

**MINUTES
REGULAR CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2025**

The City Council of the City of Jasper, Texas, met on January 13, 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 Larry Brown opened it with prayer. All the members were present. Mayor Land advised the council to review the SRMPA and SETRPC information. Mayor Land asked for departmental reports, and there were none. Mayor Land asked for public comments, and there was one. Mike Lout voiced his concerns concerning Proposition A.

Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 9, 2024 meeting. Seconded by Council Member DeMarcus Holmes. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member DeMarcus Holmes made a motion to approve the 4th quarter investment report. Seconded by Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Ronald Sample made a motion to approve the Order of General Election for May 3, 2025, the Notice of Election for May 3, 2025, to set the canvassing date for the May 3, 2025 election to be on May 6, 2025, the Interlocal government agreement between the City of Jasper and Jasper Independent School District to conduct a joint election on May 3, 2025, and the interlocal government agreement between Jasper County and the City of Jasper for the May 3, 2025 Election. Seconded by Council Member DeMarcus Holmes. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand made a motion to approve the interlocal government contract between the Jasper Independent School District (JISD) and the City of Jasper to authorize the use of JISD buses to transport citizens to and from designated community events. Seconded by Council Member Ronald Sample. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand made a motion to approve the company recommended for the fuel bids received for unleaded gasoline, diesel fuel, and hydraulic and motor oils to be awarded to Bill L. Dover Company, Inc. Seconded by Council Member DeMarcus Holmes. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Angel McCroskey made a motion to discuss and approve the scope of work for the Forensic Audit. Seconded by Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand. City Manager Greg Kelley asked the council to verify the timeline and some items on the scopes submitted. Council Members Angel McCroskey, Lequin Hilderbrand, and Ronald Sample voiced their opinions on specific matters involving their submissions for the audit. After much discussion, the motion passed unanimously to have the submitted items bid separately to view.

Council Member DeMarcus Holmes made a motion to approve reallocating \$80,000.00 from the police department's salary and benefits to capital land and facilities. Seconded by Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand. Chief Garrett Foster explained that he had done away with a position in the police department and that the police department needed a facelift. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Ronald Sample made a motion to approve a new policy 4.61 prohibition of dual law enforcement commissions. Seconded by Council Member DeMarcus Holmes. Chief Garrett Foster explained other cities do not allow dual commission or elected office, and he would like this done at the police department as well. Chief Foster explained this does not include the two new dual commission officers until their term is up. The motion passed unanimously. Chief Foster then introduced his new Captain Terry Patrick to the Mayor and the Council.

Mayor Land then went on to discuss, review, and implement Proposition A/Ordinance No. 5-10-22. Council Member Ronald Sample stated he spoke to City Manager Greg Kelley and Finance Director Robbie Peek and now understands this Proposition has been implemented. City Manager Kelley stated that the electric rate study was done, and it shows that Proposition A is in effect. City Manager Kelley asked the council to come up with a day to meet concerning the water and sewer rate study. Council Member Angel McCroskey stated that Ordinance No. 8-20-18 had a 3% cap that could not charge over 3% per year. Council Member McCroskey stated that Proposition A increased the 3% cap to 10% cap over total cost, which City Manager Greg Kelley stated was correct. After much discussion and consulting with City Attorney Billy Morian III, Mayor Land went on to the next agenda item since Proposition A/Ordinance No. 5-10-22 has been implemented.

Council Member Angel McCroskey made a motion to table the next item to exclude Mayor Anderson Land Jr. from all city council executive sessions pertaining to employee salary negotiations. Seconded by Council Member Ronald Sample. The motion passed unanimously.

City Manager Greg Kelley asked the council to set a date for a workshop on the water and sewer rate study.

Council Member Ronald Sample made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Council Member DeMarcus Holmes. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.



Anderson Land, Mayor

Attest:



Liz Jarrell, City Secretary