

MINUTES
Regular Called City Council Meeting
April 10, 2023

The City Council of the City of Jasper, Texas met on April 10, 2023, with the following members present to wit:

Randy Sayers..... Mayor
Anderson M. Land, Jr..... Council Member Dist. 1
Michael Daniel..... Council Member Dist. 2
DeMarcus Holmes..... Council Member Dist. 3
David Shultz..... Council Member Dist. 4
Rashad Lewis..... Mayor Pro-Tem/Council Member At-Large Dist. 5

Denise Kelley..... City Manager / Finance Director
Karen Pumphrey..... City Secretary

The Regular Called City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Randy Sayers at 6:00 p.m., and Mr. Ben Hancock gave the opening prayer. All Council Members were present to wit.

Mayor Sayers asked for comments or questions regarding departmental reports. Council Member Anderson Land recognized the City's Lineman for Lineman Appreciation Day.

Mayor Sayers asked for Public Comments. The following were made –

1. Mrs. Evelyn O'Neill – Spoke against hiring for Media Public Relations and spoke against Texas Strategies.

Motion by Council Member Anderson Land to approve the (1) one set of Minutes for Regular Called City Council Meeting, March 13, 2023. Second by Council Member David Shultz. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member David Shultz to approve the City's 1st Quarter Investment Report. Seconded by Council Member Rashad Lewis. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Rashad Lewis to approve the Variance Request for 100 Springhill Street. Second by Council Member David Shultz. Motion carried unanimously.

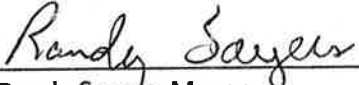
Motion by Council Member David Shultz to approve the Bowie Street well repair with a cost to date of \$36, 250.00. Seconded by Council Member Anderson Land. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Rashad Lewis to approve Media Public Relations, Texas Strategies new proposal and to be funded by using S.R.M.P.A. funds. Second by Council Member Michael Daniel. Discussion. Amended Motion by Council Member Rashad Lewis to approve the proposal/contract with Texas Strategies with the following amendments / changes that should be included in Mr. Ratcliff's negotiations - # 1 – There will be three (6) month reviews. IF Council is not happy with the results so far, then the contract would end with no future payments and no penalties added. # 2 – Monthly payments of \$ 8,222.26 according to latest contract. Second by council Member Michael Daniel. Mayor Sayers asked the Council for a vote. Those voting FOR the motion were Council Members Michael Daniel, DeMarcus Holmes, David Shultz, and Rashad Lewis. Those voting OPPOSED to the motion was Council Member Anderson Land. Mayor Sayers stated we have a vote of 4 to 1. The motion FOR has passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Mayor Sayers announced Closed Executive Session at 6:12 p.m. and council will convene in closed executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 551 Section 551.074 Personnel Matters; Closed Meeting to deliberate the evaluation of Judge Jackson.

RECONVENE – Mayor Sayers announced Open Session at 6:17 p.m. and asked Council for any motions from the Closed Executive Session. Council stated No Action.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Sayers adjourned the meeting at 6:17 p.m.



Randy Sayers, Mayor

Attest:



Karen Pumphrey, City Secretary