

MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 20, 2024

The City Council of the City of Jasper, Texas met on August 20, 2024, with the following members present to wit:

Anderson M. Land, Jr..... Mayor
Marcus Barber..... Council Member
DeMarcus Holmes..... Council Member/Absent
Ronald Sample..... Council Member
Angel McCroskey..... Council Member
Lequin Hilderbrand..... Council Member

Greg Kelley..... Interim City Manager
Liz Jarrell..... City Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Anderson Land at 6:00pm and opened with prayer by Street Superintendent Wade Peek. All the members were present to wit except Council Member Demarcus Holmes.

Mayor Land then asked for public comments and there was one. Mr. Bob Mahar thanked numerous City Employees for the work they were doing.

Mayor Land then read a card that was received regarding our Building Official Jeremy Chesnutt showing their appreciation to him.

A motion was made by Council Member Ronald Sample to approve Resolution No. 2024-3013 A resolution of the City Council of Jasper, Texas, requesting membership into the Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission Metropolitan Planning Organization. Seconded by Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Ronald Sample after much discussion, formally proposing a 2024 property tax rate of \$0.2691 to fund a portion of the 2024-2025 Budget. Seconded by Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Ronald Sample to move the Regular Called City Council Meeting from September 3, 2024, to September 9, 2024, and to have the public hearing for property tax rates September 9, 2024, at 5:30pm. Seconded by Council Member Marcus Barber. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Angel McCrosky to change some of the 2024-2025 working budget. The first motion by Council Member McCroskey was to give employees a 3% cost of living

increase instead of the 2.5% listed. Seconded by Council Member Marcus Barber. Motion passed unanimously. The second motion made by Council Member McCroskey was to use \$1,000,000.00 of the Cambridge funds to fund the electric department as needed. Seconded by Council Member Ronald Sample. Motion passed unanimously. There was much discussion regarding the electric rates. The third motion was made by Council Member Marcus Barber to use the \$1,000,000.00 to fund the electric department. Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand amended Council Member Barber's motion to propose the 3-year increment rate increase for the electric rate. Seconded by Council Member Ronald Sample. Motion passed unanimously.

Council Members then went into executive session at 6:44pm for personnel matters to discuss the City Manager and City Attorney. The meeting was reconvened at 7:07pm. Council Member Marcus Barber made a motion to make Interim City Manager Greg Kelley the City Manager pending his agreement. Seconded by Council Member Ronald Sample. Motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand shared his thoughts on the discussion board that was previously voted on for staff and council members. Council Member Hilderbrand believes it would have been a good way to communicate about the budget as well as other things to not constitute as a quorum. Council Member Angel McCrosky then encouraged everyone to become involved in the local government.

With no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.


Anderson Land, Mayor

Attest:


Liz Jarrell, City Secretary