

MINUTES
Special Called City Council Meeting
July 24, 2023

The City Council of the City of Jasper, Texas met on July 24, 2023, with the following members present to wit:

Anderson M. Land, Jr.....	Mayor
Marcus Barber.....	Council Member Dist. 1
Ronald Sample.....	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

Mayor Anderson land called the Special Called Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and gave the opening prayer. All Council Members were present to wit.

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

1. Mr. William “Bill” Grant – Spoke of his background and knowledge regarding city electrical rate contracts, audits, and customers.
2. A gentleman by the name of Jesse – Spoke about the rate increase on his utility bills.

Motion by Council Member Ronald Sample to approve spending one million dollars, \$500,000.00 each for the months of August historically the hottest month of the year, and the month of February historically the coldest month of the year to reduce the electrical rate to our residential and commercial customers, providing the funds from SRMPA are available. Second by Council Member DeMarcus Holmes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Land announced the second agenda item stating, keeping consistent with the precedence of appointing the current Mayor of the City of Jasper as a representative to the SRMPA board (the last five mayors being appointed to the SRMPA board) and keeping the current representative Randy Sayers as a representative on the board. Second by Council Member DeMarcus Holmes. Discussion. Suggested amendment by Council Member DeMarcus Holmes and accepted by Council Member Ronald Sample to remove Randy Sayers and appoint Council Member David Shultz. Shultz declined the offer. Council Members Ronald Sample and Rashad Lewis volunteered to be on the SRMPA board of directors. More discussion including Attorney Michael Ratcliff. Mayor Land asked Council for a vote. Those voting FOR Ronald Sample to replace Randy Sayers on the SRMPA Board of Directors were Council Members Ronald Sample. Voting Opposed were Council Members Rashad Lewis and David Shultz. Council Members Marcus Barber and DeMarcus Holmes abstained from voting. Mayor stated the motion does not pass and asked the council for a vote from council members in favor of Rashad Lewis being on the SRMPA

Board of Directors. Council Members Rashad Lewis and David Shultz voted for the motion. Council Member

Ronald Sample voted opposed to the motion and Council Members DeMarcus Holmes and Marcus Barber abstained from voting. Mayor Land stated the motion does not pass. Mayor Land moved on to the next agenda item.

Motion by Council Member David Shultz to authorize paying funds back to the General Land Office in the amount of \$117,402.94 with reserve funds and then continue to pursue the payment to the City by LJA Engineering. The General Land Office has requested payment by August 11, 2023. NOTE* These were Engineering fees paid to LJA Engineering for the Sandy Creek Drainage Relief Project that will not proceed to construction. Second by Council Member Rashad Lewis. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Land adjourned the meeting at 6:27 p.m.



Anderson Land, Mayor

Attest:



Karen Pumphrey, City Secretary