p>Mayor Lawrence seeing a quorum called the meeting to order. Mayor Lawrence called on Max Caylor to provide the Invocation. Councilmember Jim Looney led the Pledge of Allegiance.</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. Councilmember John Foust made a motion to approve. Councilmember Anne Sneve provided a second. Motion to approve passed unanimously.</p>			
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Approved	N/A	N/A	

AGENDA ITEM: New Business		PRESENTER: Lonnie Waters	
<p>#1 Consideration of a Text Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Jasper</p>			
DISCUSSION:			
<p>Mayor Lawrence opened the Public Hearing portion of the meeting. Mr. Waters stated that staff is requesting to amend the permitted use table in Section 94-50 to include the use of park and recreation in the C-1A district along with the inclusion of said use as to be defined through amending Section 94-313. Based on the analysis of the standards and criteria found in Section 94-246 of the Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Waters stated that this has gone before the Planning Commission Board on September 27th, and they voted all in favor of approving. Mr. Syfan read aloud the definition of what is public recreation park, provided in the Ordinance.</p>			
CONCLUSION: Mayor Lawrence asked for any public comment. With no one coming forward, Mayor Lawrence moved to the next item under the agenda.			
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
To be Voted on October 3 rd meeting	N/A	N/A	

AGENDA ITEM: New Business		PRESENTER: Lonnie Waters	
<p>#2 Consideration to rezone Parcel 030A 030 consisting of 62.04 acres from M-1 Industrial to C-1A. This Parcel is located at 540 Lumber Company Road.</p>			

DISCUSSION:
 Mr. Waters stated that if the Text Amendment is approved, staff is requesting the approval to rezone 540 Lumber Company Road (Hope House and Doris Wigington Park) to be rezoned to C-1A. Based on the analysis of this application, using the standards and criteria found in Section 94-246 of the Zoning Ordinance, staff recommends Approval of the request to rezone the property from M-1 to C-1A. Should the Mayor and City Council approve the rezoning request, it is expected that the applicant adheres to the minimum standards of the zoning ordinance. Mr. Waters stated that this has gone before the Planning Commission Board on September 27th, and they voted all in favor of approving.

CONCLUSION:
 Mayor Lawrence asked for any public comment. With no one coming forward, Mayor Lawrence closed the Public Hearing portion of the meeting.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
To be Voted on October 3 rd meeting	N/A	N/A

AGENDA ITEM: New Business
 #3 Consideration and approval of Ordinance 2022-14
 adoption of the ad valorem tax rate (millage rate) for 2022
PRESENTER: Lindsey Williams

DISCUSSION:
 Mrs. Williams stated that during a special called meeting on August 8th, staff presented advertising a tax increase by not rolling back the millage rate. After receiving the digest and presenting the current and 5-year history, it was concluded that not rolling back would result in a \$28,000 revenue increase over the roll back rate. It was determined that the city could adjust expenses to allow for rolling back the millage rate. Mrs. Williams stated that staff has advertised the current and 5-year history with a millage rate of 5.467. Mrs. Williams stated that if approved, staff will send the appropriate forms to the Pickens County Tax Commissioner's office.

CONCLUSION:
 Mayor Lawrence called for a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-14 with the millage rate at 5.467. Councilmember Looney made a motion to approve. Councilmember Sneve provided a second. Motion to approve passed unanimously.

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

AGENDA ITEM: Executive Session
PRESENTER: Mayor Lawrence

CONCLUSION:
 Mayor Lawrence called for a motion to go into an Executive Session for the discussion of Legal and Real Estate purposes. Councilmember Raffield made a motion to go into Executive Session. Councilmember Foust proved a second. Motion passed unanimously.
 Councilmember Looney made a motion to go back into regular sessions. Councilmember Raffield provided a second. Motion passed unanimously.
 Mayor Lawrence Adjourned the meeting.

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


 Mayor


 City Clerk