**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE**

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

**August 22, 2025**

A SPECIAL meeting of the Common Council of the City of Jasper, Indiana, was held on Friday, August 22, 2025, in the Pfaffenweiler Room of City Hall located at 610 Main Street, Jasper, Indiana.

**Call to Order.** Presiding Officer Mayor Dean Vonderheide called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.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

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.

**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.

**Introduction.** Mayor Vonderheide gave an introduction to the 2026 proposed budget sessions.

**Highlights.** Clerk Treasurer Kiersten Knies and Financial Coordinator Carma Gentry reviewed the highlights of the 2026 proposed budget.

**Street Department.** Street Commissioner Jeff Theising and Assistant Street Commissioner Matt Kiefer presented his departments proposed 2026 budget to the council.

**Break.** The council recessed for a short break.

**Engineering/Stormwater.** City Engineer Chad Hurm presented the Engineering and Stormwater’s proposed 2026 budgets to the council.

**Police Department.** Police Chief Chad Dick, Assistant Police Chief Aaron Persohn and Lieutenant David Burger presented the Police Department’s proposed 2026 budget to the council.

**Fire Chief/Code Enforcement.** Fire Chief Code Enforcement Officer Kenny Hochgesang submitted the Fire Department and Code Enforcement proposed 2026 budgets to the council.

**Mayor/EDIT/TIF.** Mayor Dean Vonderheide presented proposed 2026 budgets for his departments to the council.

**Lunch.** The council broke for lunch.

**CT/City Hall/Council.** Clerk Treasurer Kiersten Knies presented the proposed 2026 budget for the Clerk Treasurer Department, City Hall and Council to the council.

**Community Development/Planning.** Director of Community Development and Planning Josh Gunselman presented the Planning Department’s proposed 2026 budget to the council.

**Discussion/Action Items.** Council held discussion and assigned action items regarding the proposed 2026 budgets.

**Adjournment.** There being no further business, a motion was made by Council member Phil Mundy and seconded by Council member Vince Helming to adjourn the meeting until August 27, 2025, at 7:30 am. The motion carried 7-0 and the meeting adjourned at 2:31 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**