

MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP
JULY 8, 2026

The City Council of the City of Jasper, Texas, met on July 8, 2026, with the following members present to wit:

Mayor Clark McLane
Council Member Mamie Horn
Council Member Bob Mayhar

Council Member Daer Lajuan Kyles
Council Member Katelyn Hanson
Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand

City Manager Greg Kelley

City Secretary Liz Jarrell

Mayor Clark McLane called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m., and Council Member Daer Kyles opened it with prayer. All the members were present. There were no public comments.

City Manager Greg Kelley presented the council with a balanced preliminary working budget. The preliminary budget includes using \$525,000 from SRMPA funds to subsidize the Light & Power budget. Mr. Kelley explained that the General Fund Budget is an estimate that does not include the exact property tax rate. The general fund net revenue is figured with a proposed property tax rate increase. The total budget for all funds also includes a 3% salary increase for employees.

Mr. Kelley then discussed Hotel Occupancy Taxes (HOT) and explained the two-step process for expending HOT funds.

Mr. Kelley mentioned that the Sanitation Department budget included a new front loader. The Park Department included parking lot maintenance. The Fire Department added more members, necessitating new equipment.

Mr. Kelley proposed an increase in the electrical rate due to rising energy costs and price increases. This rate was projected by Senergy on the rate study. The Customer Service department included software updates.

Mr. Kelley proposed a water and sewer rate increase due to increased prices. Much discussion was made regarding the budget.

Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand made a motion to approve the following:

- a. Resolution authorizing the execution of the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Application Affidavit (TWDB-0201) and authorizing the City Manager to act as the authorized representative in connection with the Water Supply and Infrastructure Grant (WSIG) application for financial assistance.
- b. Authorized Representative Resolution (TWDB-0201A) by City Council of the City of Jasper requesting assistance from the Texas Water Development Board; authorizing the filing of a Water Supply and Infrastructure Grant (WSIG) application for assistance.

- c. Application Resolution (TWDB-0201B) by the City Council of the City of Jasper requesting financial participation from the Texas Water Development Board, authorizing the filing of an application for financial participation.
- d. Signatory Authority (TWDB-0201D) by the City Council of the City of Jasper authorizing designated City officials to approve, sign, execute, and certify project-related documents throughout the life of the grant.

Council Member Mamie Horn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Bob Mayhar made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to the TX GLO-CDR, mayor as city's executive officer, and city manager as authorized representative pertaining to CDBG Disaster Recovery 2024 Disasters Local Communities Program. Council Member Lequin Hilderbrand seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Bob Mayhar made a motion to adjourn at 1:49 pm. The motion passed unanimously.


Clark McLane, Mayor

Attest:


Liz Jarrell, City Secretary