

MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP
JUNE 24, 2025

The City Council of the City of Jasper, Texas, met on June 24, 2025, with the following members present to wit:

Mayor Clark McLane
Council Member Mamie Horn
Council Member Bob Mayhar

Council Member DeMarcus Holmes/Absent
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 12:00 p.m. and opened it with prayer. All the members were present except Council Member DeMarcus Holmes. There were no public comments.

City Manager Greg Kelley started reviewing the proposed budget with the General Fund. Mr. Kelley explained that these numbers are estimates without the exact property tax rate. The net revenue is figured with a proposed tax rate increase from the general fund, and a proposed garbage rate increase in the general fund because of an increase in landfill fees. The legislative department is up due to the increasing attorney fees, audit fees, emergency management, and liability insurance.

Mr. Kelley went on to Hotel Occupancy Taxes and explained that at the Chamber of Commerce, a meeting will be held to decide who will receive funds from the hotel taxes. Finance Director Robbie Peek explained that the Chamber put a committee together that will meet regarding the hotel taxes to determine who is approved for the funds that applied. Mrs. Peek mentioned that the Chamber is not getting an increase in the budget; they are still proposing \$50,000 plus \$10,000 for the 4th of July fireworks and \$1,500 for the lighting of the Courthouse. The remaining funds go directly to the organization approved for the funding. The city council has final approval of the committee's recommendation for the operating budget. Mr. Kelley stated that there is one representative from the hotels on the committee.

Mr. Kelley stated that the Street Department's maintenance funds were increased to fix potholes and other maintenance. The Sanitation Department also increased, and the new truck proposed has increased in price. The Police Department's budget decreased while adding two new patrol units. The Fire Department's budget increased due to an increase in members.

Mr. Kelley went on to the light and power fund. The net revenue is based on a proposed rate increase that Senergy calculated from the rate study for the year 2026. The proposed budget for light and power includes a new pole truck and a new grapple truck.

Mr. Kelley stated that the proposed budget for water distribution increased due to meter replacements that were previously approved.

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Council Member Angel McCroskey made a motion to adjourn at 1:06 pm. Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.


Clark McLane, Mayor

Attest:


Liz Jarrell, City Secretary