

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA  
DECEMBER 19, 2018**

A meeting of the Common Council of the City of Jasper, Indiana, was held on Wednesday, December 19, 2018, 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 7:00 p.m.

**Roll Call.**

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm called the roll.

Mayor Terry Seitz	Present
Council members:	
John Schroeder	Present
John Bell	Present
David Hurst	Present
Earl Schmitt	Present
Kevin Manley	Present
Nancy Eckerle	Present
Dean Vonderheide	Present
City Attorney Renee Kabrick	Present
Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm	Present

Boehm announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the council members must be in attendance. All 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 those present to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of the Minutes.**

The following minutes were distributed to and examined by the Council:

1. November 20, 2018 regular common council meeting

A motion was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member John Schroeder to adopt the minutes as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

**KEY TO CITY**

Council members thanked Mayor Seitz for his leadership as mayor for the City of Jasper since 2012. Seitz is resigning January 6, 2019 to take a position with US Senate-elect Michael Braun. A Key to the City was then presented to Seitz.

**UTILITY SERVICE BOARD REPORT**

General Manager of Utilities Gerald 'Bud' Hauersperger gave a report on the regular monthly Utility Service Board meeting held on December 17, 2018. A copy of the Utility Service Board minutes is supplied to each council member.

**LINE OF CREDIT**

Richard Starkey with Barnes and Thornburg explained the need for establishing a line of credit for the cultural center project. One of the funding sources for the project is approximately \$2.8 million of DINO tax credits. It is likely that these dollars will not be available until near the completion of the project. Because the City must be able to pay for all expenses when they come due, we have determined that the best mechanism to ensure the availability of funds at the appropriate time is for the City to acquire a Line of Credit pending the receipt of the tax credit investment. The line of credit is also necessary to close on the bonds. The following two ordinances 1) authorize the use of the line of credit in an amount not to exceed \$3 million; and 2) establish the special accounts necessary to hold the respective funds.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-1 ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JASPER  
COMMON COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF LOCAL  
INCOME TAX ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVENUE LINE OF  
CREDIT**

This ordinance authorizes the city to enter into a line of credit for purposes of gap financing pending receipt of the DINO tax credits for the cultural center project.

A motion was made by Council member David Hurst and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to read the ordinance by title only on first reading. Motion carried 7-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Council member John Bell to approve the ordinance on first reading. Motion carried 7-0.

Second and final readings of the ordinance will be held at the January 2019 council meeting.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-2 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE CITY  
OF JASPER, INDIANA, 2019 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCOME  
TAX REVENUE FUNDS  
(CULTURAL CENTER PROJECT)**

This ordinance creates three 2019 EDIT Revenue Funds for the cultural center project. Cultural Center Project Fund, Sinking Fund, and Excess Fund

A motion was made by Council member Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Council member Kevin Manley to read the ordinance by title only on first reading. Motion carried 7-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member David Hurst and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to approve the ordinance on first reading. Motion carried 7-0.

Second and final readings of the ordinance will be held at the January 2019 council meeting.

**GAS CONTRACTOR LICENSE APPLICATION**

Mayor Seitz said a gas contractor license application was submitted by Michael Berg with Berg Mechanical. He scored an 84% on the test.

A motion was made by Council member John Schroeder and seconded by Council member John Bell to approve a gas contractor license for Michael Berg with Berg Mechanical. Motion carried 7-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-11 A RESOLUTION OF THE JASPER  
COMMON COUNCIL ACCEPTING A RESTRICTED USE DONATION  
(School Resource Officer Program)**

This resolution accepts restricted use donations for the School Resource Officer Program.

A motion was made by Council member Earl Schmitt and seconded by Council member Dean Vonderheide to consider the resolution for one reading only. Motion carried 7-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member David Hurst and seconded by Council member Nancy Eckerle to read the resolution by title only. Motion carried 7-0. The city attorney so read the resolution. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member Nancy Eckerle to pass and adopt Resolution No. 2018-11. Motion carried 7-0.

City Attorney Renee Kabrick said the City will enter into an agreement with the Dubois County Community Foundation for the acceptance of donations for the School Resource Officer Program.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2018-33 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A  
UNIFORM CODE FOR TRAFFIC UPON THE PUBLIC STREETS OF  
THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA  
(Amending Section 10 of Ordinance 546 and all amendments thereto)**

This ordinance deletes the speed limit areas for Portersville Road that are not 25 mph.

City Attorney Renee Kabrick said the Board of Public Works and Safety adopted a resolution recommending the council set the speed limit at 25 mph on Portersville Road from 36<sup>th</sup> Street to the north City limits. Currently that area is 25 mph except from 710 feet north of Ackerman Road to Ackerman Road which is 35 mph.

A motion was made by Council member John Bell and seconded by Council member Nancy Eckerle to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Motion carried 7-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Dean Vonderheide and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to read the ordinance by title only. Motion carried 7-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Council member David Hurst to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2018-33.

Under discussion, Council member Kevin Manley thought 25 mph is too slow for that area when school is not in session and recommended making the section of Portersville Road by the middle school and future elementary school 25 mph only when school is in session.

City Attorney Renee Kabrick said currently the speed limit on Portersville Road is 25 mph starting at 36<sup>th</sup> Street, then there is a stretch where it is 35 mph, then it goes back to 25 mph. This ordinance makes all of Portersville Road 25 mph. She also said there are a lot of residential areas along Portersville Road and a lot of children walk to school.

Mayor Seitz said we are just correcting what is currently listed in the ordinance but the City may want to review the speed limit after the elementary school and walking path are added to that area. Council member John Bell felt 25 mph is still too slow. There was more discussion such as what the speed limit should be and making the area by the schools 25 mph only when traffic is heading to school in the morning and at school dismissal time. After the discussion, Kabrick said this a matter for the traffic committee so she will pass the information that was discussed to the city engineer. Instead of adopting the ordinance tonight and then reviewing later, Bell suggested putting the ordinance on hold so the matter gets addressed now.

Thereafter, Council member Nancy Eckerle withdrew her motion to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2018-33. Council member David Hurst withdrew his second to that motion. Council member Nancy Eckerle then made a motion to table Ordinance No. 2018-33. Council member David Hurst seconded the motion and the motion to table the ordinance was passed 7-0.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2018-34 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A  
UNIFORM CODE FOR TRAFFIC UPON THE PUBLIC STREETS OF  
THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA  
(Amending Section 4 of Ordinance No. 546 and amendments thereto;  
and Repealing 1997-53)**

This ordinance deletes the no parking areas along Royal Street since Royal Street is being vacated.

A motion was made by Council member Earl Schmitt and seconded by Council member Nancy Eckerle to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Motion carried 7-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member David Hurst and seconded by Council member Kevin Manley to read the ordinance by title only. Motion carried 7-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion

was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member John Schroeder to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2018-34. Motion carried 7-0.

City Attorney Renee Kabrick said since the street is vacated, it becomes a private road so the City can no longer enforce traffic in that area.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2018-35 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A UNIFORM CODE FOR TRAFFIC UPON THE PUBLIC STREETS OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA-STOP INTERSECTIONS DESIGNATED**

**(Amending Section 6(1) of Ordinance No. 546)**

This ordinance removes certain stop intersections since Royal Street is being vacated.

A motion was made by Council member John Bell and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Motion carried 7-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member David Hurst and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to read the ordinance by title only. Motion carried 7-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2018-35. Motion carried 7-0.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2018-36 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A UNIFORM CODE FOR TRAFFIC UPON THE PUBLIC STREETS OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA**

**(Repealing Ordinance 845)**

This ordinance deletes Code Section 9.30.010, No Right Turns, since Royal Street is being vacated.

A motion was made by Council member Earl Schmitt and seconded by Council member John Bell to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Motion carried 7-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Dean Vonderheide and seconded by Council member David Hurst to read the ordinance by title only. Motion carried 7-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member David Hurst and seconded by Council member John Schroeder to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2018-36. Motion carried 7-0.

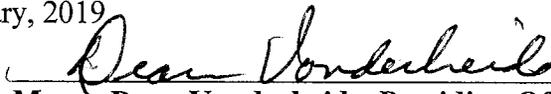
**ORDINANCE NO. 2018-37 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE BONDING OF CITY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES [REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2015-18]**

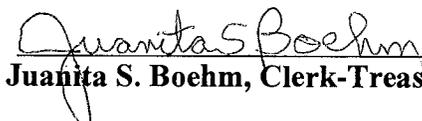
This ordinance updates the ordinance for bonds for city officials.

A motion was made by Council member David Hurst and seconded by Council member John Bell to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Motion carried 7-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Earl Schmitt and seconded by Council member David Hurst to read the ordinance by title only. Motion carried 7-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Council member John Bell to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2018-37. Motion carried 7-0.

**Adjournment.** There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Council member Earl Schmitt and seconded by Council member David Hurst to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 7-0 and the meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

The minutes were hereby approved \_\_\_ with  without corrections or clarification this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2019

  
Mayor Dean Vonderheide, Presiding Officer

Attest:   
Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer