

**MINUTES  
REGULAR CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 10, 2025**

The City Council of the City of Jasper, Texas, met on February 10, 2025, with the following members present to wit:

**Mayor Anderson M. Land, Jr**

**Council Member DeMarcus Holmes**

**Council Member Ronald Sample**

**Council Member Angel McCroskey**

**Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand**

**City Manager Greg Kelley**

**City Secretary Liz Jarrell**

Mayor Anderson Land called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., and Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand opened it with prayer. All council members were present. Mayor Land stated there was no meeting last month for SRMPA or SETRPC. Mayor Land asked for Departmental Reports, and City Manager Greg Kelley mentioned the City was awarded all 3 grants, which were applied for the remaining funds from leftover money from GLO grants. The first was for \$2,275,000 for water and wastewater infrastructure. The second for water was \$1,575,000. The third was for the Police Department to upgrade communication systems for \$840,000. Mrs. Susan Stover, with David J. Waxman Inc., updated the council on the grants as well. Mrs. Stover mentioned there is a 10% match which was already budgeted for these projects. Mayor Land then asked for public comments, and there was one. Mr. Rodney Norsworthy made comments regarding Jasper Economic Development Corporation (JEDCO).

Council Member Ronald Sample made a motion to approve (1) set of minutes from the Regular Called City Council Meeting on January 13, 2025. Seconded by Council Member DeMarcus Holmes. The motion passed unanimously.

City Manager Greg Kelley introduced Greg Peterson from Weaver and Tidwell, L.L.P, who went over the Audit Report for the year ending September 30, 2024. Mr. Peterson stated that the City has an unmodified opinion, which is the best opinion it can receive. Mr. Peterson also stated that the City qualifies as a low-risk auditee. Council Member Ronald Sample made a motion to approve the City Audit Report for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024. Seconded by Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Ronald Sample made a motion to approve Delta Consulting's request to replace circuit and transmission switchers at Jason Substation. Jared Taylor with Delta Consulting explained that the City needs to replace the current substation because the repairs to the old equipment will not last long. Replacing the current substation will speed up future outages to perform maintenance. Council Member Angel McCroskey asked City Manager Greg Kelley if the funds would come from the \$4 million the previous council set aside for Substations. City Manager Kelley stated it would come from those funds. Mr. Taylor said replacing the substation would take at

least 3 scheduled outages affecting the entire city. Seconded by Council Member McCroskey. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Ronald Sample made a motion to approve the Materials Contract from Texas Materials for the Sandy Creek Drainage Relief Project 2016 CDBG-DR GLO Contract No. 19-076-047-B700. Seconded by Council Member DeMarcus Holmes. City Manager Greg Kelley stated this was funds from a previous grant on US HWY 96 with roughly \$174,000.00 remaining. The deadline to use the funds is in April. The City bid out for some more rock to add to Sandy Creek. Council Member Angel McCroskey asked if this was the only bid received. City Manager Greg Kelley stated we received another bid, but it was delivered past the deadline to receive bids, so the other bid was not opened. Mrs. Stover, with David J. Waxman, Inc., stated she had the engineer go over the bid that was received, and it was a fair and reasonable bid. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Ronald Sample made a motion to approve the Annual Police Department Racial Profiling Report. Seconded by Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand. Police Chief Garrett Foster stated that the police department did not have any complaints against them for racial profiling. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Ronald Sample made a motion to approve Resolution No. 3025 authorizing Chief Garrett Foster as the Authorized Official for Grant No. 4963101. Seconded by Council Member DeMarcus Holmes. Police Chief Garrett Foster explained the funds will not be released for this grant to reimburse the City for the vest received until he is on the new resolution which was previously under the retired police chief. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Ronald Sample made a motion to approve Resolution No. 3026 authorizing Chief Garrett Foster as the Grantee's Authorized official for the Virtual Reality and CPA Project for Grant No. 5353601. Seconded by Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Ronald Sample made a motion to table the item to reallocate funds from MTGS., CONV. & SCHL-MAYOR to TRAVEL-MAYOR to attend Southeast Texas Legislative Day in Austin February 17-18, 2025, SETRPC Meetings, and SRMPA Meetings. Seconded by Council Member Angel McCroskey. Mayor Land stated that these funds have already been approved for this budget, and he is not asking for any new funds. The motion passed unanimously. Mayor Land stated that the item would not be able to be brought back up if it was tabled. Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand made a motion to postpone the agenda item. Seconded by Council Member Angel McCroskey. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Ronald Sample made a motion to approve the Variance Request at 1029 Avenue A. Seconded by Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Ronald Sample made a motion to approve James W. Turner Construction, LTD (JWTD) for Professional Home Demolition Services for CDBG-DR File JASCI-005 for 692 E Houston St. Seconded by Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand. City Manager Greg Kelley mentioned this is for the buyout program, and we only received one bid. The motion passed unanimously.

During the Council Time Discussion, Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand made a statement concerning SRMPA. Council Member Hilderbrand said the rates for power will be high moving forward, but options are being explored to reduce rates. Council Member Ronald Sample then asked the City Attorney about JEDCO matters. City Attorney Billy Morian III stated he is in contact with an attorney specializing in economic development. An executive session will be conducted regarding JEDCO matters in the future.

Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Council Member Angel McCroskey. The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.



Anderson Land, Mayor

Attest:



Liz Jarrell, City Secretary