

**MINUTES
REGULAR CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 15, 2024**

The City Council of the City of Jasper, Texas, met on October 15, 2024, with the following members present to wit:

Mayor Anderson M. Land, Jr
Council Member Marcus Barber
Council Member Ronald Sample

Council Member DeMarcus Holmes
Council Member Angel McCroskey
Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand

City Manager Greg Kelley

City Secretary Liz Jarrell

Mayor Anderson Land called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., and Bob Mahar opened it with prayer. All the members were present. Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand stated that the SRMPA will seek bids for electric rates.

Mayor Land asked for public comments, and there were two.

Motion by Council Member Ronald Sample to approve (3) sets of minutes from the regular called city council meeting on September 9, 2024, special called city council meeting on September 23, 2024, and special called city council meeting on September 27, 2024. Council Member DeMarcus Holmes seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Keith Treadway of McCreary, Veselka, Bragg & Allen P.C. presented on delinquent property tax collections.

Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand made a motion to terminate all contracts with Perdue, Fielder, Brandon & Mott LLP. Council Member Ronald Sample seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Ronald Sample made a motion to terminate all contracts with Texas Communities Group, LLC. Council Member Hilderbrand seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand made a motion to approve Resolution Reaffirming and Adopting Imposition of Tex. Tax Code Sections 33.07, 33.08, 33.11 to defray the costs of collections. Council Member Ronald Sample seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Ronald Sample made a motion to approve a resolution to approve the contract for collecting delinquent property taxes and legal representation between the City of Jasper and McCreary, Veselka, Bragg & Allen, P.C. (MVBA). Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand amended the motion to postpone the item to the next meeting. No second was made. Motion died due to lack of second.

Council Member DeMarcus Holmes made a motion to approve the committee's recommendation of David J. Waxman, Inc. for the 2025-2026 TxCDBG Fund Grant. Council Member Ronald Sample seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Ronald Sample made a motion to approve the final plat for the new subdivision on Bevil Loop. Council Member Angel McCroskey seconded it. Council Member Hilderbrand commented that he is approving this item because this form of plat will be a new standard for the subdivision plats for the City of Jasper. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member DeMarcus Holmes made a motion to approve the City of Jasper 3rd Quarter Investment Report. Council Member Ronald Sample seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

A public hearing was held to demolish a structure at 2079 Greer Street damaged by a fire. Fire Marshal Brandon Duckworth stated that everything was done to notify the owner, and no other comments were made.

Council Member Ronald Sample made a motion to approve the demolition of a structure at 2079 Greer Street. Council Member DeMarcus Holmes seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Ronald Sample moved to approve the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Procedures 4.007, 5.401, and 3.504. Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand seconded the motion. Interim Police Chief Mike Poindexter spoke about the procedures going forward with the state policy instead of creating their own policy. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Angel McCroskey made a motion to approve the 2025 Calendars for Regular Called City Council Meetings and City Hall Holiday Closures. Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member DeMarcus Holmes moved to approve the annual Christmas hams for City Employees. Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand seconded this. Council Member Hilderbrand asked if this was in the budget, and City Manager Greg Kelley stated it was. The motion passed unanimously.

The council then went into executive session at 6:41 p.m. to discuss personnel matters Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551 Section 551.074 concerning the City Manager's Salary and Police Chief. The council reconvened into regular session at 7:26 p.m. Council Member DeMarcus Holmes made a motion to approve the City Manager's Salary, which Council Member Ronald Sample seconded. The motion passed unanimously. No other action was taken from the executive session.

Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand stated that the Sam Rayburn Municipal Power Agency Board approved an outside vendor to solicit bids to locate a new wholesale power provider and negotiate a better deal. Council Member Angel McCroskey read a statement regarding the Jasper Economic Development Corporation (JEDCO). With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.



Anderson Land, Mayor

Attest:



Liz Jarrell, City Secretary