

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA
June 18, 2025**

A regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Jasper, Indiana, was held on Wednesday June 18, 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> |
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| 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. 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, Police Chief, Chad Dick, Director of Community Development and Planning, Josh Gunselman, and Park and Recreation Director Tom Moorman were 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 May 21, 2025, were distributed to, and examined by the Council. A motion was made by Council member Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Council member Kevin Manley to approve the minutes from May 21, 2025, without corrections. Motion carried 7-0.

Presentations.

Director of Community Development and Planning, Josh Gunselman, presented an overview of the Development and Planning Department for the past year.

Ordinance No. 2025-10

An Ordinance Providing for a Uniform Code for Traffic Upon the Public Streets – Stop Intersections Designated (Amending Section 9.24 of Ordinance No. 546)

A motion was made by Kevin Manley and seconded by Paul Lorey to read Ordinance No. 2025-10 by title only on the first reading. Motion carried 7-0.

City Attorney Renee Kabrick so read Ordinance No. 2025-10 by title only.

Thereafter a motion was made by Vince Helming and seconded by Phil Mundy to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2025-7 on the first reading. The intersection of 4th St and Mill St has caused concern, leading to Ordinance No. 2025-7. The Street Department concluded that to make this a pedestrian route, a stop sign needs to be added. Phil Mundy raised concern on the visibility of the stop sign at the Cultural Center on 3rd St. It was recommended that the stop signs include a solar-powered flashing light. It will be taken into consideration and further discussed with the Street Department on sign type. Motion carried 7-0.

Ordinance No. 2025-11

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 Paul Lorey and seconded by John Schroeder to read Ordinance No. 2025-11 by title only on the first reading. Motion carried 7-0.

City Attorney Renee Kabrick so read Ordinance No. 2025-11 by title only.

Thereafter a motion was made by Chad Lueken and seconded by Kevin Manley to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2025-11 on the first reading. There are three water main projects, one being on 13th St from Dorbet St to Emily St, next 13th St from Emily to Altmeyer Rd, then Dorbet St from 13th to 9th St. The bids that came in exceeded the budget. The loan will cover costs associated as well as the Skyline Project. Motion carried 7-0.

Resolution No. 2025-4

A Resolution Approving Sale of Real Property

A motion was made by Paul Lorey and seconded by Vince Helming to read Resolution No. 2025-4 by title only. Motion carried 7-0.

City Attorney Renee Kabrick so read Resolution No. 2025-4 by title only.

Thereafter a motion was made by Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Phil Mundy to approve Resolution No. 2025-3 on the first reading. The Resolution approves the sale of Lot No. 1 and Lot No. 3 of Camp Carnes. Money received from the sale goes to the Park Department. Motion carried 7-0.

Gas Contractor License Approval

Clerk Treasurer Kiersten Knies requested approval of a gas contractor license. Applications were received from Matt Byers with Huntingburg Machine Works and Ray Stratton Pate with Precision Metal.

A motion was made by John Schroeder and seconded by Paul Lorey to approve the gas contractor license for both applications. Motion carried 7-0.

Replacement of JCAC Board Member

After previous discussion, Mayor Vonderheide suggested to table this topic until the next meeting. City Attorney Renee Kabrick commented that the legal intern is putting together a proposal for a questionnaire on the procedure for council appointments.

A motion was made by Phil Mundy and seconded by Chad Lueken to table this discussion until the next meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

Acceptance of Donations

Clerk Treasurer Kiersten Knies requested council acceptance of donations for the month of May to the Park Department totaling \$560.00 restricted donations for Mike Oeding endowment and no unrestricted donations this month. Knies also requested the acceptance of donations made in the month of May to the Arts Department totaling \$325.00 in unrestricted donations from various donors and \$12,544.00 in restricted donations. The Arts Department approves the restrictions placed on those donations.

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

Adjournment. There being no further business, a motion was made by Council member John Schroeder and seconded by Council member Paul Lorey to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 7-0 and the meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

The minutes were hereby approved ____ with X without corrections or clarification this 23rd day of July 2025.



Mayor Dean Vonderheide, Presiding Officer

Attest: 

Kiersten Knies, Clerk-Treasurer