

MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
OCTOBER 2, 2024

The City Council of the City of Jasper, Texas, met on October 2, 2024, with the following members present to wit:

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

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

City Manager Greg Kelley

City Secretary Liz Jarrell

Mayor Land called the Special Called City Council Workshop to order at 12:00 p.m. City Manager Greg Kelley gave the opening prayer. All council members were present except Council Members Marcus Barber and DeMarcus Holmes. Mayor Land asked for public comments and there were none. Mayor Land discussed a potential project for submittal under GLO-DRRP Funding with David J. Waxman, Inc. Susan Stover, with David J. Waxman, Inc., spoke to the council, giving an update on grant projects. Mrs. Stover mentioned that we have a sewer grant with the Texas Dept. of Agriculture that is near completion. We have a General Land Office Grant for Street Improvements, ending in July next year. This is for about 22 street locations. We did get the contract on the most current mitigation grant, meaning we can start on Hi-Truitt Road and Temple Road; this will include sewer improvements of \$3.9 Million. Mrs. Stover mentioned two upcoming grant opportunities with the Texas Department of Agriculture Community Block Grant. This grant is for \$750,000.00 with a ten percent match by the city. The other opportunity is the DRRP Funding, the Disaster Recovery Reallocation Program. About \$180 Million remains from the Ike, the 2015 flood, the 2016 flood, and Harvey that the state of Texas has not spent. David J. Waxman, Inc can turn in a maximum of two projects for the City of Jasper. Mrs. Stover mentioned the requirements for the City of Jasper to qualify for including low-to-moderate-income people of at least 51 percent. City Manager Greg Kelley mentioned that fair housing is not only apartments or homes but also water, sewer, and electric services because it supports your home. Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand believes the rehabilitation of homes is a big concern in Jasper. Mayor Anderson Land explained the need for better drainage and culverts in some areas of town. Mrs. Stover mentioned the need for street and sewer improvements in Jasper. Focusing on these needs for line improvements benefits the entire city. This reduces the loss of water and pressure. Improving sewer lines saves and preserves the wastewater treatment plant. Council Member Hilderbrand mentioned that certain town areas often flood due to smaller culverts. Council Member Hilderbrand asked for the total amount of money for the street improvement project that will be completed in 2025. Mrs. Stover stated it was \$11 Million from the grant and \$2 Million from the city. The meeting was adjourned at 12:37 pm with no further business to discuss.

Attest:


Liz Jarrell, City Secretary


Anderson Land, Mayor