

MINUTES
REGULAR CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 14, 2025

The City Council of the City of Jasper, Texas, met on July 14, 2025, with the following members present to wit:

Mayor Clark McLane
Council Member Mamie Horn
Council Member Bob Mayhar

Council Member DeMarcus Holmes
Council Member Angel McCroskey
Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand

City Manager Greg Kelley

City Secretary Liz Jarrell

Mayor Clark McLane called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., and opened with prayer. All council members were present. Mayor McLane asked for public comments, and there were two. Mr. Richard Rasinski spoke about the City of Jasper's park facilities. Mrs. Tena Wright spoke about the Jasper Economic Development Corporation (JEDCO). Mayor McLane requested that the citizens put out green ribbons with a bow to support the lives affected by the recent West Texas Flood.

Mr. Bob Dickinson, with the South East Texas Regional Planning Commission, gave an update on the Public Pilot Transit Project. Mr. Dickinson stated the service began on July 7, 2025. The service will operate Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Reservations are required. The cost for this service will be \$1.00 each way.

Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand then updated the audience on the recent SRMPA meeting. Mr. Hilderbrand stated that the rate would increase from \$35.00 to \$38.00 at SRMPA.

Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand made a motion to approve the Regular Called City Council Meeting Minutes from June 9, 2025, and the Special Called City Council Meeting Minutes from June 24, 2025, with an amendment to correct the June 9 Minutes to include his vote of nay on the item concerning 450 E. Gibson. Council Member DeMarcus Holmes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand made a motion to approve the 2nd Quarter Investment Report. Council Member DeMarcus Homes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

City Manager Greg Kelley informed the council that the Beaty Orton House needs much repair and would like to do a condition assessment with the architectural firm Urbano and an electrical and plumbing inspection by an engineering firm to see where we are with the building to move forward. Council Member Angel McCroskey asked if the funds for the assessment would come from the HOT Funds out of the Budget. Mr. Kelley explained that the HOT Funds cannot cover the assessment cost due to the 2-step process for HOT Funds. Mr. Kelley explained the funds would come from the General Fund to cover the assessment cost. More discussion was made on the matter. Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand made a motion to allow Urbano Architects to perform a condition

assessment on the Beaty Orton House. Council Member DeMarcus Holmes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

City Manager Greg Kelley mentioned the council wanted to bring back the zoning that was previously being worked on. Mr. Kelley mentioned he reached out to Kendig Keast to continue with the process. Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand made a motion to approve the contract amendment from Kendig Keast for the zoning ordinance project. Council Member Bob Mayhar seconded the motion. Council Member Angel McCroskey mentioned she would prefer to see the contract before she could vote on the matter. Much discussion was made. Council Members Lequin Hilderbrand and Bob Mayhar voted in favor of the motion. Council Members Mamie Horn, DeMarcus Holmes, and Angel McCroskey voted against the motion. The motion failed 3-2.

Chief Garrett Foster informed the council that the state opened the door for cities to ban game rooms. This proposed ordinance will go into effect in 90 days. Council Member Angel McCroskey made a motion to approve the memorandum prohibiting game rooms and amusement redemption machines, including eight liners. Council Member Mamie Horn seconded the motion. Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand asked if this would only be within city limits, and Chief Foster explained that this only applies to city limits. Much Discussion was made. The motion passed unanimously.

City Manager Greg Kelley asked the council to advertise for sealed bids again for 210 Premier Dr. since no bids have been received the previous two times it was advertised. Much discussion was made concerning the building. Council Member DeMarcus Holmes made a motion to approve advertising a third time, seeking sealed bids for 210 Premier Dr. Council Member Bob Mayhar seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor McLane went on to the next item to take action on the Jasper Economic Development Corporation Board Members. Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand made a motion to wipe the slate clean of JEDCO Board Members and appoint 11 board members, provided they are qualified. The first six members will serve a one-year term for current projects open, and each council member will nominate one new member. Council Member Angel McCroskey explained that the city attorney advised the council to have a workshop to discuss JEDCO Board Members. Much discussion was made. Motion died due to a lack of a second. Council Member Bob Mayhar made a motion to maintain six original members from the JEDCO board, and each council person put one name forward. Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand seconded the motion. Council Member Mayhar amended his motion to have each council member choose two new members to the board. Much Discussion was made. Council Member Bob Mayhar voted in favor of the motion. Council Members Mamie Horn, DeMarcus Holmes, Angel McCroskey, and Lequin Hilderbrand voted against the motion. The motion failed 4-1.

The council went into executive session at 7:00 pm pursuant to Government Code 551 Section 551.074 Personnel Matters regarding the annual review for Judge Robert Jackson. The council reconvened into open session at 7:13 pm. Council Member Bob Mayhar made a motion to approve the increase for Jasper Municipal Judge Robert M. Jackson. Council Member DeMacus Holmes seconded the motion. Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand amended the motion to include a rate

increase of 3%. Council Member DeMarcus Holmes included the increase retroactive to October 2024. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Bob Mayhar complimented the finance department on the use of city credit cards, citing good practices and clear accountability for credit card usage. Much Discussion was made regarding a summer reading program, kids' summer activities, and holiday events. Mayor Clark McLane voiced his concerns regarding the Jasper Economic Development Corporation Board.

Council Member Angel McCroskey made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand. The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 pm.


Clark McLane, Mayor

Attest:


Liz Jarrell, City Secretary