

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA
September 17, 2025**

A regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Jasper, Indiana, was held on Wednesday September 17, 2025, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street, Jasper, Indiana.

Call to Order. Council President Phil Mundy 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 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, City Engineer Chad Hurm and Director of Community Development and Planning Josh Gunselman were in attendance as well as Executive Director of Dubois Strong Colten Pipenger.

Moment of Personal Reflection. Council President Phil Mundy asked that all present take a moment for personal reflection.

Pledge of Allegiance. Council President Phil Mundy 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 August 20, 2025, and the Special Council Meetings held August 14, 2025, August 22, 2025, and August 27, 2025, were distributed to, and examined by the Council. A motion was made by Council member Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Council member Chad Lueken to approve the minutes from August 20, 2025, August 14, 2025, August 22, 2025, and August 27, 21027, without corrections. Motion carried 7-0.

Presentations.

City Engineer Chad Hurm presented an overview of the Stormwater and Engineering departments from the past year.

Executive Director of Dubois Strong Colten Pipenger gave an overview of the past year at Dubois Strong.

Ordinance No. 2025-14

An Ordinance Appropriating Money for the City of Jasper for the Year 2026

A motion was made by Paul Lorey and seconded by Vince Helming to read Ordinance No. 2025-12 by title only on the first reading. Motion carried 7-0.

City Attorney Renee Kabrick so read Ordinance No. 2025-14 by title only.

Council President Phil Mundy opened the public hearing. Being no one from the public appeared, a motion was made by Paul Lorey and seconded by Nancy Eckerle to close the public hearing. Motion carried 7-0.

Thereafter a motion was made by Paul Lorey and seconded by Vince Helming to approve Ordinance No. 2025-14 on the first reading. Motion carried 7-0.

Ordinance No. 2025-15

An Ordinance Levying Taxes and Fixes the Rate of Taxation for the City of Jasper, Indiana for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2026.

A motion was made by Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Paul Lorey to read Ordinance No. 2025-15 by title only on the first reading. Motion carried 7-0.

City Attorney Renee Kabrick so read Ordinance No. 2025-15 by title only.

A motion was made by Paul Lorey and seconded by Vince Helming to approve Ordinance No. 2025-15 on the first reading. Motion carried 7-0.

Ordinance No. 2025-16

An Ordinance Providing Options for the Enforcement of the Penal Provisions Contained in the Municipal Code of Jasper and for the Classification of Violations Thereof, All in Accordance with the Applicable Statutes of the State of Indiana.

A motion was made by Paul Lorey and seconded by Chad Lueken to read Ordinance No. 2025-16 by title only on the first reading. Motion carried 7-0.

City Attorney Renee Kabrick so read Ordinance No. 2025-16 by title only.

A motion was made by John Schroeder and seconded by Paul Lorey to approve Ordinance No. 2025-16 on the first reading. Motion carried 7-0.

Ordinance No. 2025-17

An Ordinance Amending the River Centre Planned Unit Development District

A motion was made by Vince Helming and seconded by Chad Lueken to read Ordinance No. 2025-17 by title only on the first and only reading. Motion carried 7-0.

City Attorney Renee Kabrick so read Ordinance No. 2025-17 by title only.

A motion was made by Paul Lorey and seconded by Kevin Manley to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2025-17 on the first and only reading. Motion carried 6-1, with Nancy Eckerle voting nay.

2026 Holiday Schedule

Council President Phil Mundy presented the council with the proposed 2026 Holiday Schedule. He noted the addition of the day after Thanksgiving as a Holiday for the City of Jasper. A motion was made by Kevin Manley and seconded by Paul Lorey to approve the 2026 Holiday Schedule. Motion carried 7-0.

Acceptance of Donations

Clerk Treasurer Kiersten Knies requested Council acceptance of the following donations:

- Art Department: \$240 in unrestricted donations and \$400 in restricted donations. The Art Board has approved the restrictions.
- City of Jasper (from OFS): \$3,000 restricted for use by the Fire Department. The Board of Public Works has approved this restriction.

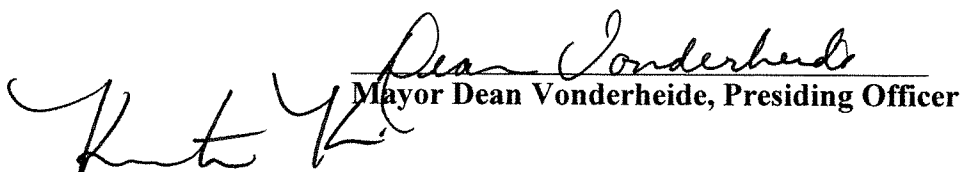
A motion was made by Paul Lorey and seconded by Nancy Eckerle to accept the donations as mentioned. The Council thanked the community for its continuous support. Council member Paul Lorey also thanks Kimball Office for the donation of the new council chamber chairs. Motion carried 7-0.

Additional Discussion

Comprehensive Plan Survey. Director of Community Development and Planning Josh Gunselman provided an update on the Comprehensive Plan and the City's forward-looking planning efforts. He explained that the planning process includes multiple phases, and the city is currently in a critical phase focused on gathering data and obtaining community input. A key goal is to engage more than 1,000 participants in the process. The project website is available through the City's website, and information has also been shared on social media. A press release was issued on Monday. The community survey, which is available in both English and Spanish, is now open for public participation.

Adjournment. There being no further business, a motion was made by Council member Chad Lueken and seconded by Council member Paul Lorey to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 7-0 and the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

The minutes were hereby approved ____ with X without corrections or clarification this 22nd day of October 2025.



Mayor Dean Vonderheide, Presiding Officer

Attest: _____

Kiersten Knies, Clerk-Treasurer