

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CITY OF JASPER  
FEBRUARY 14, 2012**

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Jasper, Indiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, February 14, 2012, 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 Director Charles Schneider, Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang, Building Commissioner Darla Blazey, City Attorney William Shaneyfelt, and Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm.

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the board members must be present. All 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 memorandum from the January 26, 2012 executive session. Thereafter, a **motion** was made by David Prechtel and seconded by Timothy Bell to approve the memorandum as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

The board members examined the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 24, 2012. Thereafter, a **motion** was made by Timothy Bell and seconded by David Prechtel to accept the minutes. Motion carried 3-0.

**CLAIMS**

The board members reviewed the list of claims from January 6, 2012, thru February 9, 2012. A motion was made by David Prechtel and seconded by Timothy Bell to approve the claims. Motion carried 3-0.

**SERGEANT**

Interviews for the position of sergeant for the police department were held during the January 26, 2012 executive session. A **motion** was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to authorize the personnel director to

administer a conditional offer of employment to Jeremy Lee for the position of sergeant with the Jasper Police Department effective Sunday, February 19, 2012 provided all conditional offer of employment requirements have been met. Motion carried 3-0.

### **KIOSKS**

At the last meeting Whitney Hall, representing Dubois County Tourism, asked permission to place informational kiosk signs in four locations; the Mill, the train depot, and in the planters located in the corners of the Square near Chocolate Bliss and near Sturm's Hardware. Hall was asked to work with Hurm and Blazey regarding any zoning or encroachment issues and return at a future meeting.

Hall was present at this meeting and asked for the sites to be approved. City Engineer Chad Hurm said an encroachment on city right-of way request was submitted. Concerns about drainage and electrical outlets were expressed in the comments from the departments. Also, these are not advertising signs therefore the requirements are not the same as business signs.

Hall showed photos of the four sites. Lois Kuntz said the place shown at the depot could interfere with a speaker or tables that are placed in that area behind the railing. Hall said the kiosk will be lower than the rail. Kurt Heim suggested the kiosk face north by the parking lot. Mayor Seitz said we could accept three locations but suggested Hall go to the Park Board for location approval at the depot. Attorney Shaneyfelt said a city official could agree to the exact location of each sign and that could be put in the agreement.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by David Prechtel to accept position 1, 2, and 3 per exhibit pending an encroachment agreement and seek assistance from the City for their installation location and further assistance needed for location 4 at the depot. Motion carried 3-0.

### **RIVER WALK CONCERTS**

Jasper Chamber of Commerce Director Nancy Eckerle asked permission to use the gazebo area for three river walk concerts, one on June 23, another on August 18 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., and a date that needs to be confirmed for the Lincoln Boyhood Memorial 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary concert. Mayor Seitz said there is a concert at the Arts Center on June 23 and he does not want the two concerts to compete. Eckerle said she will change that date. Mayor Seitz asked her to come back to a future meeting.

### **PAPER SHREDDING DAY**

Jasper Chamber of Commerce Director Nancy Eckerle asked permission to hold a paper shredding day at the depot lot on Friday, April 20, 2012, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

A **motion** was made by David Prechtel and seconded by Mayor Seitz to approve that. Motion carried 3-0.

## **STREAMERS**

Jasper Chamber of Commerce Director Nancy Eckerle asked permission to place streamers on the down town light posts in March and in late spring. She also asked the City to provide a ladder and two workers to place the ribbons. Mayor Seitz said instead of two City workers he wants to see a volunteer from the down town work with one City worker and he wants the option to take the streamers down if they look ratty.

A **motion** was made by Timothy Bell and seconded by David Prechtel to accept the request and help to install the streamers. Motion carried 3-0.

## **OLD JASPER DAYS/STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL**

Jasper Chamber of Commerce Director Nancy Eckerle listed the events that are planned for Old Jasper Days on May 20, 2012, at the gazebo area with the farmers' market area as a contingency. Chad Blessinger representing the Lions Club said the Strawberry Festival will be held in conjunction with Old Jasper Days. Eckerle asked permission for the Lions Club to use the shelter house at no charge.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by David Prechtel to approve May 20, 2012, for Old Jasper Days for the Chamber of Commerce and the Lions Club Strawberry Festival. Motion carried 3-0.

## **CHALK WALK**

Corina Mack from the Arts Department asked permission to close Main Street from 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> Streets and 6<sup>th</sup> Street between Jackson and Newton Streets on May 5, 2012 from 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the annual Chalk Walk. The scheduled rain date is May 12, 2012.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to accept the 2012 chalk walk dates of May 5 with a rain date of May 12 with stipulations in the handout and people involved. Motion carried 3-0.

## **REGION 15 CONTRACT**

City Attorney William Shaneyfelt presented a contract for services between the City of Jasper and Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission to update the City's code book from the 2011 ordinances. Region 15 updates the City's code book annually.

A **motion** was made by David Prechtel and seconded by Timothy Bell to approve the contract with Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission to codify the 2011 ordinances into the code book. Motion carried 3-0.

## **STREET CLOSURE**

Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle asked permission to close the intersection of 14<sup>th</sup> and Emily Streets for one day so they can replace two inlets.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by David Prechtel to close 14<sup>th</sup> and Emily for needed drainage work on a date to be determined. Motion carried 3-0.

### **REPORTS**

Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle said the City and County has been communicating with DNR at Patoka Lake so they know the impact on the City and County regarding the lake levels and when they do and do not release water.

City Engineer Chad Hurm gave an update on the Badendorf Storm Sewer Replacement project. He said they are now working in the middle section of the project.

Hurm then gave an update on the Beaver Lake project. They have come to terms on road bonding. There is a progress meeting this Wednesday.

Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang said he sent a letter to the 1512 Jackson Street property owner but has not received a reply. He did speak to Mr. Shumaker who is buying the house on contract. He has nearly finished remodeling the upstairs and weather permitting he will put siding on the house.

Hochgesang said the new fire truck is near completion. He showed photos of the truck. He also said next Wednesday ISO, who sets the fire insurance rating, will be in the City to do an inspection. This is a one-day audit.

Police Chief J. Michael Bennett presented the police department 2011 activity report. He said the narrow banding process for communications is countywide and according to FCC is effective by 2013. On February 27 they will start at the fire department and do our radios, then do the county, and then do the police department radios last.

Assistant Police Chief Nathan Schmitt said the Interact grant deadline for the CAD system is March. They asked for another extension because of problems with setting up the State's central server.

Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle said they have a ground temperature sensor on two street department trucks. If they did not have that piece of equipment and be able to know the ground temperature they normally would have called out the crew at 1:30 a.m. when it snowed. One small piece of equipment makes a difference and in this case saved the City a lot of money by not calling out the snow removal crew.

### **RAILWAY SERVICES AGREEMENT**

City Attorney William Shaneyfelt presented a railway services agreement between the City of Jasper and Indiana Railway Museum Inc. The agreement updates the Spirit of Jasper train excursion charges and dates for 2012 and is acceptable to both parties. Lois Kuntz reviewed some of the changes such as Saturday departure times and a longer time spent at French Lick. She also said IRM increased the fee it charges the City so the City will increase the ticket fee from \$29.95 to \$35 for a trip to French Lick and from \$42 to \$45 for the ride and

dine excursion. Shaneyfelt said the ordinance will have to be amended to reflect these fee increases.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by David Prechtel to accept the railway services agreement between the City of Jasper and Indiana Railway Museum Inc. Motion carried 3-0.

**ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Timothy Bell and seconded by Mayor Seitz to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 3-0 and the meeting adjourned at 9:19 a.m.

The minutes were hereby approved \_\_\_\_ with X without corrections or clarification this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2012.

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**Mayor Terry Seitz**  
**Presiding Officer**

**Attest:**

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