MINUTES REGULAR CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 21, 2025

The City Council of the City of Jasper, Texas, met on October 21, 2025, with the following members present to wit:

Mayor Clark McLane Council Member Mamie Horn Council Member Bob Mayhar Council Member DeMarcus Holmes
Council Member Angel McCroskey
Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand

City Manager Greg Kelley

City Secretary Liz Jarrell

Mayor Clark McLane called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m., and Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand opened it with prayer. All the members were present. There were two public comments. Mr. Richard Rasinski voiced his concerns about homelessness in Jasper. Mr. Rodney Norsworthy voiced his concerns about motorized bicycles on city streets.

The Jasper Economic Development Corporation (JEDCO) requested that the City Council provide guidance on the level of oversight it would like to engage in, to perform the desired level of oversight of JEDCO expenditures and other activities of the JEDCO board. JEDCO President Bill Grant informed the council about some laws concerning oversight by the city council of JEDCO, as well as seeking guidance about expenditures regarding JEDCO. Much discussion was made regarding the expenditure limit for JEDCO before bringing it to the council for approval. Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand made a motion to give JEDCO a spending limit of up to \$85,000.00 to conduct business without seeking the council's approval. Council Member Bob Mayhar seconded the motion. Council Members Bob Mayhar, DeMarcus Holmes, and Lequin Hilderbrand voted in favor of the motion. Council Members Mamie Horn and Angel McCroskey voted against the motion. The motion passed 3-2.

Council Member DeMarcus Holmes made a motion for JEDCO to approve providing up to \$160,000.00 to Beall's Corporation for necessary improvements for the opening of the Beall's store in Jasper. Council Member Bob Mayhar seconded the motion. JEDCO President Bill Grant recommended that the city council approve the request from JEDCO. Much Discussion was made regarding Bealls. Council Members Mamie Horn, Bob Mayhar, DeMarcus Holmes, and Lequin Hilderbrand voted in favor of the motion. Council Member Angel McCroskey voted against the motion. The motion passed 4-1.

Council Member DeMarcus Holmes made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing the submission of the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) application. Council Member Mamie Horn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member DeMarcus Holmes made a motion to approve the variance request for 2007 Marshall Dr. Council Member Angel McCroskey seconded the motion. Inspector Jeremy Chesnutt recommended that the council approve the request. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Bob Mayhar thanked everyone for attending the meeting and commended the solid waste department for its great work. Council Member Angel McCroskey clarified some things, including the

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fireworks, the HOT Funds, and the new meters. Light and Power Director Lee Wellman informed the council that the new meters are advanced meters and not smart meters. They will be able to give readings, as well as tell when there is a power outage. The meters do not communicate with items in your house.

Council Member DeMarcus Holmes made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which Council Member Angel McCroskey seconded. The meeting adjourned at 1:03 pm.

Clark McLane, Mayor

Attest:

Liz Jarrell, City Secretary