

MINUTES  
REGULAR CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
January 16, 2018

The City Council of the City of Jasper, Texas met on January 16, 2018 with the following members present to wit:

Gary Gatlin.....Mayor  
Raymond Hopson.....Mayor Pro-Tem  
Rashad Lewis.....Council Member  
Tommy Schofield.....Council Member  
Hazel Johnson.....Council Member  
Mitch McMillon.....Council Member  
  
Denise Kellëy.....City Manager / Finance Director  
Karen Pumphrey.....City Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gatlin at 6:00 p.m. and opened with prayer by Council Member Mitch McMillon. All City Council Members were present for the meeting.

Mayor Gatlin asked for questions or comments regarding Departmental Reports. None were made. Mayor Gatlin asked for Public Comments – Mrs. Dr. Willie Brown spoke regarding a sewer back-up in her home and her driveway culvert collapsed.

Motion by Council Member Raymond Hopson to approve the following (2) sets of minutes:

- Special Called City Council Meeting, December 11, 2017
- Regular Called City Council Meeting, December 18, 2017

Second by Council Member Mitch McMillon. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Hazel Johnson to approve the following (5) City General Election Items for the May 5, 2018 City General Election: • Order of General Election for May 5, 2018. *Orden de elección general para el 5 de mayo de 2018.* • Notice of Election for May 5, 2018. *Aviso de elección para el 5 de mayo de 2018.* • Set Date for Canvassing May 5, 2018 Election for Monday May 14, 2018. *Fijar la fecha para el escrutinio de la elección del 5 de mayo de 2018 para el 14 de mayo de 2018.* • Consider approving Interlocal Government Agreement between the City of Jasper and Jasper Independent School District to conduct a joint election on May 5, 2018. *Considerar la aprobación del Acuerdo Interlocal Gubernamental entre la Ciudad de Jasper y el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Jasper para celebrar una elección el 5 de mayo de 2018.* • Consider approving Interlocal Government Agreement between Jasper County and City of Jasper for the May 5, 2018 Election. *Considerar la aprobación del Acuerdo Interlocal Gubernamental entre el Condado de Jasper y la Ciudad de Jasper para la elección del 5 de mayo de 2018.* Second by Council Member Tommy Schofield. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Hazel Johnson to approve the 2017 Annual Contact Report for the Police Department. Second by Council Member Raymond Hopson. Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion by Council Member Mitch McMillon to approve bid received from LeLand Bradlee Construction – Longview TX in the amount of \$380,500.00 for the Marvin Hancock Bridge Repair Project which includes repairs to the multi-span box culvert on Marvin Hancock Drive at Sandy Creek. Second by Council Member Raymond Hopson. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion by Council Member Hazel Johnson to approve Ordinance No. 011618 – Updating and amending the COJ Code of Ordinances: Chapter 14, Motor Vehicles and Traffic: Article II, Traffic Control Devices Generally. Second by Council Member Mitch McMillon. Motion carried unanimously.**


**Motion by Council Member Tommy Schofield to approve the proposal for purchasing a new street sweeper from the HGAC BUY BOARD for the total purchase price of \$247,570.00 dollars and to keep the old street sweeper as a back-up. Second by Council Member Hazel Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – Mayor Gatlin called for Executive Session at 6:29 p.m. stating all council members are present and will enter into closed Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government code 551 Section 551.074 Personnel Matters – Consider annual performance review of City Manager Denise Kelley.**


**RECONVENE – Mayor Gatlin reconvened the open meeting at 7:07 p.m. and stated there are no actions to be taken and praised City Manager Denise Kelley for her excellent evaluation. City Manager thanked the Mayor and Council and declined from any pay raise until city employees could receive raises.**

**Mayor Gatlin asked that information be gathered so he and the council could meet at a later date to see what could be worked out regarding possible raises for city employees if it could even be done with the budget at hand.**

**There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Gatlin adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.**

  
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Gary Gatlin, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Karen Pumphrey, City Secretary

MINUTES  
REGULAR CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
February 20, 2018

The City Council of the City of Jasper, Texas met on February 20, 2018 with the following members present to wit:

Gary Gatlin.....Mayor  
Raymond Hopson.....Mayor Pro-Tem  
Rashad Lewis.....Council Member  
Tommy Schofield.....Council Member  
Hazel Johnson.....Council Member  
Mitch McMillon.....Council Member  
  
Denise Kelley.....City Manager / Finance Director  
Karen Pumphrey.....City Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gatlin at 6:00 p.m. and opened with prayer by Police Chief Gerald Hall. All City Council Members were present for the meeting.

Mayor Gatlin asked for questions or comments regarding Departmental Reports. None were made.

Mayor Gatlin asked for Public Comments. The following were made:

1. Steve Stewart – Spoke regarding City Mobile Home Ordinance which only allows (1) mobile home per Five acres and asked council to revisit the ordinance.
2. Stephanie Harries – Spoke regarding dogs off of leashes in City Park.
3. Semina Panjuani – Seeking permission from council to move a mobile home to her property for her elderly parents but the city ordinance only allows (1) home per 5 acres of land.

Motion by Council Member Hazel Johnson to approve the following (1) set of minutes:

- Regular Called City Council Meeting, January 16, 2018

Second by Council Member Rashad Lewis. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Hazel Johnson to approve Resolution No. 2959 requesting a waiver of development/permit fees in the amount of \$250.00 for the Sweetbriar Hills Apartments development as a commitment of development funding from the City of Jasper. Second by Council Member Mitch McMillon. Council Member Rashad Lewis had to abstain from voting since he resides at the apartments and Council Member Tommy Schofield stated he would abstain from voting as well. Council Members Hazel Johnson, Raymond Hopson and Mitch McMillon all voted in favor of the resolution. Mayor Gatlin stated the motion passes in favor of approving Resolution No. 2959.

Motion by Council Member Mitch McMillon to approve Ordinance No. 022018A updating and amending the City of Jasper Code of Ordinances, Chapter 20 Solid Waste, Section 20-3. Littering. Adding the word Rubbish to Refuse including definitions. Second by Council Member Hazel Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Hazel Johnson to approve Ordinance No. 022018B updating and amending the City of Jasper Code of Ordinances, Chapter 17.5 Parks and recreation, Section 17.5-2 Dogs and Cats to include electronic leashes and Chapter 5 Section 5-17. Number of dogs and potbellied pigs permitted on premises to include Equine. City Council did not give a second to the motion and requested that Animal Control revisit the ordinance and bring it back to council. Mayor Gatlin stated the motion dies lack of a second and moved to next agenda item.

Motion by Council Member Mitch McMillon to nominate Mayor Gary Gatlin to replace Mr. Randy Sayers on the SRMPA Board. Second by Council Member Raymond Hopson. Motion carried unanimously.


Motion by Council Member Tommy Schofield to give the owner of Eastex Fireworks Stand \$2,500.00 dollars to assist with the funding in moving the fireworks stand which is not within code and is located to close to the new JEDCO building. The funds are not to exceed the price of \$2,500.00 dollars. The stand must be moved within the next 30 days with the thirtieth day being on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of March 2018. If the stand is not moved within this time frame the city will not assist with the \$2,500.00 funding, and that we also allow the city electric department to help with assisting in the relocation of the electric pole once it is disconnected from the breaker box by a licensed electrician. Second by Council Member Mitch McMillon. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Raymond Hopson to approve the following (2) Resolutions presented by Mr. Richard Clower:


1. Resolution Supporting the US Highway 96 Expansion Coalition; and
2. Resolution Supporting the Highway 96 Feeder Corridor into the 114 Corridor.

Second by Council Member Mitch McMillon. Council Members Hazel Johnson and Rashad Lewis both abstained from voting. Council Members voting in favor of the motion were Raymond Hopson, Tommy Schofield and Mitch McMillon. Mayor Gatlin stated the motion carries in favor of passing the resolutions.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Gatlin adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

  
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Gary Gatlin, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Karen Pumphrey, City Secretary

MINUTES  
SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
February 28, 2018

The City Council of the City of Jasper, Texas met on February 28, 2018 with the following members present to wit:

Gary Gatlin.....Mayor  
Raymond Hopson.....Mayor Pro-Tem  
Rashad Lewis.....Council Member  
Tommy Schofield.....Council Member  
Hazel Johnson.....Council Member  
Mitch McMillon.....Council Member (Absent)


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

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gatlin at 9:00 a.m. and opened with prayer by Council Member Raymond Hopson. All city council members were present for the meeting except Council Member Mitch McMillon who was absent.


Motion by Council Member Tommy Schofield to approve canceling the General Election for ONLY unopposed District 3 and District 5 At-Large.  
Second by Council Member Hazel Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Hazel Johnson to approve the certification of unopposed candidates for Districts # 3 and #5.  
Second by Council Member Tommy Schofield. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Gatlin adjourned the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

  
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Gary Gatlin, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Karen Pumphrey, City Secretary

MINUTES  
REGULAR CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
March 19, 2018

The City Council of the City of Jasper, Texas met on March 19, 2018 with the following members present to wit:

Gary Gatlin.....Mayor  
Raymond Hopson.....Mayor Pro-Tem  
Rashad Lewis.....Council Member  
Tommy Schofield.....Council Member  
Hazel Johnson.....Council Member  
Mitch McMillon.....Council Member  
  
Denise Kelley.....City Manager / Finance Director  
Karen Pumphrey.....City Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gatlin at 6:00 p.m. and opened with prayer by Mayor Gatlin. All City Council members were present for the meeting.

Mayor Gatlin recognized and presented Greg Kelley with an award for Water Fluoridation Quality for the City of Jasper and recognized an award for the City of Jasper for promoting Azaleas as valuable landscape shrubs.

There were no questions regarding Departmental Reports and there were no Public Comments.

Motion by Council Member Hazel Johnson to approve (2) sets of minutes, Regular Called City Council Meeting, February 20, 2018 and Special Called City Council Meeting, February 28, 2018. Second by Council Member Mitch McMillon. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Mitch McMillon to approve the Fiscal Year audit Report ending September 30, 2017 as provided by Weaver and Tidwell, L.L.P. Second by Council Member Tommy Schofield. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Gatlin opened the floor to Mr. Johnny Mecom who gave a presentation of how electric collars work for dogs and asked the council to reconsider and pass the revised Ordinance No. 031918a approving Section 17.5-6 dogs and Cats of the City's code of Ordinance and allow the use of "electronic collars/leashes" for dogs in Sandy Creek Park. After much discussion a motion was made by Council Member Tommy Schofield to approve the ordinance for a 90 day trial period then revisit to see how it goes. Second by Council Member Hazel Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Hazel Johnson to approve Resolution No. 2961 – Approving waiver of Payments In Lieu Of Taxes (PILOT) for Jasper Housing Authority Public Housing Development. Second by Council Member Rashad Lewis. Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion by Council Member Mitch McMillon to approve appointing election judges for the May 5, 2018 City Election. Second by Council Member Rashad Lewis. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion by Council Member Hazel Johnson to approve Ordinance No. 031918b Updating and re-establishing the speed zone map on FM 2799 as per TX DOT request. Second by Council Member Rashad Lewis. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion by Council Member Mitch McMillon to approve purchasing a new dump truck to replace the 1991 Ford F700 Dump Truck and to give Greg Kelley permission to go out for bids. Second by Council Member Rashad Lewis. Motion carried unanimously.**

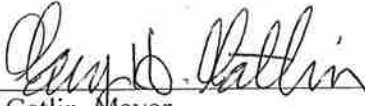
~ City Council took a quick ten minute break ~

**Motion by Council Member Hazel Johnson to approve request from Police Chief Gerald Hall giving him permission to purchase two vehicles to help maintain reliable police patrol vehicles through adequate number of fleet, rotation and maintenance. Second by Council Member Rashad Lewis. Motion carried unanimously.**


**EXECUTIVE SESSION – Mayor Gatlin called for Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. stating all Council Members are present and will enter into closed Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code 551 Section 551.074 Personnel Matters concerning B.J. Murphy’s employment with the City Police Department.**

**RECONVENE – Mayor Gatlin reconvened the meeting at 7:20 p.m. and stated there will be no action taken from the executive session.**

**There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Gatlin adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.**

  
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Gary Gatlin, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Karen Pumphrey, City Secretary

MINUTES  
REGULAR CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
April 16, 2018

The City Council of the City of Jasper, Texas met on April 16, 2018 with the following members present to wit:

**Gary Gatlin**.....Mayor  
**Raymond Hopson**.....Mayor Pro-Tem  
**Rashad Lewis**.....Council Member  
**Tommy Schofield**.....Council Member  
**Hazel Johnson**.....Council Member  
**Mitch McMillon**.....Council Member (Absent)

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

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gatlin at 6:00 p.m. and opened with prayer by Council Member Raymond Hopson. Council Member Mitch McMillon was absent for the meeting. All other city council members were present.

Departmental Reports – Public Works Director Greg Kelley stated the new street sweeper will arrive May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Public Comments – Stephanie Harries praised the City Animal Control, Fire Marshal and Code Enforcement.

Motion by Council Member Hazel Johnson to approve (1) set of minutes from Regular Called City Council Meeting, March 19, 2018. Second by Council Member Tommy Schofield. Motion carried unanimously.

Announcement – Jasper was recognized as an Opportunity Zone – Enhanced Investment Opportunities for Jasper area.

Motion by Council Member Hazel Johnson to approve a dangerous building removal order for 660 Carlton Drive, Jasper Texas. Second by Council Member Rashad Lewis. Motion carried unanimously.


Motion by Council Member Hazel Johnson to approve appointing Rashad Lewis to the DETCOG Board of Directors. Second by Council Member Tommy Schofield. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Rashad Lewis to approve Ordinance No. 041618 Updating and amending the COJ Code of Ordinances, Chapter 9 Fire Prevention and Protection. Second by Council Member Hazel Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.



**Motion by Council Member Hazel Johnson** to approve granting permission for the Jasper Fire Department to donate a list of items to the newly formed Beech Grove Volunteer Fire Department. Second by Council Member Rashad Lewis. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Gatlin adjourned the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

  
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Gary Gatlin, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Karen Pumphrey, City Secretary

MINUTES  
REGULAR CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
May 14, 2018

The City Council of the City of Jasper, Texas met on May 14, 2018 with the following members present to wit:

Gary Gatlin.....Mayor  
Raymond Hopson.....Mayor Pro-Tem  
Rashad Lewis.....Council Member (Absent)  
Tommy Schofield.....Council Member  
Hazel Johnson.....Council Member (Absent)  
Mitch McMillon.....Council Member  
  
Denise Kelley.....City Manager / Finance Director  
Karen Pumphrey.....City Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gatlin at 6:00 p.m. and opened with prayer by Council Member Raymond Hopson. Council Members Rashad Lewis and Hazel Johnson were both absent for the meeting. All other city council members were present.

**Mayor Gatlin canvassed the City General Election of May 5, 2018 as follows:  
COUNCIL Member's in District # 3 Hazel Johnson and District # 5 At-Large Mitch McMillon were both (Unopposed)  
COUNCIL MEMBER DISTRICT # 4 – Raymond Hopson: 107 Votes and DeShanna Collins 40 Votes.**

Judge Jackson administered the Oath of Office to the following:  
Council Member District 4 Raymond Hopson and Unopposed Council Member District 5 At-Large Mitch McMillon. Council Member District 3 Hazel Johnson was absent but will be sworn into office when she returns.

Departmental Reports – Public Works Director Greg Kelley stated the new street sweeper will arrive next week.

Public Comments – None were made.

Mayor Gatlin stated for the record that there had recently been questions raised about the city's policy on parks and other property. Gatlin said he wanted it be clear to everyone that present rules did not allow for political meetings or rallies and any park owned and maintained by the City of Jasper. He also said the same rules prohibited alcoholic beverages in the parks or on city property.

**Motion by Council Member Mitch McMillon to re-appoint Raymond Hopson as Mayor Pro-Tem. Second by Council Member Tommy Schofield. Council Member Raymond Hopson abstained from voting. Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by Council member Tommy Schofield to approve (1) set of minutes from Regular Called City Council Meeting, April 16, 2018. Second by Council Member Mitch McMillon. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Mitch McMillon to approve Resolution No. 2963 – Authorizing the sale of tax trust property through a public resale auction. Second by Council Member Raymond Hopson. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Tommy Schofield to approve granting Chief Hall permission to fill an officer vacancy. Second by Council Member Raymond Hopson. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Raymond Hopson to approve new policy from Chief Hall adding established guidelines for the use of unmanned aerial systems, including retrieval and dissemination of images and data captured by the UAS. Second by Council Member Mitch McMillon. Motion carried unanimously.


Motion by Council Member Raymond Hopson to approve new policy from Chief Hall establishing guidelines for use and security of the department-issued TLETS Terminal, Mobile Data Terminal (MDT) equipment and related CJIS information. Second by Council Member Mitch McMillon. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Mitch McMillon approving amendment to the existing Jasper Police Department Policy for Communications Center Operations and Resources. Second by Council Member Raymond Hopson. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

  
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Gary Gatlin, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Karen Pumphrey, City Secretary

MINUTES  
REGULAR CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
July 16, 2018

The City Council of the City of Jasper, Texas met on July 16, 2018 with the following members present to wit:

Gary Gatlin.....Mayor  
Raymond Hopson.....Mayor Pro-Tem  
Rashad Lewis.....Council Member  
Tommy Schofield.....Council Member  
Hazel Johnson.....Council Member  
Mitch McMillon.....Council Member  
  
Denise Kelley.....City Manager / Finance Director  
Karen Pumphrey.....City Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gatlin at 6:00 p.m. and opened with prayer by Council Member Mitch McMillon. All city council members were present for the meeting.

Chief Hall presented Life Saving Commendations Certificates and uniform bars to Officer Jared Scoggins and Officer Tod Griffin. City council members thanked them for their outstanding service to the community.

Public Comments – Mr. Hadnott voiced his concerns for Hi Truitt Road and requested for chip seal to help take care of the bad pothole problems.

Motion by Council Member Hazel Johnson to approve the (1) set of minutes from Regular Called City Council Meeting, May 14, 2018. Second by Council Member Tommy Schofield. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Hazel Johnson to approve paying the invoice from Gulf Coast Strategic Highway Coalition for dues in the amount of \$1,250.00 dollars. Second by Council Member Rashad Lewis. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Tommy Schofield to approve Ordinance No. 61818 amending Chapter 16 Section 21 Junk Motor Vehicles. Second by Council Member Hazel Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Hazel Johnson to approve the Special Called Meeting and Budget Workshop for next Thursday July 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. Second by Council Member Rashad Lewis. Motion carried unanimously.

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**Motion by Council Member Mitch McMillon** to approve the Dangerous Building Removal Order for the Luck Colvin Shankle Estate located in the 400 Block of Hale Street, Jasper Texas. Second by Council Member Tommy Schofield. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Tommy Schofield to Table the agenda items from the office of David J. Waxman, Inc.: 1. (a) GLO/CDBG Disaster, (b) TDEM – Hazzard Mitigation Projects, (c) Flood – 2016 GLO Flood Mitigation, (d) EDA, (e) Regular CDBG program with TDA and 2. Discussion and possible approval - City Council to grant permission to go out for Proposals regarding Administration and Engineering for any possible projects (no cost item). Second by Council Member Hazel Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Hazel Johnson to cancel the probation period for Ordinance No. 031918a Electric Leashes and make it a permanent ordinance in the books. Second by Council Member Rashad Lewis. Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion by Council Member Hazel Johnson** to approve the cost increase for the Phase I of the Downtown Project of \$254,644.78 which has been agreed upon to split 50/50 per entity (COJ and JEDCO) and to move forward with Phase I of the Downtown Project. Second by Council Member Mitch McMillon. Motion carried unanimously.


EXECUTIVE SESSION – Mayor Gatlin stated pursuant to Texas Government Code 551 Section 551.074 Personnel Matters, council will move to closed Executive Session to consider annual performance review of Police Chief Gerald Hall. Time being 6:52 p.m.

RECONVENE – Mayor Gatlin reconvened into open session at 7:16 p.m. City Council thanked Chief Hall for doing such a good job with the Police Department. Mayor Gatlin thanked him for his service and stated he and council would be working on adding raises to the upcoming budget.

There being no other business to discuss, Mayor Gatlin adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

  
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Gary Gatlin, Mayor

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Karen Pumphrey, City Secretary

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MINUTES  
BUDGET WORKSHOP AND SPECIAL CALLED  
July 26, 2018

The City Council of the City of Jasper, Texas met on July 26, 2018 with the following members present to wit:

Gary Gatlin.....Mayor  
Tommy Schofield.....Council Member  
Hazel Johnson.....Council Member  
Mitch McMillon.....Council Member  
  
Denise Kelley.....City Manager / Finance Director  
Robbie Peek.....City Secretary / Finance Assistant

Members absent:

Rashad Lewis.....Council Member

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gary Gatlin at 11:02 AM and opened with prayer by Mayor Gatlin.

Mayor Gatlin asked Denise Kelley, City Manager and Budget & Finance Director, to present the 2018-2019 Budget Plan, and the floor would be open at any time during the presentation to any questions or comments by Council and/or City Staff present.

Denise Kelley outlined the highlights of the 2018-2019 budget plan as:

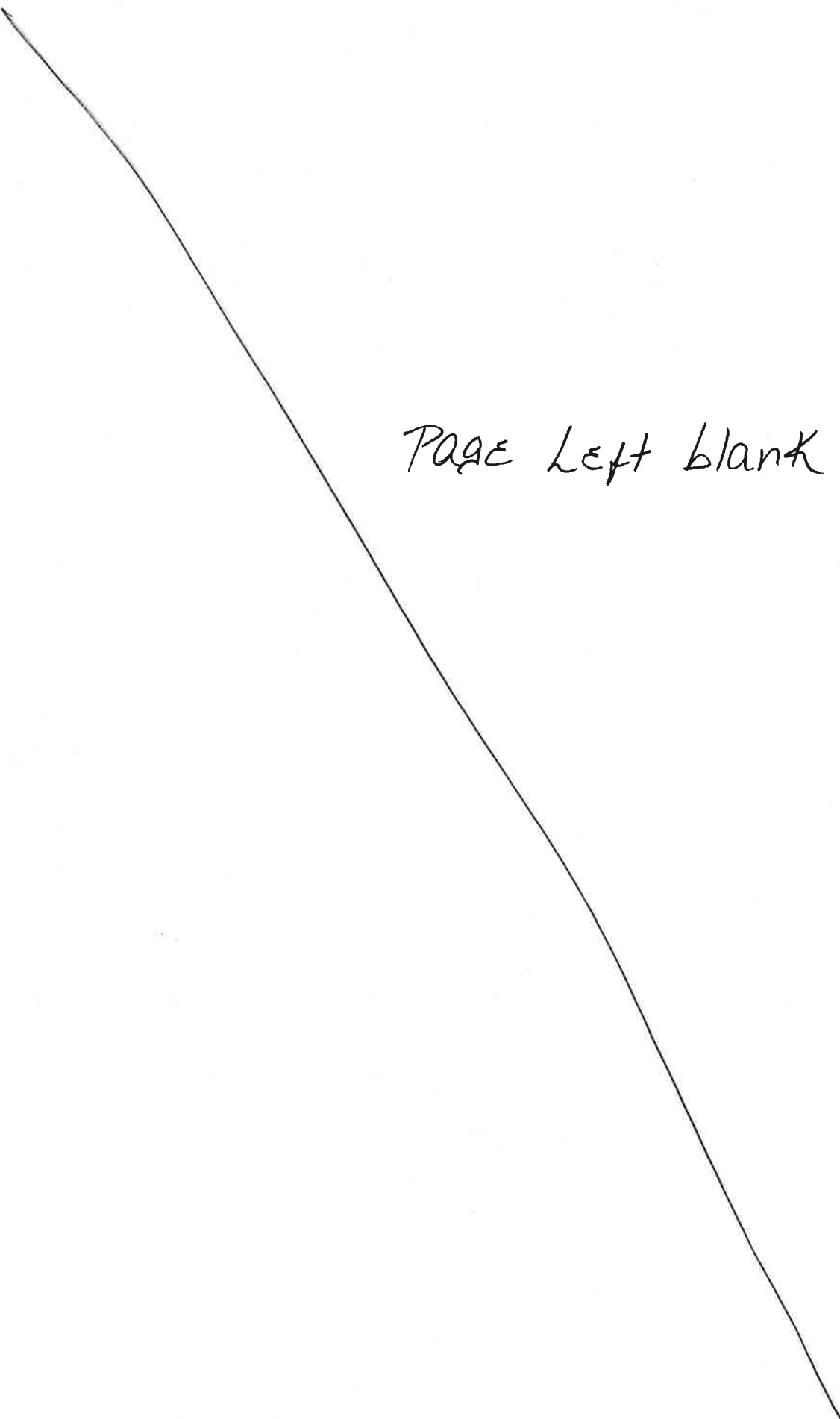
Capital Requests: Capital Requests are not included in this operating budget. A list of Capital Requests was discussed for the new fiscal year of 2018-2019 along with the indication that these items would be funded from excess Cambridge and/or NISCO funds. Council was in agreement with Mrs. Kelley to present this list of Capital Requests and request to fund with Cambridge and/or NISCO funds at the next scheduled Regular Council Meeting for approval.

Salary Increases: Three (3%) salary increases are included in the budget plan in all regular departments. If approved, Council will designate whether this will be a COLA increase or an increase from 1% to 3% based on merit. Under special circumstances, directors may request an amount up to 5% to be approved by the City Manager based on recommendation by the Supervisor.

Property Tax Information: 2017 Certified Values were \$313,054,483 and 2018 Certified Values are \$320,692,560. This is an increase in appraised value of \$7,014,551 which would result in a tax increase of \$24,304 over last year's values. Current rate is .3182 with .2157 allocated to maintenance and operations and .1024 allocated to interest and sinking fund in debt service. The indication by Mrs. Kelley after consultation with the County Tax Office is that the Council could approve to leave the rate as is or lower, but recommended leaving the rate as is in order to maintain operating expenses.

Individual Funds – Surplus or Shortages: The General Fund is short \$63,274 after review and with no increase in tax revenue. The Light and Power Fund is a positive \$62,256 and Water and Sewer is a positive \$211,770. If no changes are made to Property tax rate and all factors remain the same then shortage in the General Fund can be made up by additional transfers from the other funds into the General Fund.





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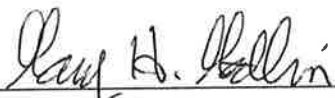
Utility Rates: Under our current ordinance, the utility rates shall go up by the annual national inflation rate as calculated by the Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) for the previous calendar year each October 1 beginning in 2017. The rate of increase will not exceed three (3%) any given year. The inflation rate as stated above shall increase those rates and fees shown in the City's Code of Ordinances. This paragraph needs to be added to the Electric Utility section of the ordinances. This updated Ordinance will be presented to Council at the next scheduled Regular Council Meeting. The Water and Sewer Department presented a new rate schedule in 2014 and was approved by City Council.

Mrs. Kelley continued the presentation by summarizing each Fund and Department's expected Revenue and Expenses for 2018-2019. While discussing the General Fund, Municipal Judge Robert Jackson shared the new laws regarding Class C charges. He and Police Chief Gerald Hall discussed how this could affect the City financially with a decrease in fines collected, as well as an increase in expenses due to having to house prisoners longer than usual while waiting on a bed to become available at the County.

Mrs. Kelley asked those Councilmembers present if there were any suggestions on changes to the overall Budget Plan, but there were none.

Next on the Agenda was discussion of the tabled item to consider the potential funding opportunities through (a) Government Land Office/CDBG Disaster, (b) Texas Department of Emergency Management – Hazard Mitigation Projections, (c) Flood – 2016 GLO flood Mitigation, (d) Economic Development Administration, and/or (e) Regular CDBG program with Texas Department of Agriculture. David and Leslie Waxman of David J. Waxman, Inc. took questions from Council and staff regarding each opportunity available. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that the City should research this information further and review possible eligible projects within City. Once Statements of Qualifications for Administration and Engineering for potential projects were received and scored, then City Administration could come back to Council for approval to proceed. For this reason, no action was taken.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM.

  
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Gary Gatlin, Mayor

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Robbie Peek, City Secretary



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MINUTES  
SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
August 13, 2018

The City Council of the City of Jasper, Texas met on August 13, 2018 with the following members present to wit:

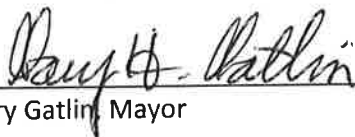
Gary Gatlin.....Mayor  
Raymond Hopson.....Mayor Pro-Tem (Absent)  
Rashad Lewis.....Council Member  
Tommy Schofield.....Council Member  
Hazel Johnson.....Council Member  
Mitch McMillon.....Council Member  
  
Denise Kelley.....City Manager / Finance Director  
Karen Pumphrey.....City Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gatlin at 1:01 p.m. and opened with prayer by Council Member Mitch McMillon. All city council members were present for the meeting but Raymond Hopson who was absent.

Motion by Council Member Tommy Schofield to approve the proposed tax rate of 0.3182 per \$100 which is the same as last year. Second by Council Member Mitch McMillon. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Mitch McMillon to approve the construction bid from Leland Bradlee, Longview, TX base bid of \$675,342.05 for the reconstruction of walking track / paths, with access ramps and walks to Marvin Hancock Drive, Peachtree Street and Main Street. Second by Council Member Hazel Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

  
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Gary Gatlin, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Karen Pumphrey, City Secretary

MINUTES  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
August 20, 2018

The City Council of the City of Jasper, Texas met on August 20, 2018 with the following members present to wit:

Gary Gatlin.....Mayor  
Raymond Hopson.....Mayor Pro-Tem  
Rashad Lewis.....Council Member  
Tommy Schofield.....Council Member  
Hazel Johnson.....Council Member  
Mitch McMillon.....Council Member  
  
Denise Kelley.....City Manager / Finance Director  
Karen Pumphrey.....City Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gatlin at 6:00 p.m. and opened with prayer by Mayor Gatlin. All city council members were present for the meeting.

Mayor Gatlin recognized the following with Certificate of Recognition:  
The Jasper Impact Softball Team for their outstanding volunteer services to the community.  
Employees Josh Gyger and DaShawn Anderson for their outstanding dedicated services working a sewer back up late into the midnight hours.

There were no public comments or questions regarding the departmental reports.

Motion by Council Member Hazel Johnson to approve (2) sets of minutes:  
● Regular Called City Council Meeting, July 16, 2018  
● Budget Workshop and Special Called Meeting, July 26, 2018  
Second by Council Member Tommy Schofield. Motion carried unanimously.

The following agenda item # 2 was pulled from the agenda per Ms. Brenda Job and will present again at a later date: {Consider request from the Jasper Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee, Brenda Job, Chairman - Seeking approval of the following: Tourism Committee proposes to create and designate a world class recreational district and would like the City of Jasper to approve being a part of this project and to help assist with funding \$15,000 for year 2018 start-up funds.}

Motion by Council Member Hazel Johnson to approve JEDCO's request – Seeking approval to payout their portion of Main Street over a period of 5 years. Second by Council Member Mitch McMillon. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Tommy Schofield to approve the capital requests from department heads from SRMPA funds:

- City Hall – Building Repairs \$15,000.00
- Street & Drainage – F550 Dump Truck \$52,700.00 and a F150 Pickup Truck \$41,000.00 = \$93,700.00
- Sanitation – Backhoe \$82,051.00 and Front End Dumpsters \$50,000.00 = \$132,051.00
- Shop – Metal Roof and Rollup Doors on Shop Building \$30,000.00
- Police Department – Records Management Sys Upgrade \$42,278.00 and WatchGuard Backup System \$8,000.00 = \$50,278.00
- Animal Shelter – Quarantine Pens \$ 20,000.00
- Water Distribution – Backhoe 4x4 \$90,000.00 and a Dump Truck \$80,000.00 = \$170,000.00
- Sewer – Excavator \$45,000.00 and a Vacuum Truck \$400,000.00 = 445,000.00

Total Capital Requests \$956,029.00 to be paid using SRMPA funds.


Second by Council Member Raymond Hopson. Council Members voting in favor of the motion were Tommy Schofield, Hazel Johnson, Raymond Hopson, and Mitch McMillon. Council Member Rashad Lewis abstained from voting. Mayor Gatlin stated the motion carries in favor of the Capital Requests.

Motion by Council Member Mitch McMillon to approve Ordinance No. 8-20-18 Updating and Amending Chapter 24 Utilities. Second by Council Member Tommy Schofield. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Mitch McMillon to approve starting the procurement process for the FY 2016 Flood Application for Engineering and Administration. Second by Council Member Hazel Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Hazel Johnson to approve appointing a committee to develop the scope of work and services as a Rating Committee for the 2016 Flood Application Grant and approved the committee members as Greg Kelley, Denise Kelley, and Council Member Mitch McMillon. Second by Council Member Raymond Hopson. Those Council Members voting in favor of the motion were Tommy Schofield, Hazel Johnson, Raymond Hopson, and Rashad Lewis. Council Member Mitch McMillon abstained from voting. Mayor Gatlin stated the motion carries in favor of Committee Members appointed.

There being no further business, Mayor Gatlin adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

  
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Gary Gatlin, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Karen Pumphrey, City Secretary

MINUTES  
Annual Budget Hearing and Regular City Council Meeting  
September 10, 2018

The City Council of the City of Jasper, Texas met on September 10, 2018 with the following members present to wit:

Gary Gatlin.....Mayor  
Raymond Hopson.....Mayor Pro-Tem  
Rashad Lewis.....Council Member  
Tommy Schofield.....Council Member (Absent)  
Hazel Johnson.....Council Member  
Mitch McMillon.....Council Member  
  
Denise Kelley.....City Manager / Finance Director  
Karen Pumphrey.....City Secretary

Mayor Gatlin called the Annual Budget Hearing to order at 5:45 p.m. and opened with prayer. Council Member Tommy Schofield was absent for the hearing and meeting. All other City Council Members were present for both the hearing and regular meeting.

Mayor Gatlin asked for questions or comments regarding the 2018-2019 FY Proposed Budget. None were made. Motion by Council Member Hazel Johnson to approve the 2018-2019 FY Proposed Budget. Second by Council Member Rashad Lewis. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Gatlin closed the Budget Hearing at 5:46 p.m. and proceeded into the Regular City Council meeting.

Mayor Gatlin presented the ladies from the Piney Woods Safe House with a Proclamation recognizing October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

There were no questions regarding Departmental Reports and no Public Comments.

Motion by Council Member Mitch McMillon to approve the following (2) sets of minutes:

- Special Called City Council Meeting, August 13, 2018
- Regular Called City Council Meeting, August 20, 2018

Second by Council Member Raymond Hopson. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Raymond Hopson to approve Ordinance No. 9-10-18A Approving the 2018 maintenance & operations tax rate in the amount of \$ 0.2157 per \$100.00 taxable value and the 2018 interest and sinking fund tax rate in the amount of \$ 0.1025 per \$100.00 taxable value for a total combined 2018 tax rate of \$ 0.3182 per \$100.00 taxable value. Second by Council Member Hazel Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Raymond Hopson to approve Ordinance No. 9-10-18B Approving setting and establishing the 2018-2019 FY operating budget and to include a 3% COLA raise for employees. Second by Council Member Hazel Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Hazel Johnson to approve Ordinance No. 9-10-18C Approving applying allocated adjustments, contingency reserves, and providing for amended budgets for the 2018-2018 FY per the fiscal projections in the proposed FY 2018-2019 Budget and Fiscal Plan. Second by Council Member Rashad Lewis. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Hazel Johnson to approve Ordinance No. 9-10-18D Approving the Tax Roll Appraisal and Tax Levy. Second by Council Member Rashad Lewis. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Mitch McMillon to approve the JEDCO 2018-2019 FY Operating Budget. Second by Council Member Rashad Lewis. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Mitch McMillon to approve Resolution No. 2964 and the Notice ordering the redemption of City of Jasper, Texas General Obligation Bonds, Series 2003A. Second by Council Member Raymond Hopson. Motion carried unanimously.


Motion by Council Member Raymond Hopson to award and approve the office of David J. Waxman as the Grant Administrator and LJA as the Engineer for the CDBG Disaster Recovery Grant General Land Office Community Development and Revitalization 2016 Non-Housing Project Application. Second by Council Member Mitch McMillon. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Hazel Johnson to approve revisions to the City Police Department Policy Book 4.402, Missing Persons. Second by Council Member Rashad Lewis. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Hazel Johnson to approve Resolution No. 2965 Supporting the National Parks Service – Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Master Plan in support of the Sandy Creek Park & Nature Trail. Second by Council Member Mitch McMillon. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Hazel Johnson to approve the exchange of Deeds between the City of Jasper and the Jasper Hospital District concerning Mr. Thomas Rhode, "Rhode Street." As clearly stated in the General Warranty Deed from the office of Michael S. Ratcliff, City Attorney, "General Warranty Deed from the City of Jasper to the Jasper Hospital District on a 0.734 acre tract and the Jasper Hospital District has prepared and executed the deed to the City of Jasper on the 0.885 acre tract." Second by Council Member Mitch McMillon. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Gatlin adjourned the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

  
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Gary Gatlin, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Karen Pumphrey, City Secretary



MINUTES  
Special Called City Council Meeting  
September 12, 2018

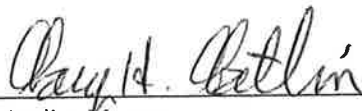
The City Council of the City of Jasper, Texas met on September 12, 2018 with the following members present to wit:

Gary Gatlin.....Mayor  
Raymond Hopson.....Mayor Pro-Tem  
Rashad Lewis.....Council Member (Absent)  
Tommy Schofield.....Council Member  
Hazel Johnson.....Council Member  
Mitch McMillon.....Council Member  
  
Denise Kelley.....City Manager / Finance Director  
Karen Pumphrey.....City Secretary

Mayor Gatlin called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and Council Member Hazel Johnson gave the opening prayer. Council Member Rashad Lewis was absent for the meeting however, all other City Council Members were present to wit.

Motion by Council Member Hazel Johnson to approve Resolution No.2966 for the submission of a 2016 Flood Application to the Texas General Land Office. Second by Council Member Mitch McMillon. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Gatlin adjourned the meeting at 1:03 p.m.

  
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Gary Gatlin, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Karen Pumphrey, City Secretary

MINUTES  
Regular Called City Council Meeting  
October 15, 2018

The City Council of the City of Jasper, Texas met on October 15, 2018 with the following members present to wit:

Gary Gatlin.....Mayor  
Raymond Hopson.....Mayor Pro-Tem  
Rashad Lewis.....Council Member  
Tommy Schofield.....Council Member  
Hazel Johnson.....Council Member  
Mitch McMillon.....Council Member  
  
Denise Kelley.....City Manager / Finance Director  
Karen Pumphrey.....City Secretary

Mayor Gatlin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and Council Member Raymond Hopson gave the opening prayer. All City Council Members were present to wit.

Mayor Gatlin asked for questions or comments on Departmental Reports. No questions were asked and council all commented and praised the new report from Code Enforcement.

Mayor Gatlin asked for Public Comments. The following were made:

1. Mr. Doug Clothiez – Seeking sewer to Tia Juanita’s fish Camp.
2. Mr. Bob Mayhar – Establishing “Old Town Jasper” as a place in the city.

Motion by Council Member Hazel Johnson to approve the following (2) sets of minutes:

- Annual Budget Hearing and Regular Called City Council Meeting, September 10, 2018
- Special Called City Council Meeting, September 12, 2018

Second by Council Member Rashad Lewis. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Hazel Johnson to approve (5) bid submissions from Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP for the resale of Tax Trust Properties. Situs address being: (1) 805 Adams Rd., Jasper (2) Off W Houston St., Jasper (3) 1224 Hollins Dr., Jasper (4) 1650 Booker T. Washington St., Jasper and (5) 1365 N Main St., Jasper. Second by Council Member Mitch McMillon. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Tommy Schofield to approve Ordinance No. 10-15-18 Authorizing the acceptance of payment of utility bill charges and fees by credit card more fully outlined in the ordinance. Second by Council Member Mitch McMillon. Those voting in favor of the ordinance were Tommy Schofield, Raymond Hopson, and Mitch McMillon. Those voting opposed were Rashad Lewis and Hazel Johnson. Mayor Gatlin stated the motion carries in favor of the ordinance by a vote of 3-2.

**Motion by Council Member Mitch McMillon to approve advertising for Request for Qualifications for an Engineering/Design/Architect for a Multi-Purpose Sports Complex for Jasper. Second by Council Member Hazel Johnson. Motion carried unanimously. JEDCO Rep. stated that JEDCO would be happy to complete an Economic Impact Study and come back to present it to the council. City Council accepted and thanked JEDCO.**

**Motion by Council Member Hazel Johnson to grant permission to the Jasper Lake Sam Rayburn Chamber of Commerce for the creation of a logo and name branding for "Old Town Jasper" in the down town area. Second by Council Member Rashad Lewis. Motion carried unanimously.**


**Motion by Council Member Raymond Hopson to TABLE request from the Jasper Public Library regarding approving their new Internet Policy changes until next month when a representative from the Library can be present to answer questions. Second by Council Member Hazel Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion by Council Member Mitch McMillon to approve the salary range reviews provided to council for the City Manager and Human Resources Director to be used as a tool so they can hire individuals within the pay scale range provided. Second by Council Member Hazel Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.**

There being no further business to discuss. Mayor Gatlin adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

  
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Gary Gatlin, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Karen Pumphrey, City Secretary

MINUTES  
Regular Called City Council Meeting  
November 19, 2018

The City Council of the City of Jasper, Texas met on November 19, 2018 with the following members present to wit:

Gary Gatlin.....Mayor  
Raymond Hopson.....Mayor Pro-Tem  
Rashad Lewis.....Council Member  
Tommy Schofield.....Council Member  
Hazel Johnson.....Council Member  
Mitch McMillon.....Council Member  
  
Denise Kelley.....City Manager / Finance Director  
Karen Pumphrey.....City Secretary

Mayor Gatlin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and Mr. Greg Kelley gave the opening prayer. All City Council Members were present to wit.

Mayor Gatlin asked for questions or comments on Departmental Reports. None were made.  
Mayor Gatlin asked for Public Comments. None were made.

Motion by Council Member Hazel Johnson to approve the following (1) set of minutes:  
● Regular Called City Council Meeting, October 15, 2018  
Second by Council Member Tommy Schofield. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Tommy Schofield to approve authorizing Goodwin-Lasiter-Strong to advertise for construction bids on the TDA 2017 Sewer Project No. 7217221. Second by Council Member Mitch McMillon. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Rashad Lewis to approve the new internet security policy changes for the Jasper Public Library. Second by Council Member Tommy Schofield. Motion carried unanimously.

Void approval for Engineering and Administration Firms for GLO/CDBG Funds for Hurricane Harvey due to legal wording issues on agenda and place item on the December agenda. Per Mayor Gatlin.

Motion by Council Member Hazel Johnson to approve Resolution No. 2967 – 2018 Tax Roll and Revenue Sheet. Second by Council Member Mitch McMillon. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Hazel Johnson to approve Procurement Policy for GLO grants only. Second by Council Member Rashad Lewis. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Hazel Johnson to TABLE sewer services for Highway 96 North Jasper until more information can be gathered regarding how many people and or businesses this will impact and if other options are possible. Second by Council Member Rashad Lewis. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Mitch McMillon to approve the Statement of Qualifications received from Burditt – Goodwin Lasiter – white Oaks Studios for the proposed Sports Park Complex. Second by Council Member Raymond Hopson. Those voting in favor of the motion with a vote of **AYE** were Mitch McMillon, Raymond Hopson, and Hazel Johnson. Those voting AGAINST with a motion of **NAY** were Rashad Lewis and Tommy Schofield. Mayor Gatlin stated the AYES have it; the motion carries with a vote of 3/2.

Motion by Council Member Tommy Schofield to re-appoint Mitch McMillon to serve on the Southeast Texas Groundwater Conservation District board of Directors. Second by Council Member Raymond Hopson. Council Members voting FOR the motion with a vote of **AYE** were Rashad Lewis, Tommy Schofield, Hazel Johnson, and Raymond Hopson. There were no votes of **NAY** against the motion; however Council Member Mitch McMillon *abstained* from voting. Mayor Gatlin stated the AYES have it; the motion carries favor of Mitch McMillon keeping his seat on the board.

Motion by Council Member Hazel Johnson to approve closing the Sandy Creek Park pond from January 17<sup>th</sup> to January 25<sup>th</sup> for the Annual Jasper Youth Trout Derby, Saturday January 26, 2019. Second by Council Member Mitch McMillon. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Hazel Johnson to approve the annual city employee appreciation of a ham for the Christmas Holiday. Second by Council Member Rashad Lewis. Motion carried unanimously.

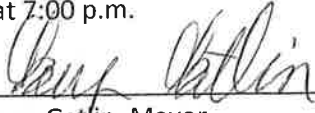
Motion by Council Member Hazel Johnson to the following city calendars:

- 2019 Holiday closures for the City of Jasper.
- 2019 Monthly regular city council meetings.


Second by Council Member Tommy Schofield. Motion carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Mayor Gatlin stated he and all city council members but Mitch McMillon will adjourn into Executive Session pursuant to Texas government code Chapter 551 Section 551.074 Personnel Matters; evaluation of City Attorney, time being 6:42 p.m.

**RECONVENE** – Mayor Gatlin reconvened into open session with all city council members at 6:58 p.m. and asked if there were any motions from the Executive Session. Motion by Council Member Tommy Schofield to give the City Attorney Michael Ratcliff a raise of \$2,000.00 a month starting December 1, 2018. Second by Council Member Raymond Hopson. Those voting FOR the motion with a vote of **AYE** were Rashad Lewis, Tommy Schofield, Hazel Johnson, and Raymond Hopson. There were no votes of **NAY** against the motion however, Council Member Mitch McMillon *abstained* himself from voting. Mayor Gatlin stated the AYES have it; the motion carries with a vote of 4/1. There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Gatlin adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

  
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Gary Gatlin, Mayor

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Karen Pumphrey, City Secretary

MINUTES  
Special Called City Council Meeting  
November 29, 2018

The City Council of the City of Jasper, Texas met on November 29, 2018 at the Jasper Welcome Center with JEDCO Board Members. The following city council members were present to wit:

Gary Gatlin.....Mayor  
Raymond Hopson.....Mayor Pro-Tem  
Rashad Lewis.....Council Member (Absent)  
Tommy Schofield.....Council Member  
Hazel Johnson.....Council Member  
Mitch McMillon.....Council Member  
  
Denise Kelley.....City Manager / Finance Director  
Karen Pumphrey.....City Secretary

Mayor Gatlin and Mr. Dan Walker with JEDCO both called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and DETCOG Mr. Willie King gave the opening prayer. All City Council Members were present to wit but Rashad Lewis who was absent. JEDCO had a quorum as well.


Mr. Eddie Hopkins with JEDCO welcomed everyone and provided a slide show to help better understand the history of the company explicitly interested in locating to Jasper. Mr. Hopkins stated Provalus is a high tech company that elevates under-served communities by providing technology, business and support positions to untapped talent in the U.S. and they are highly interested in opening a branch in Jasper.

Mr. Hopkins stated if they choose Jasper they will be creating 300 job opportunities where there are none. Provalus is generating a superior and engaged workforce. They hire and develop the best and brightest untapped talent in our small towns and rural communities, put them through a vigorous Boot Camp and end up with remarkable talent and an outstanding experience for employees and clients. They also provide Fortune 1000 companies the dependable, quality and practical services they need straight from small town communities like Jasper all over the America. Jasper City Council Members and JEDCO Members all thanked Mr. Hopkins for his presentation and discussed with Mr. David Waxman a few ideas regarding matching funds etc., which could possibly be available to assist with projects like this.

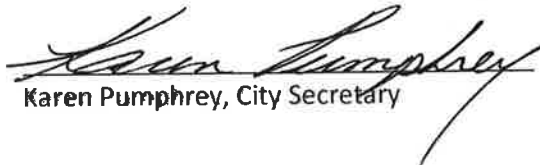
**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Mayor Gatlin and Mr. Dan Walker with JEDCO both announced, Pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 551 Section 551.072 Deliberation Regarding Real Property; we will now enter into closed Executive Session with Jasper City Council Members and JEDCO Board Members.  
Time being 12:34 p.m.

**RECONVENE** - Mayor Gatlin and Mr. Dan Walker reconvened the open meeting at 1:30 p.m. and asked for any motions from the Executive Session. None were made.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

  
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Mayor Gary Gatlin

**ATTEST:**

  
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Karen Pumphrey, City Secretary

MINUTES  
Regular Called City Council Meeting  
December 17, 2018

The City Council of the City of Jasper, Texas met on December 17, 2018 at the Jasper Welcome Center with JEDCO Board Members. The following city council members were present to wit:

Gary Gatlin.....Mayor  
Raymond Hopson.....Mayor Pro-Tem  
Rashad Lewis.....Council Member  
Tommy Schofield.....Council Member  
Hazel Johnson.....Council Member (Absent)  
Mitch McMillon.....Council Member  
  
Denise Kelley.....City Manager / Finance Director  
Karen Pumphrey.....City Secretary (Absent)

Mayor Gatlin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and Mayor Gatlin gave the opening prayer. City Council Member Hazel Johnson was absent however, all other council members were present for the meeting.

Departmental Reports – No questions or comments were made.

Public Comments – (1) Was made. Mr. Michael Ratcliff thanked the city employees for working so hard on Sandy Creek and the Christmas in the Park, and thanked them for the assistance of picking his elderly mother up with a Trolley that has handicap assistance so she could attend the Christmas in the Park.

Motion by Council Member Tommy Schofield to approve seeking engineering and Administration firms for GLO/CDBG Funds for Hurricane Harvey. Second by Council Member Rashad Lewis. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Rashad Lewis to approve the (2) sets of minutes from Regular called City Council Meeting, November 19, 2018 and special Called City Council Meeting, November 29, 2018. Second by Council Member Tommy Schofield. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Gatlin stated agenda Item # 3 (Request from Ms. Dana Walker to consider the name “Jasper Market District”) has been struck and pulled from the agenda due to no representation and will be placed on the January agenda.

Motion by Council Member Rashad Lewis to approve ordinance No. 12-17-18 Amending Chapter 6 Section 6-19 Building Permit Fees. Second by Council Member Tommy Schofield. Motion carried unanimously.



Council considered TABLED item – Sewer services for Highway 96 North Jasper. Motion by Council Member Rashad Lewis to approve sewer services for the West side of Hwy 96 North not to include Hi Truitt Road. No second was made. Mayor stated agenda item does not pass due to lack of a second motion.

Motion by Council Member Tommy Schofield to approve the Interlocal contract between the City of Jasper and Jasper Independent School District for the use of buses and other vehicles to help provide citizens transportation when needed. Second by council Member Rashad Lewis. Motion carried unanimously.


Motion by Council Member Mitch McMillon to approve the bid received for unleaded gasoline (1.510945 plus .07 cents per gallon) and diesel fuel (2.048857 plus .07 center per gallon.) from Bill L. Dover Company, Inc. Second by Council Member Tommy Schofield. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Rashad Lewis to approve the transition of Care Plus Ambulance Services to Allegiance Ambulance Services so they could continue working in Jasper. Second by Council Member Mitch McMillon. Motion carried unanimously.


Motion by Council Member Mitch McMillon to allow Officer Jared Scoggins to donate his GI Bill, worth about \$14,000.00, toward the purchase of a \$20,000.00 dual purpose dog, meaning that it would be trained for both drug detection and tracking/apprehending, and to include the purchase of another already fully trained drug, detection dog available from one of our officers for \$3,000.00. This motion also includes the updated vehicle safety system needed for the canines. Second by Council Member Raymond Hopson. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Mitch McMillon to withdraw his requested agenda item from the agenda regarding a contract for scope of work, including economic impact study, site selection, appraisal of land, purchase of land, and any other aspects of design build for the construction of a sports complex. After much discussion, No one made a second to the motion or requested any other action. Mayor Gatlin struck the agenda item due to lack of a supported motion and asked City Manager Denise Kelley to gather further information regarding figures from the Burditt Company to help support what's being requested so council has a better idea of the cost at hand.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

  
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Mayor, Gary Gatlin

ATTEST:

  
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Denise Kelley, City Manager