

**MINUTES OF THE EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE  
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA  
JULY 2, 2012**

An emergency meeting of the Common Council of the City of Jasper, Indiana, was held on Monday, July 2, 2012, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street, Jasper, Indiana.

**Call to Order.** Presiding Officer Mayor Terry Seitz called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**Roll Call.**

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm called the roll.

Mayor Terry Seitz	Present
Council members:	
Gregory Schnarr	Present
David Prechtel	Present
Thomas Schmidt	Present
Earl Schmitt	Absent
Kevin Manley	Present
Randall Buchta	Present
Raymond Howard	Present
City Attorney Renee Kabrick	Present
Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm	Present

Clerk-Treasurer Boehm announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the council members must be in attendance. Six of the seven council members were in attendance, which is a majority; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

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

**Purpose.** Mayor Seitz said the purpose of the meeting is to discuss and take appropriate action on the Declaration of Local Emergency issued on June 30, 2012.

Mayor Seitz then read the Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency that he issued at 8:00 a.m. on June 30, 2012. This declaration, which prohibits the use of fireworks, expires in seven days unless the Council extends it another seven days.

City Attorney Renee Kabrick said the City can only ban fireworks if it declares a local emergency. The fire chief helps to determine whether an emergency exists.

Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang said because of the extreme dry weather conditions it is necessary to put a fireworks restraint in place because a fire could put firefighters in harms way. He recommends keeping the ban on fireworks in place until further notice.

Kabrick said the Council needs to give the Mayor the authority to extend the ban on fireworks or to rescind it.

Resolution No. 2012-5 RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA REGARDING DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY

A motion was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member Gregory Schnarr to read the resolution on one reading only. Motion carried 6-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Randall Buchta and seconded by Council member Raymond Howard to read the resolution by title only. Motion carried 6-0. City Attorney Renee Kabrick so read the resolution. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Council member Randall Buchta to pass and adopt Resolution No. 2012-5.

Under discussion the Council agreed to give the Mayor the authority to extend the ban for seven days from June 30, 2012 unless it is rescinded. Council member Raymond Howard recommended putting in dates such as July 14, 2012 rather than just saying seven days.

The motion to pass and adopt Resolution No. 2012-5 by extending the ban until 8:00 a.m. on July 14, 2012 or rescinding the ban at any time passed by a motion of 6-0.

**Update on Mandatory Water Conservation Declaration.** Mayor Seitz said he was proud of the citizens that complied with the mandatory water conservation declaration that was issued on June 29, 2012. Mayor Seitz then asked Water Manager Mike Oeding to give an update on the water supply. Oeding said they have been monitoring the water levels and as long as the Corps of Engineers keeps the pool as is the City can relax some of its water restrictions. Oeding recommended allowing the watering of yards, gardens, plants, and landscaping for water customers based on the street address of the user and the calendar day. For example, an even numbered address may water on even numbered days such as July 2, 4, and so on and the odd numbered address may water on July 3, 5, and so on. This system will be restricted to the hours from 6:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. daily.

Mayor Seitz said the restrictions on car washing and the spraying down of outdoor surfaces remain in effect. He also said people still need to conserve the use of water as much as possible. Seitz then read an amendment to the June 29, 2012 Mandatory Water Conservation Declaration that is effective immediately.

**Adjournment.** There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Council member Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Council member Randall Buchta to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 6-0 and the meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

The minutes were hereby approved \_\_\_\_\_ with X without corrections or clarification this 18<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2012.

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**Mayor Terry Seitz  
Presiding Officer**

**Attest:**

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**Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer**