

MINUTES
REGULAR CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 7, 2024

The City Council of the City of Jasper, Texas met on May 7, 2024, with the following members present to wit:

Anderson M. Land, Jr.....	Mayor
Marcus Barber.....	Council Member
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 Regular Called City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Land at 6:00pm. Pastor Gary Marshall gave the opening prayer. All council members were present to wit except Council Member DeMarcus Holmes.

Mayor Land canvassed the City General Election of May 4, 2024:

Council Member District #3

Demarcus Holmes 53*

Council Member District #4

Angel McCroskey 63* Steve Adams 48

Council Member District #5 At-Large

Rashad Lewis 186 Lequin Hilderbrand 339*

State District Judge Delinda Gibbs Walker administered the oath of office to Council Member #4 Angel McCroskey and Council Member District #5 At-Large Lequin Hilderbrand. District #3 Council Member DeMarcus Holmes was absent and will be sworn in at a later date. New seats were taken, and the council meeting continued.

Mayor Land asked for council to review information in their binder regarding SETRPC and SRMPA.

Mayor Land asked for departmental reports. Council Member Ronald Sample questioned why there was always the same list of homes in the meeting packet. Fire Marshall Brandon Duckworth explained that it was a house that previously burned, and it is the same one on the agenda item. No further reports were made.

Mayor Land then asked for public comments and there were two. President of Woman's Civic Club Julia Napper thanked the city for the renovations and improvements made to the building over the past year. She also invited everyone to the open house of Woman's Civic Club May 16, 2024, for ribbon cutting. Mayor Land then read a proclamation for the Woman's Civic Club. Mayor Land then asked the City Secretary to change the year on the proclamation to reflect 2024 instead of 2022.

Mayor Land then called Stephanie Harries to the stand. She voiced her concern about North Main Street. She stated people are traveling too fast making it unsafe for pedestrians, animals, and other vehicles. She asked for speed limit signs to be put out or something to make it safer.

Mayor Land went on to discussion/action items.

Motion was made by Council Member Ronald Sample to appoint Angel McCroskey as Mayor Pro-Tem. Seconded by Council Member Marcus Barber. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Council Member Ronald Sample to approve Regular Called City Council Meeting Minutes from April 8, 2024. Seconded by Council Member Marcus Barber. Mayor Land asked for discussion, and Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand stated the minutes should state on page 2 "Susan Stover" instead of "Susan" and the motion was carried unanimously.

Mayor Land asked Interim Chief Mike Poindexter to explain the reallocation of \$75,000.00 for the Police Department to use the funds for equipment instead of motorcycles. Motion was made by Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand. Seconded by Council Member Ronald Sample. Passed unanimously.

Mayor Land asked Fire Marshall Brandon Duckworth to explain the demolition of 1220 N. Fletcher. He explained he gave the homeowner plenty of time to clean up after the property burnt down a year ago in May. It is supposed to be done in 30 days. Mr. Bean's sister was working with Mr. Duckworth about having the property cleaned up until she was no longer able to. Mr. Bean has not mentioned any plans to have it cleaned up, and he wants to have it cleaned up by the City with an understanding of a bill. If the bill is not paid in 30 days, there will be a lien placed on the property. Motion to approve by Council Member Ronald Sample. Seconded by Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand. Passed unanimously.

Mayor Land called for a motion to appoint a Committee to Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission, and the motion died due to lack of motion.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Land adjourned the meeting at 6:24p.m.


Anderson Land, Mayor

Attest:


Liz Jarrell, City Secretary