

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CITY OF JASPER
AUGUST 26, 2025**

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Jasper, Indiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, August 26, 2025, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street and via Zoom Video Conferencing.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dean Vonderheide the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Clerk-Treasurer Kiersten Knies then called the roll:

Mayor Dean Vonderheide	Present
Board member Timothy Bell	Absent
Board member Nancy Eckerle	Present

Also, present were Police Chief Chad Dick, Street Commissioner Jeff Thiesing, Personnel/Safety/Loss Control Director Cale Knies, Fire Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Kenny Hochgesang and Director of Community Development and Planning Josh Gunselman, City Engineer Chad Hurm, City Attorney Renee Kabrick, Park and Recreation Director Tom Moorman, and Clerk Treasurer Kiersten Knies.

Kiersten Knies announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the board members must be present. Two of the three board members were present in person, which is a majority; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. Mayor Dean Vonderheide invited all those present to join in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The board members examined the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on August 12, 2025. Thereafter, a motion was made by Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Mayor Vonderheide to approve the minutes from August 12, 2025, without correction. Motion carried 2-0.

PARKLANDS PRESCRIBED BURN

Park and Recreation Director Tom Moorman sought approval for the Parklands Prescribed Burn for September 8-12, 2025; September 22-26, 2025; or October 1-3, 2025, weather depending. Olivia Fry will be conducting the burn again and has received approval from the Park Board. Notification will go out to the public approximately one week prior to the burn.

A motion was made by Mayor Vonderheide and seconded by Nancy Eckerle to approve the Parklands Prescribed Burn on either September 8-12, 2025; September 22-26, 2025; or October 1-3, 2025, weather depending. Motion carried 2-0.

AUCTION ITEMS

Police Chief Chad Dick requested permission to place the following items on the auction list:

Fourteen chairs, with asset number 101496;
Wheel and light bars with asset numbers 101872, 101873, 104975, 102050, and 102552;
Consoles inside vehicle with asse numbers 102418, 102419;
Federal light bars with asset numbers 102461 and 102462; and
Multicolor light bar with asset number 102758.

A motion was made by Mayor Vonderheide and seconded by Nancy Eckerle remove the items listed from the Police Department's list of fixed assets and place them on the auction list. Motion carried 2-0.

JUNK ASSETS

Police Chief Chad Dick requested permission to junk a Seneca computer with asset number 103038 and a Next Link computer with asset number 102748 from dispatch. The computers will be destroyed.

A motion was made by Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Mayor Vonderheide to remove asset number 103038 and 102748 from the Police Department's list of fixed assets. Motion carried 2-0.

Police Chief Chad Dick requested permission to junk a light bar with asset number 101505 that no longer works from the police department.

A motion was made by Mayor Vonderheide and seconded by Nancy Eckerle to remove item 101505 from the Police Department's list of fixed assets. Motion carried 2-0.

Police Chief Chad Dick requested permission to junk a totaled 2018 Dodge Charger with asset number 600214.

A motion was made by Mayor Vonderheide and seconded by Nancy Eckerle to remove asset number 600214 from the Police Department's list of fixed assets. Motion carried 2-0.

A motion was made by Mayor Vonderheide and seconded by Nancy Eckerle to junk thirteen chairs from the council chambers with asset number 100379, 100380, 100381, 100382, 100383, 100384, 100385, 100386, 100387, 100388, 100389, 100390 and 100393. Motion carried 2-0.

HIRING PROCESS

Police Chief Chad Dick requested permission to begin the hiring process for one open full time dispatch position.

A motion was made by Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Mayor Vonderheide to allow the Police Department to begin the hiring process for one open full time dispatch position. Motion carried 2-0.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Fire Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Kenny Hochgesang reviewed the previously distributed Fuel Maintenance report and Code Enforcement report. The board acknowledged receipt of these reports.

BID ACCEPTANCE

Street Commissioner Jeff Theising recommended accepted the low bid for the Street Department's Tire Changer from Ben Tire with a base bid amount of \$13,963.60 plus an alternative in the amount of \$1,461.00 for a total of \$15,394.60. This item is over budget; however, the street department has funds available from other purchases that came in below budget to cover the difference.

A motion was made by Mayor Vonderheide and seconded by Nancy Eckerle to approve the low quote for a Tire Changer from Ben Tire in the total amount of \$15,394.60. Motion carried 2-0.

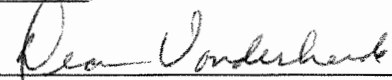
Street Commissioner Jeff Theising requested permission to purchase an air compressor for a truck for the low quote of \$2,699.99. The quotes were opened internally. City Attorney Renee Kabrick noted that because the purchase price was under the \$3,000.00 threshold, the Street Department did not need board approval.

A motion was made by Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Mayor Vonderheide to approve the Street Department's purchase of an air compressor in the sum of \$2,699.99. Motion carried 2-0.

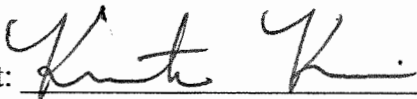
ADJOURNMENT. A motion was made by Mayor Vonderheide and seconded by

Nancy Eckerle to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 3-0 and the meeting adjourned at 8:32 a.m.

The minutes were hereby approved ___ with ✓ without corrections or clarification this ___ day of _____, 2025.



Mayor Dean Vonderheide, Presiding Officer

Attest: 

Kiersten Knies, Clerk-Treasurer