

MINUTES
Regular Called City Council Meeting
March 13, 2023

The City Council of the City of Jasper, Texas met on March 13, 2023, with the following members present to wit:

Randy Sayers..... Mayor
Anderson M. Land, Jr..... Council Member Dist. 1
Michael Daniel..... Council Member Dist. 2
DeMarcus Holmes..... Council Member Dist. 3
David Shultz..... Council Member Dist. 4
Rashad Lewis..... Mayor Pro-Tem/Council Member At-Large Dist. 5

Denise Kelley..... City Manager / Finance Director
Karen Pumphrey..... City Secretary

The Council Regular Called City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Randy Sayers at 6:00 p.m., and Mr. Rodney Norsworthy gave the opening prayer. All Council Members were present to wit.

Mayor Sayers asked for comments or questions regarding departmental reports. Council Member Anderson Land praised the Light and Power Department for new street lighting installs and Code Enforcement for the removal of dilapidated structures.

Mayor Sayers asked for Public Comments. The following were made –

1. Mr. Leonard Johnson spoke about street repairs needed on Bevil Loop and Golden Drive.
2. Mr. Steven Martinez spoke about the city not supporting his Subdivision project sewer issue.

Motion by Council Member Rashad Lewis to approve the following (1) set of minutes –

- Regular Called City Council Meeting, February 13, 2023. Second by Council Member David Shultz.
- Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member David Shultz to approve the City’s audit report for fiscal year-end September 30, 2022, as presented by Weaver and Tidwell, L.L.P. with a clean unmodified opinion.
Second by Council Member Rashad Lewis. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Anderson Land to approve Proclamation declaring April as Fair Housing Month as per grant requirements for fair housing activity. Second by Council Member David Shultz.
Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member David Shultz to approve Resolution No. 3002 adopting civil rights plans and policies for the Jasper CDV21-0281 CDBG grant, Sewer Improvements Project. Second by Council Member Michael Daniel. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Anderson Land to approve Resolution No. 3003 authorizing signatories for the Jasper CDV21-0281 CDBG grant, Sewer Improvements Project. Second by Council Member David Shultz. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sayers and the City Council listened to a presentation from Mrs. Susan Stover on SECTION 3 as required by the Texas Department of Agriculture for CDBG Contract CDV21-0281.

Motion by Council Member Anderson Land to approve the presentation as presented by Mrs. Stover. Second by Council Member David Shultz. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sayers opened the floor to City Manager Denise Kelley who asked Council how they would like to proceed regarding the Media Public Relations, Texas Strategies new proposal received. Council discussed. City Attorney Michael Ratcliff gave his opinion to go back out for bids since the new proposal submitted is amended. Motion by Council Member Anderson Land to go with Michael Ratcliff's recommendation to go out and re-bid the project. Second by Council Member Michael Daniel. Mayor Sayers asked for a vote. Council Members Anderson Land, Michael Daniel, and David Shultz vote in favor of re-bidding the project. Council Members Rashad Lewis and DeMarcus Holmes voted opposed. Council discussed again. Mayor Sayers asked Council if they would like this issue to be sent out to the Germer Law Firm LLP for their opinion. Motion by Council Member Anderson Land to hold off on this until council receives a response from the Germer Law Firm. Second by Council Member DeMarcus Holmes. Those voting in favor of the motion were Council Members Anderson Land, Michael Daniel, DeMarcus Holmes, and David Shultz. Council Member Rashad Lewis voted opposed. Mayor Sayers stated we have a vote of 4 to 1 the motion passes in favor of holding off until we hear back from the Germer Law Firm.

Motion by Council Member David Shultz to approve the bids received for the Woman's Civic club building renovations and award the winning bid to Delk Construction in the amount of \$ 103,460. And to approve the estimated amount of \$ 43,000 for work to be completed by City Staff for electrical, hvac, flooring, plumbing, etc. This project through completion is to be funded by SRMPA Funds. City Manager Denise Kelley said that this was a very old building and when you start working on them, you will most likely find other issues that will need to be repaired. Anderson Land seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member David Shultz to approve the following list of Election Judges and Clerks for the May 6, 2023, General Election –

DISTRICT #1 – MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH LOCATION Bernard Brock, Judge, Betsy Molina, Frankie Kyle

DISTRICT #2 – PARNELL ELEMENTARY LOCATION Louis Schexsnayder, Judge, Armond Cauley, Mahalath Cauley

DISTRICT #3 – CITY HALL LOCATION Cynthia Clarkm Judge, Charlie Keen, Deborah Davis

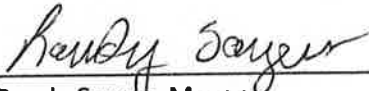
DISTRICT #4 – JASPER HIGH SCHOOL LOCATION Laurie Popham Judge, Janelle Hetler, Ben Brasher

CENTRAL COUNT & EARLY VOTING BALLOT BOARD Central Count conducted by Jasper County

EARLY VOTING BALLOT BOARD Leah Schexsnayder and Armond Cauley

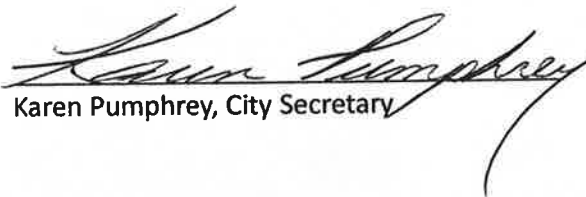
Second by council Member Anderson Land. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Sayers adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m.



Randy Sayers, Mayor

Attest:


Karen Pumphrey, City Secretary