

MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 29, 2024

The City Council of the City of Jasper, Texas, met on October 29, 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/Absent
Council Member Angel McCroskey
Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand

City Manager Greg Kelley

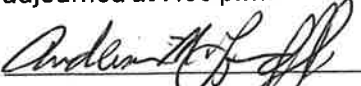
City Secretary Liz Jarrell

Mayor Anderson Land called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., and Finance Director Robbie Peek opened it with prayer. All members were present except Council Member DeMarcus Holmes. Mayor Land asked for public comments, and there were none.

Mayor Land then moved on to the next item on the agenda, and the council opened the forensic audit qualifications that had been received. Statements of qualifications were received from four different audit firms, including UHY Advisors Tax and Business Consultants, CRI CPAs and Advisors, Bergan KDV, and Eide Bailly LLP. Council Members received a packet from each firm.

Mayor Land then proceeded to item number two on the agenda: the executive session for the outside legal counsel. He read the Open Meetings Act and stated that he believed this item should be conducted in an open session. Council Member Hilderbrand stated that whatever happens in the executive session should stay in the executive session. Much discussion was made on that matter. Council Member Angel McCroskey made a motion to hire an outside attorney to advise the City about JEDCO. Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand amended Council Member McCroskey's motion to solicit proposals, estimates, etc., for an out-of-town attorney regarding finding solutions to the JEDCO issue at hand. Much discussion was made. City Attorney Mike Ratcliff gave an opinion stating it would be in the City's best interest to receive an outside counsel who does not know the whole issue going on. Council Member Ronald Sample seconded this. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Land then announced that the council would be going into an executive session to discuss Texas Government Code 551 Section 551.074 Personnel Matters regarding the City Attorney. The time was 6:27 p.m. Counsel reconvened at 6:59 p.m. No action was taken. There were no comments regarding the council time discussion. With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.


Anderson Land, Mayor

Attest:



Liz Jarrell, City Secretary