**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE**

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

**August 20, 2025**

A regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Jasper, Indiana, was held on Wednesday August 20, 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.

 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. 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, Ashley Keifer, Utility Business Office Manager; Tim Doersam, Gas and Water Manager; and Rob Young, General Manager of Utilities 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 July 23, 2025, were distributed to, and examined by the Council. A motion was made by Council member John Schroeder and seconded by Council member Chad Lueken to approve the minutes from July 23, 2025, without corrections. Motion carried 7-0.

**Presentations.**

Tim Doersam with Gas and Water presented an overview of the Gas and Water departments from the past year.

Ashley Keifer of the Utility Business Office presented an overview of the Utility Business Office from the past year.

**Opioid Litigation Update**

City Attorney Renee Kabrick requested council’s approval of the Purdue Pharma Settlement Plan and also requested the authority to proceed with the settlement documents provided to the Mayor that approve the Purdue Settlement Agreement.

A motion was made by Paul Lorey and seconded by Vince Helming to approve the Purdue settlement agreement and give Mayor Dean Vonderheide authorization to sign the documents. Motion carried 7-0.

**Acceptance of Donations**

Clerk Treasurer Kiersten Knies requested council acceptance of donations for the month of July to the Park Department in the value $1,000.00 and to the Art Department for the months of June and July totaling $9.657.25 in unrestricted donations and $1,350.00 in restricted donations. The Park Board and Art Board have approved the restriction made on the donations.

A motion was made by Kevin Manley and seconded by John Schroeder to accept the donations to the Park and Art Departments. The Council thanked the community for its continuous support. Motion carried 7-0.

**Additional Discussion**

**Board Appointment Process.** Council member Phil Mundy advised that they continue to work on an online Board Appointment application process and more information will be forthcoming.

**Adjournment.** There being no further business, a motion was made by Council member Paul Lorey and seconded by Council member Chad Lueken to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 7-0 and the meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

The minutes were hereby approved \_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_ without corrections or clarification this 17th day of September 2025.

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 **Mayor Dean Vonderheide, Presiding Officer**

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

**Kiersten Knies, Clerk-Treasurer**