

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA
July 23, 2025**

A regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Jasper, Indiana, was held on Wednesday July 23, 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 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 June 20, 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 June 20, 2025, without corrections. Motion carried 7-0.

Presentations.

Stan Seifert, Electric presented an overview of the Electric Department over the past year.

Ed Hollinden, of Wastewater presented an overview of the Wastewater Department over the past year.

Whitney Lubbers, Director of Dubois County Tourism presented an overview on tourism in Dubois County over the past year.

JCAC BOARD NOMINATION

A motion was made by Phil Mundy and seconded by Nancy Eckerle to nominate Julie Pieper Burns for the vacant Jasper Community Arts Commission Board position. Motion carried 7-0.

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 Paul Lorey and seconded by Chad Lueken to read Ordinance No. 2025-10 by title only on the second/final reading. Motion carried 7-0.

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

Thereafter a motion was made by John Schroeder and seconded by Vince Helming to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2025-10 on the second/final reading. 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 Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Phil Mundy to read Ordinance No. 2025-11 by title only on the second/final reading. Motion carried 7-0.

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

Thereafter a motion was made by Paul Lorey and seconded by Vince Helming to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2025-11 on the second/final reading. Motion carried 7-0.

Gas Contractor License Approval

Clerk Treasurer Kiersten Knies requested approval of a gas contractor license. An application was received from Jaime A. Diaz with Carpenter Rentals, LLC.

A motion was made by Kevin Manley and seconded by Chad Lueken to approve the gas contractor license for Jaime A. Diaz with Carpenter Rentals, LLC. Motion carried 7-0.

Acceptance of Donations

Clerk Treasurer Kiersten Knies requested council acceptance of donations for the month to the Park Department in the value \$600.00. The Park Department approved the restrictions placed on these donations.

A motion was made by Kevin Manley and seconded by Paul Lorey to accept the donations to the Park Department in the value of \$600.00. The Council thanked the community for its continuous support. Motion carried 7-0.

Additional Discussion

Board Appointment Process. City Attorney Renee Kabrick advised that the Legal Intern researched and put together a memo with some guidance regarding board positions and appointments. Council member Nancy Eckerle appreciated the information and will have a separate meeting with the subcommittee to discuss.

Opioid Litigation Settlement Overview City. Attorney Renee Kabrick advised there is a proposed settlement between Purdue Pharma and the Sackler family. Outside council recommends the settlement. There will be an action item on the August council agenda.

Opioid Fund Distribution Process. Council member Nancy Eckerle advised that she is working with the group from IU to determine the best use of funds and then hopefully establishing a granting process to follow to distribute the funds on a yearly basis.

Trash Stickers. Mayor Vonderheide reminded everyone that the cost of Trash Tag Stickers will be increasing to \$2.00 a piece beginning September 1, 2025, to help offset some of the actual costs associated with trash pick-up.

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 6:34 p.m.

The minutes were hereby approved ____ with K without corrections or clarification this 20th day of August 2025.



Mayor Dean Vonderheide, Presiding Officer

Attest: 

Kiersten Knies, Clerk-Treasurer