

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CITY OF JASPER  
SEPTEMBER 24, 2013**

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Jasper, Indiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, September 24, 2013, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Presiding Officer Mayor Terry Seitz called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm then called the roll:

Mayor Terry Seitz	Present
Board member Timothy Bell	Present
Board member David Prechtel	Present

Also present were Police Chief J. Michael Bennett, Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle, City Engineer Chad Hurm, Personnel/Safety/Loss Control Director Cale Knies, Fire Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Kenneth Hochgesang, Director of Community Development and Planning Darla Blazey, City Attorney Renee Kabrick, and Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm.

Clerk-Treasurer Boehm announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the board members must be present. All three board members were present; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Seitz invited all those present to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The board members examined the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 10, 2013. Thereafter, a **motion** was made by David Prechtel and seconded by Timothy Bell to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

**PROCLAMATION**

Mayor Seitz then read a proclamation proclaiming October 9, 2013 as German American Day in Jasper.

**STREET CLOSURE**

Chris Book, representing Messmer Mechanical, asked permission to close Mill Street between 30<sup>th</sup> and 36<sup>th</sup> Streets in order to do a water tap. The work is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday or Wednesday of next week starting at 8:15 a.m. and taking approximately 6-7 hours to complete.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by David Prechtel to accept the request from Messmer Mechanical to close Mill Street between 30<sup>th</sup>

and 36<sup>th</sup> Streets the week of September 30<sup>th</sup> sometime after the school buses go through and on condition proper signage is placed. Motion carried 3-0.

### **5K RUN/WALK**

Chad Hurm, 25 Brian Court, representing the Jasper High School Health Occupations Students Association, [H.O.S.A.] asked permission to use the river walk and plaza area for a 5K run/walk on October 27, 2013 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Participants will start at the gazebo then travel north to 15<sup>th</sup> Street and return. An event for kids will begin at 3:00 p.m. with the 5K run/walk beginning at 3:30 p.m.

A **motion** was made by Timothy Bell and seconded by David Prechtel to approve a 5K run/walk at the river walk on October 27, 2013 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

### **EASEMENT**

City Engineer Chad Hurm said Nick Hostetter would like to obtain an easement from the City of Jasper to go across City property adjacent to Beaver Lake. Hurm showed a map of the area and explained that Hostetter would like to purchase some property from his Dad but the land is landlocked and he would like to have an ingress and egress easement from the City. The exact location would be determined by a survey. Hurm said Hostetter would have to provide the legal description through this survey and the City would need to review and approve the description.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by David Prechtel to grant an easement to Hostetter crossing City property for property that is landlocked. Motion carried 3-0.

### **REPORTS**

City Engineer Chad Hurm reported that the City sent out approximately 70 copies of the revised design standards and manual to various contractors.

Hurm also said he is meeting with Gudorf Supply tomorrow to discuss the quote they submitted at the last meeting for boilers at City Hall. He said there is no recommendation yet.

### **HIGH WEED COMPLAINTS**

Fire Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Kenneth Hochgesang reported to the board the names of property owners and the locations that have been cited under 5.12.040 weed removal/notice. The names and locations are as follows:

Owner: Holly Smith, 1336 Main Street, Jasper  
Location: 1336 Main Street

### **AUGUST MACK PROPOSAL**

Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle said August Mack Environmental Inc presented a proposal for landfill consulting services in response to IDEM's August 15, 2013 letter that contains remaining methane gas issues as part of the landfill post-closure monitoring. A remediation plan to evaluate long-term

options and additional monitoring must be submitted to IDEM by October 1, 2013. Eckerle said the total cost to conduct this scope of work is \$8,000.00.

A **motion** was made by David Prechtel and seconded by Timothy Bell to accept the August Mack contract for \$8,000.00 to meet guidelines mandated by IDEM at the landfill. Motion carried 3-0.

### **HIRE TELECOMMUNICATOR**

Police Chief J. Michael Bennett asked permission to start the hiring process to replace a telecommunicator by opening the position to all City departments pending that Greg Brescher is hired as a police officer.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by David Prechtel to grant the request. Motion carried 3-0.

### **RESOLUTION NO. BPWS 2013-7**

Mayor Seitz then presented RESOLUTION NO. BPWS 2013-7 entitled RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA AMENDING CHANGES TO THE PROCEDURE FOR ADDRESS NUMBERING OF LOTS, BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES IN THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA AS SET OUT IN RESOLUTION NO. BPWS 2013-6.

City Attorney Renee Kabrick said when Resolution No. BPWS 2013-6 was adopted at the last meeting it contained the following language:

*If the building or structure is a residence and is more than 100 feet from the roadway, then the numbers shall be attached to a fixture near the street.*

Prior to Resolution No. BPWS 2013-6, the distance was 75 feet. Kabrick said it is more prudent to remain at 75 feet, therefore, Resolution No. BPWS 2013-7 changes it back to 75 feet. This resolution presented today says:

*If the building or structure is a residence and is more than Seventy-five (75) feet from the roadway, then the numbers shall be attached to a fixture near the street.*

Thereafter, a **motion** was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to adopt Resolution No. BPWS 2013-7. Motion carried 3-0.

**ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business to come before the board, a **motion** was made by David Prechtel and seconded by Timothy Bell to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 3-0 and the meeting adjourned at 8:24 a.m.

The minutes were hereby approved \_\_\_\_\_ with  X  without corrections or clarification this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2013.

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**Mayor Terry Seitz, Presiding Officer**

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer**