

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CITY OF JASPER  
SEPTEMBER 27, 2022**

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Jasper, Indiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, September 27, 2022, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street and via Zoom Video Conferencing.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Presiding Officer Mayor Dean Vonderheide called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Interim Clerk-Treasurer Kiersten Knies then called the roll:

Mayor Dean Vonderheide	Present
Board member Timothy Bell	Present
Board member Nancy Eckerle	Present

Also present were Police Chief Nathan Schmitt, Street Commissioner Jeffrey Theising, Personnel/Safety/Loss Control Director Cale Knies, Director of Community Development and Planning Darla Blazey and Clerk-Treasurer Kiersten Knies, City Engineer Chad Hurm, Fire Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Kenneth Hochgesang. City Attorney Renee Kabrick was present via Zoom

Kiersten Knies 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 Vonderheide invited all those present to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.** The approval of the minutes from the August 23, 2022 meeting and the September 13, 2022 was tabled.

**SIGNAGE REQUEST**

Landlord, Luke Hoffman, appeared requesting permission for 'Deaf Child' Signage in the area of 2413 Sunset Drive.

A motion was made by Mayor Vonderheide and seconded by Nancy Eckerle to approve signage indicated 'Deaf Child' being placed at the corners of Pleasant View and Sunset Drives. Motion carried 3-0.

**UPDATE LEASE AGREEMENT**

Ryan Bratton of Jasper RC Flyers appeared requesting an update to their current lease agreement with the City of Jasper due to pending changes in FAA Regulations.

A motion was made by Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Timothy Bell to approve the updates to the lease agreement between the City of Jasper and Jasper RC Flyers. Motion carried 3-0.

**USE OF CENTRAL GREEN**

Janessa Wagner of Jasper Park and Recreation Department appeared requesting use of City of Jasper's Central Green to host the annual Halloween @ Central Green on Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm with the Habig Center to be used as back up in case of inclement weather.

A motion was made by Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Timothy Bell to approve the use of Central Green and the Habig Center as backup for Halloween @ Central Green on Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Motion carried 3-0.

**SERVICE WEAPON**

Police Chief, Nathan Schmitt, appeared requesting permission to give service weapon, Glock 17, serial number BBKT879 to retired Detective Lieutenant, Jeremy Lee, after thirty plus years of service.

A motion was made by Timothy Bell and seconded by Mayor Vonderheide to give service weapon to retired Detective Lieutenant, Jeremy Lee. Motion carried 3-0.

### **BID ACCEPTANCE**

Police Chief, Nathan Schmitt, requested acceptance of the low bid for 2023 Dodge Durango from Sternberg Automotive, Inc. in the sum of \$69,038.00. This price includes trade in of Commission #95, a 2012 Dodge Charger, asset tag #600180 and Commission #97, a 2013 Dodge Charger, asset tag #600186. Estimated delivery of the new vehicle is April 2023. Use of the trade in vehicles will be allowed until delivery of the new vehicle.

A motion as made by Mayor Vonderheide and seconded by Timothy Bell to approve the order of the patrol car, pending funding. Motion carried 3-0.

Street Commissioner, Jeff Theising, requested acceptance of the only bid from Innovative Crushing for the base price of \$27,179.56, plus \$10.51 per cubic yard of additional concrete and asphalt out of this year's budget.

A motion was made by Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Timothy Bell to accept the bid from Innovative Crushing for the base price of \$27,179.56, plus \$10.51 per cubic yard of additional concrete and asphalt.

### **REPORTS**

Fire Chief/Code Enforcement Officer, Kenneth Hochgesang, appeared and provided information on code violation procedures and status of current pending code violations.

City Engineer, Chad Hurm, appeared with that update that the Downtown Revitalization project which is moving along in spite of setbacks. The first quadrant is expected to be complete in November 2022 and work on the remaining 3 quadrants will begin in the spring of 2023 with the completion date remaining the same at this time. Hurm also advised that angled parking spots along the square have temporarily been turned into parallel spots to help with congestion. Mayor Vonderheide recommended doing the same along Seibert's.

City Commissioner Jeff Theising reported that IDEM inspected the Resource Recovery site and gave a glowing review.

### **JUNK ASSETS**

Street Commissioner, Jeff Theising, asked permission to junk non-operable hand-held radio asset #101396.

A motion was made by Timothy Bell and seconded by Nancy Eckerle to junk non-operable hand-held radio asset #101396.

Director of Community Development and Planning, Darla Blazey asked permission to junk two chairs, asset #100320 and asset #100321.

A motion was made by Mayor Vonderheide and seconded by Timothy Bell to junk two chairs, asset #100320 and asset #100321. Motion carried 3-0.

### **NO PARKING**

Street Commissioner, Jeff Theising, recommended no parking be allowed in three parking spaces along the west side of Main St, south of East 13<sup>th</sup> St on the morning of Wednesday, September 28, 2022 to allow travel around tree removal equipment while Tree Experts of Ferdinand remove a tree on the Ruth Flick property.

A motion was made by Mayor Vonderheide and seconded by Timothy Bell to approve no parking in three parking spaces along the west side of Main St, south of East 13<sup>th</sup> St on the morning of Wednesday, September 28, 2022.

### **CONTRACT EXTENSION**

Street Commissioner, Jeff Theising, informed the board of extension of time for Pavement Solutions to complete the Micro surface Projects for this year from October 1, 2022 to October 15, 2022.

A motion was made by Mayor Vonderheide and seconded by Nancy Eckerle to extend the contract deadline for Pavement Solutions to complete the Micro Surface Projects from October 1, 2022 to October 15, 2022.

**SURCHARGES**

Street Commissioner Jeff Theising tabled the discussion regarding surcharges being added by the chassis manufacturer at this time.

**SPEED LIMIT CHANGE**

Street Commissioner Jeff Theising discussed lowering the speed limit on 490 W along Brookstone VII from 45 mph to 35 mph.

**ENCROACHMENT**

City Attorney Renee Kabrick requested approval of an Agreement for the Right to Maintain a Private Drive on a Public Right of Way at West Pleasant View Drive.

A motion was made by Mayor Vonderheide and seconded by Timothy Bell to approve the Agreement for the Right to Maintain a Private Drive on a Public Right of Way at West Pleasant View Drive.

**INTRODUCTION**

Mayor Vonderheide introduced Kiersten Knies as Clerk-Treasurer for the City of Jasper upon the resignation of Allen Seifert on October 7, 2022.

**ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Timothy Bell to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 3-0 and the meeting adjourned at 8:58a.m.

The minutes were hereby approved \_\_\_\_ with   X   without corrections or clarification this 11th day of October, 2022.

  
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Mayor Dean Vonderheide, Presiding Officer

Attest:   
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Kiersten Knies, Clerk-Treasurer