

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA
May 21, 2025**

A regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Jasper, Indiana, was held on Wednesday May 21, 2025, 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.

	<u>In Person</u>	<u>Video</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Mayor Dean Vonderheide	X		
Council members:			
John Schroeder	X		
Chad Lucken	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. All of the council members were in attendance at the beginning of the meeting, which is a majority; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

Additionally, Street Department Street Commissioner, Jeff Theising, was in attendance.

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 the Regular Council Meeting held April 23, 2025, were distributed to, and examined by the Council. A motion was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member Vince Helming to approve the minutes from April 23, 2025, without corrections. Motion carried 7-0.

Presentations.

Street Commissioner, Jeff Theising, presented an overview of the Street Department for the past year.

Ordinance No. 2025-7

**An Ordinance Appropriating Additional Money for the Remainder of the Year Ending
December 31, 2025.**

A motion was made by Vince Helming and seconded by Philip Mundy to read Ordinance No. 2025-7 by title only on the first reading. Motion carried 7-0.

City Attorney Renee Kabrick so read Ordinance No. 2025-7 by title only.

Thereafter a motion was made by Vince Helming and seconded by Paul Lorey to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2025-7 on the first reading. The appropriations include additional money for the Park Department to for FF&E and a monument sign as well as additional money to cover the cost of the comprehensive plan. It was recommended that the community update its comprehensive plans to move forward with long term planning. Motion carried 7-0.

Ordinance No. 2025-8

**An Ordinance Establishing a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (Amending the
Downtown Jasper Social District)**

A motion was made by Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Paul Lorey to read Ordinance No. 2025-8 by title only on the second/final reading. Motion carried 7-0.

City Attorney Renee Kabrick so read Ordinance No. 2025-8 by title only.

Thereafter a motion was made by John Schroeder and seconded by Paul Lorey to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2025-8 on the second/final reading. The changes to the ordinance will extend the hours of the DORA from 10:00 am to 12:00 am, include Rice and Spice and exclude Plaid and Timber, the boundary map will be extended along Main Street but not include Jackson Street to include Snaps. It was noted that the request to include Los Bravos was denied at this time due to the exclusion of the Riverwalk area. Motion carried 6-1, with Phil Mundy voting nay.

Resolution No. 2025-3

A Resolution Correcting a Scrivener's Error (Community Crossing Fund)

A motion was made by Paul Lorey and seconded by Chad Lueken to read Resolution No. 2025-3 by title only. Motion carried 7-0.

City Attorney Renee Kabrick so read Resolution No. 2025-3 by title only.

Thereafter a motion was made by Vince Helming and seconded by Paul Lorey to approve Resolution No. 2025-3 on the first reading. The original Resolution cited an incorrect account number. Motion carried 7-0.

Ordinance No. 2025-9

An Ordinance Correcting Scrivener's Error Correcting Footnote in Ordinance No. 2024-17.

A motion was made by John Schroeder and seconded by Kevin Manley to add Ordinance No. 2025-9 to the agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Paul Lorey and seconded by Vince Helming to read Ordinance No. 2025-9 one time only. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Paul Lorey and seconded by Kevin Manley to read Resolution No. 2025-9 by title only. Motion carried 7-0.

City Attorney Renee Kabrick so read Ordinance No. 2025-9 by title only.

Thereafter a motion was made by Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Chad Lueken to approve Ordinance No. 2025-9 on the first reading. The original ordinance inadvertently left off the denotation sales tax rental item for the pool. Motion carried 7-0.

Acceptance of Donations

Clerk Treasurer Kiersten Knies requested council acceptance of donations for the month of April to the Arts Department totaling \$205.00 unrestricted donations and \$16,255.00 in restricted donations with the Arts Department Board in agreement with the restrictions placed on those donations. Knies also requested the acceptance of donations made in the month of April to the Parks and Recreation Department \$62,200.00 in restricted donations. The Park Department is in agreement with the restrictions placed on those donations.

A motion was made by Kevin Manley and seconded by Paul Lorey to accept the various donations. The Council thanked the community for its continuous support. Motion carried 7-0.

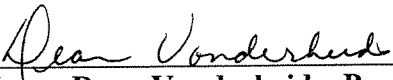
Additional Notes

Council member Nancy Eckerle mentioned the IU Center for Rural Engagement. She had applied for a student project involving opioid funds. The students would compare other community data on the use of their opioid funds and report back ways the City of Jasper can use its opioid funds. They have agreed preliminary to take on the project.

Jasper Insights is also working well for the community as a communication tool.

Adjournment. There being no further business, a motion was made by Council member Chad Lueken and seconded by Council member Vince Helming to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 7-0 and the meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

The minutes were hereby approved ____ with x without corrections or clarification this 18th day of June 2025.



Mayor Dean Vonderheide, Presiding Officer

Attest:



Kiersten Knies, Clerk-Treasurer

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 4

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER,
INDIANA APPROVING SALE OF REAL PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, the City of Jasper is the owner of several properties (or parts of properties), historically programmed and maintained by the Jasper Parks and Recreation Department, that are no longer needed for municipal purposes, and which can be sold to provide revenue for municipal operating expenses;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Indiana Code §36-1-11-3, the Mayor designated the Jasper City Parks and Recreation Board ("Board") to 1) provide notice of sale of real property; 2) conduct a public hearing regarding sale of real property; and 3) provide a recommendation regarding the sale of real property;

WHEREAS, after notice, duly given, the Board conducted a public hearing at its regularly scheduled meeting on June 10, 2025 to consider sale of the properties identified in Exhibit A of this Resolution ("subject properties") and passed and adopted Res. PR 2025-3 recommending sale of Lot No. 1 and Lot No. 3 of Camp Carnes;

WHEREAS, pursuant to IC 36-1-11-3(c) the Common Council ("Council") must approve every sale of real property that has an appraised value of at least Fifty Thousand dollars (\$50,000);

WHEREAS, the Council now finds that it is in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Jasper, Indiana, to proceed with the sale of these underutilized park properties.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Jasper Common Council as follows:

SECTION 1. The Common Council hereby finds that Lot No. 1 and Lot No. 3 of Camp Carnes, are no longer needed and are appropriate for sale as recommended by the Jasper City Parks and Recreation Board;

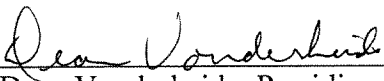
SECTION 2. The Council authorizes and directs the Mayor, in coordination with appropriate city staff, to take all actions that may be necessary or advisable to facilitate the lawful disposition of such properties.

SECTION 3. All sales shall be subject to the procedures required by Indiana law, including required notice, bidding or public offering procedures and as applicable.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall be effective upon passage.

SECTION 5. All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Jasper, Indiana, this
18th day of June, 2025.


Dean Vonderheide, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

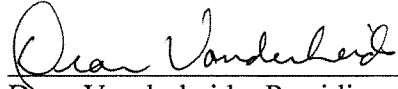

Kiersten Knies, Clerk Treasurer

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Jasper on this 18th day of June 2025, at the hour of 6:07 o'clock a.m./p.m.



Kiersten Knies, Clerk Treasurer

This Resolution approved and signed by me as the Mayor of the City of Jasper, Indiana, this 18th day of June 2025, at the hour of 6:08 o'clock a.m./p.m.



Dean Vonderheide, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:



Kiersten Knies, Clerk Treasurer