## MINUTES WORKSHOP AND REGULAR CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 9, 2025

The City Council of the City of Jasper, Texas, met on June 9, 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 5:00 p.m., and Council Member Bob Mayhar opened it with prayer. Council Member DeMarcus Holmes was absent for part of the workshop, and he showed up at 5:51 pm as the workshop continued. Mayor McLane asked for public comments, and there was one. Mr. John Wright voiced his concerns regarding the Jasper Economic Development Corporation (JEDCO). Mayor McLane asked for departmental reports, and there were none. Mr. Bob Dickinson from the South East Texas Regional Planning Commission gave an update on the Public Transit Pilot Project.

Mayor McLane then went on to discuss the Jasper Economic Development Corporation Board Members. Each Council Member expressed their thoughts and concerns about the current Board and how they believe the new Board should be chosen. More discussion was made regarding JEDCO bylaws and state rules.

The workshop was adjourned at 6:18 p.m., and the council took a short break. The regular called city council meeting was called to order at 6:24 p.m.

Council Member Bob Mayhar made a motion to approve three sets of minutes, including: Special Called City Council Meeting, May 1, 2025, Regular Called City Council Meeting, May 6, 2025, and Special Called City Council Meeting, May 12, 2025. Council Member Mamie Horn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor McLane moved items 8 and 9 to the first item since Mr. Hue Nguyen was on a voice call for the public hearing for 450 E. Gibson. Inspector Jeremy Chesnutt explained the appeal process. Mr. Chesnutt explained that Mr. Nguyen submitted plan reviews for the new restaurant. After receiving the plans, Mr. Chesnutt's comments back to him stated that the plumbing code requires the lavatory fixtures to be in the same room as the water closets and urinals per International Plumbing Code Section 405.3.2. Mr. Nguyen voiced his opinion and concern regarding this appeal. After much discussion, Council Member DeMarcus Holmes made a motion to deny the appeal for 450 E. Gibson St. Council Member Angel McCroskey seconded the motion. All voted in favor of denying the appeal.

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City Manager Greg Kelley informed the council that Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand had one more year to serve on the SRMPA Board. Since the previous mayor could no longer serve, one more member needed to be appointed. Council Member Hilderbrand made a motion to appoint Mayor McLane to the Board. Council Member DeMarcus Holmes seconded the motion. The motion passed, with Council Members Mamie Horn, Bob Mayhar, DeMarcus Holmes, and Lequin Hilderbrand voting in favor. Council Member Angel McCroskey voted against it. The motion passed 4-1.

City Manager Greg Kelley informed the council about the SETRPC Board Members. Council Member Angel McCroskey is still a member of the board, but the previous mayor can no longer serve, so the council needed to appoint the new mayor. Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand made a motion to appoint Mayor McLane to the board. Council Member DeMarcus Holmes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor McLane went to the following item to remove/appoint board members to the Jasper Economic Development Corporation (JEDCO). Council Member DeMarcus Holmes made a motion to leave Lequin Hilderbrand, Jenn Miranda, and Ronald Sample, as well as four available spaces for active board members, leaving the council to choose ten remaining board members, with each council member choosing two members. Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand seconded the motion. The motion passed with council members Bob Mayhar, DeMarcus Holmes, and Lequin Hilderbrand voting in favor. Council member Angel McCroskey voted against it. The motion passed 3-1 while council member Mamie Horn abstained. After much discussion, Council member DeMarcus Holmes amended his motion to table the removal and appoint the board members to JEDCO. Council Member Angel McCroskey seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-1 with Council Members Mamie Horn, DeMarcus Holmes, Angel McCroskey, and Lequin Hilderbrand voting in favor, while Council Member Bob Mayhar voted against the motion.

Chief Garrett Foster explained the school is starting their own police department, and the vehicles being donated are currently being used by the School Resource Officer's, and the vehicles are not in any condition to use for patrol use. Council Member DeMarcus Holmes made a motion to approve the authorization to donate patrol units to the Jasper Independent School District. Council Member Angel McCroskey seconded the motion. Council Members Bob Mayhar, Angel McCroskey, and Lequin Hilderbrand voiced their opinions concerning the gifting of the vehicles. The motion passed with Council Members Mamie Horn, DeMarcus Holmes, Angel McCroskey, and Lequin Hilderbrand voting in favor of the motion. Council Member Bob Mayhar voted against the motion. The motion passed 4-1.

City Manager Greg Kelley explained the variance request being a three-foot encroachment at 903 Caldwell. Council Member DeMarcus Holmes made a motion to approve the variance request for 903 Caldwell St. Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Fire Marshall Brandon Duckworth explained that one person needed to be appointed to the fire department pension board, and it must be one member from the governing body. Council Member

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Bob Mayhar asked Finance Director Robbie Peek if she would be willing to take the position, and she is willing unless a council member would like to serve. Council Member DeMarcus Holmes made a motion to appoint Finance Director Peek to the pension board. Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Fire Marshall Duckworth explained the contract between the Fire Department and Beyond B Enterprises, LLC. Mr. Duckworth said Beyond B Enterprises would try to recoup funds to be paid directly to the fire department to supplement the city budget on calls that the fire department reports to. The fire department funds, not the City of Jasper funds, are responsible for paying the 10% to Beyond B for the service for each call that is justified for collection. Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand made a motion to approve the contract. Council Member DeMarcus Holmes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The council then went into executive session at 7:10 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code 551 Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney: pending or contemplated litigation. The council reconvened at 7:26 p.m., and no action was taken from the executive session.

Chief Garrett Foster explained that this Memorandum of Understanding is a guideline between the City of Jasper Police Department and the Jasper Independent School District. Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding concerning communication and coordination between the Jasper Independent School District and the Jasper Police Department. Council Member DeMarcus Holmes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Foster provided input concerning the agreement. Council Member DeMarcus Holmes made a motion to approve the Non-Twenty-Four-Hour Agency Agreement between the City of Jasper Police Department and the Jasper Independent School District. Council Member Bob Mayhar seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Susan Stover from David J. Waxman Inc. informed the council that this is the \$3.9 million grant for street and sewer work. Council Member DeMarcus Holmes made a motion to authorize Goodwin Lasiter Strong to bid the street portion of the GLO Regional Mitigation Grant 24-065-082-E758. Council Member Bob Mayhar seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Council Member DeMarcus Holmes. All voted in favor to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 pm.

Clark McLane, Mayor

Attest:

Liz Jarrell, City Secretary