

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.

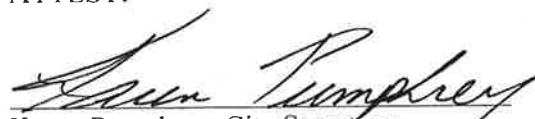
RECONVENE – Mayor Gatlin reconvened the meeting at 7:20 p.m. and stated there will be no action taken from the executive session.

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



Gary Gatlin, Mayor

ATTEST:



Karen Pumphrey, City Secretary