

MINUTES
City Council Workshop
October 30, 2023

The City Council of the City of Jasper, Texas met on October 30, 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 (Absent)
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 Council Workshop to order at 12:00 p.m. and Mr. King gave the opening prayer. All Council Members were present to wit except for Council Member DeMarcus Holmes who was absent from the meeting.

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

1. Mr. Eddie Hopkins – Spoke of how particularly important the hiring process is for the City Manager position and how council should take their time and consider the many responsibilities this roll plays for the city and how Mrs. Kelley will be extremely hard to replace.
2. Police Chief Gerald Hall, Captain Mike Poindexter, and Lieutenant Hoshua Hadnot all spoke their peace regarding Mayor and all City Council constant bickering, acting unprofessional, getting out of hand, and fighting. It will no longer be tolerated; it is an embarrassment to us all and the community.
3. Council Member Ronald Sample – SRMPA money has gone into everyone’s heads and created the animosity.

Mayor moved to workshop items for discussion, again no actions will be taken.

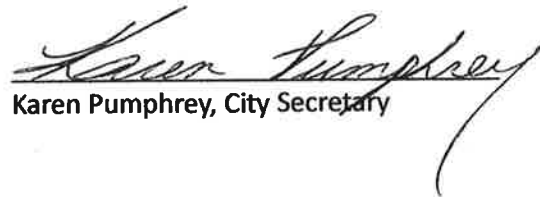
Human Resources Director Mrs. Judy Wilson provided an information binder with helpful material for the council to look over and read. She advised the council to take the hiring of a new City Manager profoundly serious and time should be taken. Discussion. Mrs. Wilson also advised the council that hiring an interim City Manager should be worked on first, so they had time to shadow off Mrs. Kelley before she retires. Discussion.

Mayor moved to the next workshop item, Mayor, and Council Communication. The Mayor and Council discussed rules and procedures, allowing for council members to add agenda items, and discussed passed rules not followed by the mayor or council. Mayor allowed for comments from the public, Mr. King, and Mrs. Raspberry. There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Land adjourned the meeting at 1:25 p.m.



Anderson Land, Mayor

Attest:



Karen Pumphrey, City Secretary