

MINUTES
Regular Called City Council Meeting
May 9, 2023

The City Council of the City of Jasper, Texas met on May 9, 2023, with the following members present to wit:

Randy Sayers.....	Mayor (Absent)
Anderson M. Land, Jr.....	Council Member Dist. 1
Michael Daniel.....	Council Member Dist. 2 (Absent)
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 Pro-Tem Rashad Lewis called the Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m., and Mr. Josh Hadnott gave the opening prayer. All Council Members were present to wit with the exception of Mayor Randy Sayers and Council Member Michael Daniel who were both absent for the meeting.

Mayor Pro-Tem Rashad Lewis canvassed the City General Election of May 6, 2023:

MAYOR

Randy M. Sayers 244 Anderson M. Land, Jr. 459*

COUNCIL MEMBER DISTRICT 1

Betty Jean Hawthorne 73 Marcus D. Barber 119*

COUNCIL MEMBER DISTRICT 2

Michael Daniel 102 Ronald G. Sample 157*

Judge Jackson administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Mayor Anderson Land and Council Members Marcus Barber and Ronald Sample. New seats were taken, and the council meeting continued.

Mayor Anderson Land asked for questions or comments on departmental reports. None were made. Mayor Land asked for Public Comments. The following was made by Mr. Rodney Norsworthy – Welcome all newly elected officials and thanked the police department for their quick response to break-ins taking place at the old Mary Dickerson Hospital and also his neighbor's home.

Motion by Council Member David Shultz to nominate Rashad Lewis as the Mayor Pro-Tem. Second by Council Member DeMarcus Holmes. No discussion. Mayor Land asked for a vote. Those voting FOR were Council Members DeMarcus Holmes, David Shultz, Marcus Barber, and Rashad Lewis. Council Member Ronald Sample voted opposed to the motion. Mayor Land stated the motion passed with a vote of 4 to 1.

Motion by Council Member David Shultz to approve the minutes from the regular called city council meeting, April 10, 2023. Second by Council Member DeMarcus Holmes. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Rashad Lewis to approve authorizing City Manager Denise Kelley and Public Works Director Greg Kelley to work with our grant administrator David Waxman's office and engineers on a new project. Second by Council Member David Shultz. Discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

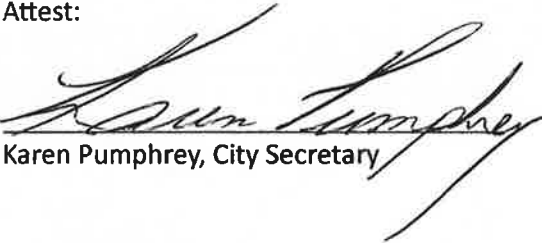
Motion by Council Member Rashad Lewis to approve a variance request for Mr. David Franklin at 346 Burch Street for a 7-foot encroachment. Second by Council Member DeMarcus Holmes. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Rashad Lewis to approve the updated Collection Development Police for the Jasper Public Library. Second by Council Member DeMarcus Holmes. Motion carried unanimously.

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


Anderson Land, Mayor

Attest:


Karen Pumphrey, City Secretary