**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE**

**COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA**

**July 17, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Jasper, Indiana, was held on Tuesday,

July 17, 2024, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street, Jasper, Indiana.

**Call to Order.** Presiding Officer Mayor Dean Vonderheide called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**Roll Call.** Clerk Treasurer Kiersten Knies called the roll.

In Person Video Absent

Mayor Dean Vonderheide X

Council members:

John Schroeder X

Chad Lueken X

Vince Helming X

Paul Lorey X

Kevin Manley X

Nancy Eckerle X

Philip Mundy X

City Attorney Renee Kabrick X

Clerk-Treasurer Kiersten Knies X

Knies announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the council members must be in attendance. Five of the seven council members were in attendance and the remaining two were present via Zoom at the beginning of the meeting, which is a majority; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

**Moment of Personal Reflection.** Mayor Vonderheide asked that all present take a moment for personal reflection.

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

**Approval of the Minutes.** The minutes from Regular Council Meeting June 18, 2024, were distributed to and examined by the Council. A motion was made by Council member John Schroeder and seconded by Council member Vince Helming to approve the minutes from June 18, 2024, without corrections. Motion carried 6-0, with Council member Kevin Manley abstaining because he was absent from the June 18, 2024, meeting.

**Department Presentations.**

Superintendent of Electric Utilities Stan Seifert gave an update on the Electric Department.

Wastewater Manager Ed Hollinden gave an update on the Wastewater Department.

**Dubois County Tourism Update.** Executive Director of Visit Dubois County Whitney Lubbers gave an update on Dubois County Tourism.

**Ordinance No. 2024-12**

**An Ordinance to Transfer Appropriations for the Remainder of the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2024.**

A motion was made by Vince Helming and seconded by Nancy Eckerle to consider Ordinance No. 2024-12 for one reading only. Motion carried 5-0, with the Council members on Zoom abstaining.

A motion was made by Chad Lueken and seconded by Phil Mundy to read Ordinance No. 2024-12 by title only. Motion carried 5-0, with the Council members on Zoom abstaining.

City Attorney Renee Kabrick so read Ordinance No. 2024-12 by title only.

Thereafter a motion was made by Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Chad Lueken to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2024-12 on the first and only reading. Motion carried 5-0, with the Council members on Zoom abstaining.

**Resolution No. 2024-16  
A Resolution Authorizing Funds Transfer (Community Crossing Fund)**

A motion was made by John Schroeder and seconded by Vince Helming to read Resolution No. 2024-16 by title only. Motion carried 7-0.

City Attorney Renee Kabrick so read Resolution No. 2024-16 by title only.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Chad Lueken to approve Resolution No. 2024-16 on the first and only reading. Motion carried 7-0.

**Resolution No. 2024-14  
A Resolution Adopting a Written Fiscal Plan and Establishing a Policy for the Provision of Services to an annexed Area. (Timber Ridge Estates IV Subdivision).**

A motion was made by Vince Helming and seconded by Phil Mundy to read Resolution No. 2024-14 by title only. Motion carried 7-0.

City Attorney Renee Kabrick so read Resolution No. 2024-14 by title only.

Thereafter, a motion was made by John Schroeder and seconded by Nancy Eckerle to approve Resolution No. 2024-14 on the first and only reading. Motion carried 7-0.

**Ordinance No. 2024-10**

**An Ordinance Annexing Certain Adjacent and Contiguous Territory into the Corporate Limits of the City of Jasper, Indiana. (TRS Subdivision)**

A motion was made by Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Vince Helming to read the ordinance by title only on the first reading. Motion carried 7-0.

Mayor Vonderheide opened this matter up for public hearing. There being no one appearing for the public hearing, a motion was made by Nancy Eckerle and seconded by John Schroeder to close the public hearing. Motion carried 7-0.

City Attorney Renee Kabrick so read Ordinance No. 2024-10 by title only.

Thereafter, a motion was made by John Schroeder and seconded by Kevin Manley to approve Ordinance No. 2024-10 on the first reading. Motion carried 7-0.

**Ordinance No. 2024-8**

**An Ordinance Annexing Certain Adjacent and Contiguous Territory into the Corporate Limits of the City of Jasper, Indiana (Northridge Subdivision)**

A motion was made by Vince Helming and seconded by Chad Lueken to read Ordinance No. 2024-8 by title only on the second reading. Motion carried 7-0.

City Attorney Renee Kabrick so read Ordinance No. 2024-8 by title only.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Kevin Manley and seconded by Vince Helming to approve Ordinance No. 2024-8 on the second reading. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Chad Lueken and seconded by Vince Helming to read Ordinance No. 2024-8 by title only on the final reading. Motion carried 7-0.

City Attorney Renee Kabrick so read Ordinance No. 2024-8 by title only.

Thereafter, a motion was made by John Schroeder and seconded by Nancy Eckerle to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2024-8 on the third and final reading. Motion carried 7-0.

**Ordinance No. 2024-11**

**An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing a Loan Between the Gas Department and the Water Department Within Jasper Municipal Utilities and Other Matters Connected Therewith.**

A motion was made by John Schroeder and seconded by Paul Lorey to consider Ordinance No. 2024-11 for one reading only procedure. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Phil to read Ordinance No. 2024-11 by title only. Motion carried 7-0.

City Attorney Renee Kabrick so read Ordinance No. 2024-11 by title only.

Thereafter, a motion was made by John Schroeder and seconded by Kevin Manley to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2024-11 on the first and only reading. Motion carried 7-0.

**Opioid Settlement.** City Attorney Renee Kabrick advised that Kroger has agreed to move to the next step in the settlement process. Indiana is a state that is opting into that settlement. Our consortium of attorney is advising their clients to opt into the Opioid Settlement against Kroger.

A motion was made by John Schroeder and seconded by Phil Mundy to authorize Mayor Vonderheide to sign the documents to opt into the Kroger Opioid Kroger Settlement. Motion carried 7-0.

**Adjournment.** There being no further business, a motion was made by Council member John Schroeder and seconded by Council member Vince Helming to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 7-0 and the meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

The minutes were hereby approved \_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_ without corrections or clarification this 21st day of August, 2024.

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**Mayor Dean Vonderheide, Presiding Officer**

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Kiersten Knies, Clerk-Treasurer**