

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CITY OF JASPER  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2014**

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Jasper, Indiana, met in regular session on Monday, September 8, 2014, 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 10:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm then called the roll:

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

Also present were Assistant Police Chief Nathan Schmitt, 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 S. 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, which is a majority; 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 August 26, 2014. Thereafter, a motion was made by David Prechtel and seconded by Mayor Seitz to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

**CLAIMS**

Board members reviewed the claims from August 8, 2014 through September 4, 2014. Thereafter, a motion was made by Timothy Bell and seconded by David Prechtel to approve the claims as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

**PROCLAMATIONS**

Mayor Seitz presented two proclamations. The first proclamation was for the Disabled American Veterans proclaiming September 15-20 as Forget-Me-Not Week. The second one was for the Daughters of the American Revolution proclaiming September 17-23 as US Constitution Week.

## **FUN RUN**

Krista Seger, representing Precious Blood School, asked permission to hold a family fun run on October 18, 2014 beginning at 8:00 a.m. This one-mile run replaces the 5K run they previously sponsored. Seger said the fun run starts at the Precious Blood School parking lot, goes south on Lechner Lane to 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and loops back.

A motion was made by Timothy Bell and seconded by David Prechtel to accept this event. Motion carried 3-0.

## **PETITION FROM BROOKSTONE RESIDENTS**

Bill Lindsay said currently there is a two-way stop intersection at Savannah and Pebble Drives. Some residents in Brookstone signed a petition requesting a four-way stop at that intersection in order to make that area safer by slowing down traffic. Since there are no sidewalks in that area for foot traffic and the area is heavily populated with younger children, they are concerned for their safety. Lindsay made several references to drivers speeding in that area and said maybe a three-way stop is needed at Beringer Drive. Lindsay also said since there are a growing number of children who ride bikes in that area, he suggested putting striping three feet out from the side of the street for bikes. David Prechtel noted that if an area was designated for bikes, parking would have to be eliminated.

Mayor Seitz acknowledged that the petition was submitted to the City. City Engineer Chad Hurm said the first thing is to look at the situation. He said these streets are not used by drive-thru traffic but that could change when Pebble Drive is extended but for now that means people living in or visiting that area are the violators. Hurm added that stop signs are not always the answer for speeders and besides, there is already a two-way stop at the intersection. The City does not want a stop sign to create a false sense of security for pedestrians by assuming vehicles will stop especially when there are drivers who roll through an intersection. Hurm then recommended a traffic study be performed for that area.

Mayor Seitz said since this is a contained area for now he encouraged neighbors to monitor neighbors.

Thereafter, a motion was made by David Prechtel and seconded by Timothy Bell to do a traffic study. Motion carried 3-0.

## **MILL WALL PROJECT**

Nick Jahn with VS Engineers said he is the project manager for the mill wall project. He said they obtained all the necessary permits but the state put a handful of restrictions on us. He then reviewed those restrictions. Jahn said the permits are good for two years.

City Engineer Chad Hurm said they need to finalize plans and then move forward with the project. He recommended bidding the project in November or December and then issue a notice of award in January. Mayor Seitz said the City

will want to encumber the funds for this project and in order to do so they need to award the bid before January.

#### **TRANSFER COPIER**

Personnel/Safety/Loss Control Director Cale Knies asked permission to transfer asset # 101561, a 2004 Kyocera Mita KM4035 copier, to the wastewater department.

A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by David Prechtel to permit the personnel/safety/loss control department to transfer asset #101561 to the wastewater department. Motion carried 3-0.

#### **CVSA TRAINING**

Assistant Police Chief Nathan Schmitt asked permission to send the detective sergeant to Orlando, Florida for advanced computerized voice stress analyzer recertification training. The cost for the tuition is \$530.00.

A motion was made by David Prechtel and seconded by Timothy Bell to allow Detective Chambers to go to recertification training in Florida. Motion carried 3-0.

#### **VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER GOES ON LEAVE**

Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang said Volunteer Firefighter Nicholas Lucas was going to resign from the department because of work but has since decided to take a leave of absence. Hochgesang asked the board to approve the leave of absence for Lucas for one year effective October 4, 2014.

A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to permit Nicholas Lucas to take a leave of absence for one year effective October 4, 2014. Motion carried 3-0.

#### **PROBATIONARY FIREFIGHTERS**

Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang said volunteer firefighters Jeremy Johnson and Nathaniel Kern were hired September 3, 2013 and have completed their one year probationary period. He recommended changing their status from probationary volunteer firefighter to regular status.

David Prechtel so moved. Timothy Bell seconded the motion and the motion carried 3-0.

#### **HIRING PROCESS**

Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang said currently the City has thirty-eight firefighters and the department can have forty volunteer firefighters. Because there is talk about some firefighters retiring, he asked permission to start the hiring process. He said if applicants are approved, they would not have a hire date before January 2015.

A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to give the fire chief permission to start the hiring process for that. Motion carried 3-0.

**CONCRETE SAW QUOTES**

Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle said the street department sought sealed quotes for a new 2014 self-propelled walk behind concrete saw. City Attorney Renee Kabrick then opened the following quotes:

Gudorf Supply Co	\$20,940.15	Husquarna FS5000 D26
Hamlin Equip Rental	\$19,489.00	Husquarna FS4800
Superior Small Engines	no quote submitted	

A motion was made by David Prechtel and seconded by Timothy Bell to approve the low quote pending review by the street department. Motion carried 3-0.

**TRANSFER VEHICLE**

Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle asked permission to transfer asset #600077, a 1997 Chev pickup truck, from the street department to city hall maintenance.

A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by David Prechtel to permit the street department to transfer asset #600077, a 1997 Chev pickup truck, to city hall maintenance. Motion carried 3-0.

**REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle reported that a representative from the Upper Patoka River Conservancy District called him and said they have the permit to remove a tree near 15<sup>th</sup> Street and will do it tomorrow.

Eckerle said there was a preconstruction meeting with Dubois County for the 15<sup>th</sup> Street bridge project. The tentative date for closing the bridge is September 22, 2014. The contractor has 90 days to do the work but they are hoping it can be done in 60 days.

Mayor Seitz announced that this Wednesday Raymond Eckerle will be presented with the Ivan H. Brinegar municipal management award at the IACT conference. The award is presented to an appointed municipal official with a minimum of 10 years of city or town service and who displays strong leadership, contributes to their community and serves as a role model to citizens or other municipal officials.

**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 10:50 a.m.

The minutes were hereby approved \_\_\_\_\_ with  X  without corrections or clarification this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2014.

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**Mayor Terry Seitz, Presiding Officer**

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