

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Called City Council Meeting**  
**June 13, 2023**

The City Council of the City of Jasper, Texas met on June 13, 2023, with the following members present to wit:

Anderson M. Land, Jr.....	Mayor
Marcus Barber.....	Council Member Dist. 1
Ronald Sample.....	Council Member Dist. 2
DeMarcus Holmes.....	Council Member Dist. 3
David Shultz.....	Council Member Dist. 4
Rashad Lewis.....	Mayor Pro-Tem/Council Member At-Large Dist. 5
Denise Kelley.....	City Manager / Finance Director
Karen Pumphrey.....	City Secretary

Mayor Anderson land called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., and Mr. Rodney Norsworthy gave the opening prayer. All Council Members were present to wit.

Mayor Land gave an overview of the City Council Meeting Rules and Procedures.

Mayor Land gave a reading for two proclamations recognizing James Byrd Day and the Dewitt Clinton Lodge 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Mayor Land asked for questions or comments on departmental reports. None were made.

Mayor Land asked for Public Comments. None were made.

Motion by Council Member David Shultz to approve the following minutes:

Regular Called City Council Meeting, May 9, 2023, with corrections.

Special Called City Council Meeting, May 25, 2023. Second by Council Member Ronald Sample. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member David Shultz to approve Resolution No. 3004 authorizing the Mayor and City Manager as Signatories for the CDBG Disaster Recovery Grant No. 20-065-031-C101. Second by Council Member Rashad Lewis. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Rashad Lewis to approve Resolution No. 3005 supporting the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas. Second by Council Member David Shultz. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member David Shultz to approve the demolition of two mobile homes destroyed by fire located at 948 Fred Street and 730 State Street. Second by Council Member Rashad Lewis. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Land read agenda item # 5 regarding spending 1 million dollars, 500k each month for the months of August and February from SRMPA funds to help reduce the electrical rates for residential and commercial customers, providing the funds are available to this on an annual basis. Council discussed. Motion was made by Council Member Rashad Lewis to TABLE this item to figure out a good rebate that would help the citizens. Second by Council Member David Shultz. Mayor Land asked for a vote. Those voting in favor of the motion were Council Members Rashad Lewis, David Shultz, and DeMarcus Holmes. Those voting Opposed of the motion were Council Members Ronald Sample and Marcus Barber. Mayor Land stated the motion passes with a vote of 3 to 2.

Mayor Land struck out agenda item No. 6 Consider for approval – Scheduling a Zoning Workshop due to waiting on more information from Kendig Keast Collaborative.

Motion by Council Member Rashad Lewis to approve the bids received for the basketball court pavilion at Sandy Creek and to approve going with Construction Zone of Southeast Texas LLC. Second by Council Member DeMarcus Holmes. Discussion. Mayor Land asked for a vote. Those voting in Favor of the motion were Council Members Rashad Lewis, David Shultz, and DeMarcus Holmes. Those voting Opposed were Council Members Ronald Sample and Marcus Barber. Mayor Land stated the motion passes with a vote of 3 to 2.

Mayor Land opened the floor to Police Chief Gerald Hall who had accommodations for Detective Christopher and Lawson who went above and beyond to track down a juvenile runaway. The FBI helped assist and she was tracked down in Indiana. Our officers worked round the clock and did not stop until they located her. The perpetrator was arrested and is facing multiple charges. Our officers worked diligently until they got the young juvenile back home safely. They are to be commended for a job well done.

Motion by Council Member David Shultz to approve renewing the City Health Insurance. Second by Council Member DeMarcus Holmes. Discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

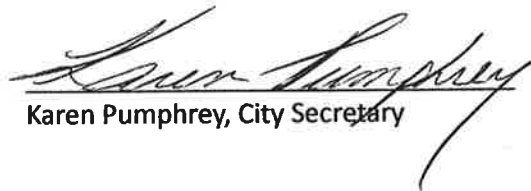
Motion by Council Member Rashad Lewis to approve the variance request from Ms. Katelyn Hanson. Second by Council Member DeMarcus Holmes. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Ronald Sample to approve appointing Mayor Anderson Land and Council Member Rashad Lewis to the SRMPA Board of Directors. Second by Council Member Marcus Barber. Discussion. Mayor Land asked for a vote. Those voting for the motion were Council Members Ronald Sample and Marcus Marber. Those voting Opposed were Council Members Rashad Lewis, David Shultz, and DeMarcus Holmes. Mayor Land stated we have a vote of 3 voting against and 2 voting for. The motion does not pass.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Land adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

  
Anderson Land, Mayor

Attest:

  
Karen Pumphrey, City Secretary