

MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 13, 2024

The City Council of the City of Jasper, Texas met on May 13, 2024, with the following members present to wit:

Anderson M. Land, Jr..... Mayor
Marcus Barber..... Council Member/Absent
DeMarcus Holmes..... Council Member/Absent
Ronald Sample..... Council Member
David Shultz..... Council Member
Rashad Lewis..... Council Member

Greg Kelley..... Interim City Manager
Liz Jarrell..... City Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Anderson Land at 12:00pm and opened with prayer by Mr. Eddie Hopkins. All members were present to wit except Council Member Demarcus Holmes and Council Member Marcus Barber.

Council Member Ronald Sample made a motion to appoint Council Member Angel McCroskey to the Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission (SETRPC) Executive Committee to replace council member Demarcus Holmes. Seconded by Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand. Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand then made a statement pertaining to not taking appointments to boards lightly. He believes they are critical appointments for the city of Jasper that can be informational. He also stated on behalf of Council Member Demarcus Holmes, Council Member Demarcus Holmes believes he resigned from the position being voted on. He stated Council Member Demarcus Holmes believed the agenda item should have been worded differently. Mayor Land explained the issue of him resigning should have come to council. Mayor Land stated he spoke to secretary of SETRPC, and she had no knowledge of him resigning. Mayor Land stated he spoke with City Secretary Karen Pumphrey, and it was talked about with her, but nothing was completed in proper form. Council Member Angel McCroskey was then recognized, and she stated Council Member Demarcus Holmes was under the impression that he resigned from his position with SETRPC. Mayor Land then requested a vote which passed unanimously.

Council Member Ronald Sample made a motion to appoint Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand to the Sam Rayburn Municipal Power Agency (SRMPA) Board of Directors to replace Mr. Randy Sayers. Seconded by Council Member Angel McCroskey. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Land read the next agenda item to appoint Interim City Manager Greg Kelley and two Jasper City Council members to The Jasper Economic Development Corporation (JEDCO) board to replace Mr. Randy Sayers, Mr. David Shultz, and Mrs. Denise Kelley. Mayor Land then had Mr. Eddie Hopkins speak on JEDCO's by laws. Mr. Eddie Hopkins explained JEDCO's by law's were changed in 2008 regarding the number of sitting members on the board. Mr. Eddie Hopkins stated the board must be approved by Council, and he read JEDCO's by laws. Council Member Angel McCroskey then requested a copy of JEDCO's by laws for each council member. Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand then offered to amend item #3 on the agenda, and then he amended the motion to appoint three Jasper citizens to the board. Mayor Land clarified with Mr. Eddie Hopkins if we needed two council members on the board, and Mr. Hopkins said no. Council Member Angel McCroskey seconded the motion to be amended. Mayor Land requested to know who the three citizens are that Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand had in mind. Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand amends that we replace the three outgoing board members with Council Member Ronald Sample, Jennifer Meranda, and himself "Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand". Seconded by Council Member Ronald Sample. Motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Angel McCroskey made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 17.5-8 amending and updating the Beer or Intoxicating Liquor Ordinance. Seconded by Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand. Council Member Ronald Sample asked about the ordinance if it was stating no more drinking. Mayor Land then told him to read the ordinance. Motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Ronald Sample made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 17.5-19 amending and updating the Reservation of Park Facilities Ordinance. Seconded by Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand. Council Member Ronald Sample asked the meaning of ordinance update. Mayor Land then read the ordinance. Council Member Ronald Sample was clarifying these changes will now have to come before Council to be approved. Mayor Land stated as it was read. Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand asked for someone to clarify the definition of a promoter vs. an individual. Code Enforcement Officer Derrick Boykin spoke about the new ordinance and the difference between promoter and private event. Each event will be looked at case by case. The motion was passed unanimously.

Mayor Land read Ordinance No. 17-44 Alcohol Ordinance. Council Member Angel McCroskey made a motion to approve the updated alcohol ordinance. Seconded by Council Member Ronald Sample. Motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 18-31 amending and updating the Itinerant Merchant Ordinance. Seconded by Council Member Ronald Sample. Mayor Land then read the updated ordinance. Motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Ronald Sample made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 18-32 amending and updating the Itinerant Merchant Ordinance. Seconded by Council Member Angel McCroskey. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Land explained the need for a Deputy City Secretary for the purposes of elections. Former secretary Robbie Peek is now Director of Finance, and we need someone to fill her position because it is required. Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand made a motion to approve Taylor Fomby as new Deputy City Secretary. Seconded by Council Member Ronald Sample. Motion passed unanimously.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 12:21pm.



Anderson Land, Mayor

Attest:



Liz Jarrell, City Secretary