

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA
NOVEMBER 20, 2018**

A meeting of the Common Council of the City of Jasper, Indiana, was held on Tuesday, November 20, 2018, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street, Jasper, Indiana.

Call to Order. Presiding Officer Mayor Terry Seitz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call.

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm called the roll.

Mayor Terry Seitz	Present
Council members:	
John Schroeder	Present
John Bell	Present
David Hurst	Present
Earl Schmitt	Present
Kevin Manley	Present
Nancy Eckerle	Present
Dean Vonderheide	Present
City Attorney Renee Kabrick	Present
Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm	Present

Boehm announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the council members must be in attendance. All seven council members were in attendance which is a majority; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Seitz invited all those present to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Minutes.

The following minutes were distributed to and examined by the Council:

1. October 17, 2018 regular common council meeting
2. August 23, 2018 special meeting-2019 budget hearing
3. August 29, 2018 special meeting-2019 budget hearing

A motion was made by Council member Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to adopt the three sets of minutes as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

DUBOIS STRONG

Dubois Strong President Ed Cole gave an update on the organization's activities. He reported on such topics as;

Using Google display ads in targeted areas and working with HR partners to drive viewers to their websites

Tour of Opportunity with the schools-look at VUJC

Had an agricultural summit in November

Held a manufacturing day in October

Regional Opportunities Commission

Mid State Corridor project—next step is to get an RFP for a consultant

Council member Kevin Manley asked Cole to contact someone in the State about having tier pricing when renting such places as Jasper Lofts that was built with tax credit money. Local workers make too much money to get a reduced rental fee but not enough to pay full rent prices.

PUBLIC HEARING-VACATE PU&DE

Mayor Seitz opened the public hearing concerning the petition of Ryan and Blayr Kramer to vacate a public utility and drainage easement located on Lot 16 in

Timber Ridge Estates II commonly known as 533 University Drive. A notice of the public hearing appeared in the Herald on November 5, 2018.

Phil Buehler with Brosmer Land Surveying and representing the Kramers said the reason for the vacation is to allow for the construction of a detached garage within the unused public utility and drainage easement located along the north line of Lot 16. He presented a drawing of the proposed vacation area and the building location. Buehler also said a sanitary sewer force main will be relocated at Kramer's expense.

City Attorney Renee Kabrick said currently there are no Jasper Municipal Utilities located in the existing PU & DE; however, the petitioners have agreed to provide a new easement location for any future utility needs. The exact location of the new easement may change based on additional permitting requirements.

Mayor Seitz asked for comments from the public. No public comments were received.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Council member David Hurst to close the public hearing. Motion carried 7-0 and the public hearing was closed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-31 AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA, VACATING A PUBLIC UTILITY AND DRAINAGE EASEMENT

This ordinance vacates a public utility and drainage easement located on Lot 16 in Timber Ridge Estates II commonly known as 533 University Drive. [Ryan and Blayr Kramer petitioners]

A motion was made by Council member Dean Vonderheide and seconded by Council member John Bell to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Motion carried 7-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Earl Schmitt and seconded by Council member David Hurst to read the ordinance by title only. Motion carried 7-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member Nancy Eckerle to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2018-31. Motion carried 7-0.

City Attorney Renee Kabrick recommended amending the motion to make the vacation ordinance effective upon getting new easements through the platting process and its conclusion and after the vacate ordinance is recorded.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member Nancy Eckerle to amend the motion to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2018-31 to say to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2018-31 effective upon getting new easements through the platting process when the process is concluded and after the vacate ordinance is recorded. The amended motion passed 7-0.

REZONING PROPOSAL/ORDINANCE NO. 2018-32

Mayor Seitz said the council needs to consider a petition from Michael J. Hochgesang Gift Trust to rezone 12.738 acres of land located south of County Road 150 North approximately 900 feet west of CR 350 W and 775 feet south of the CR 350 W and SR 56 intersection from A-1 agricultural general to RR rural residential.

A notice of intent to consider this proposal was sent to the news media and was posted at city hall. The Plan Commission gave a favorable recommendation regarding the rezoning proposal.

The petitioner wants to rezone the property for the proposed subdivision known as Timber Creek III.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Council member John Schroeder to accept the proposal to rezone the property and adopt the rezoning ordinance for such property. Motion carried 7-0.

The ordinance was referenced as Ordinance No. **2018-32**.

UTILITY SERVICE BOARD REPORT

General Manager of Utilities Gerald 'Bud' Hauersperger gave a report on the regular monthly Utility Service Board meeting held on November 19, 2018. A copy of the Utility Service Board minutes is supplied to each council member.

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-30 AN ORDINANCE CORRECTING SCRIVENER'S ERROR AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2018-7 ANNEXING CERTAIN ADJACENT AND CONTIGUOUS TERRITORY INTO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA [Rolling Hills]

This ordinance corrects scrivener's error in the legal description for Rolling Hills annexation Ordinance No. 2018-7.

A motion was made by Council member Earl Schmitt and seconded by Council member John Bell to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Motion carried 7-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member David Hurst and seconded by Council member Dean Vonderheide to read the ordinance by title only. Motion carried 7-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member David Hurst and seconded by Council member Nancy Eckerle to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2018-30. Motion carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-10 A RESOLUTION CORRECTING SCRIVENER'S ERROR IN LEGAL DESCRIPTION

(Amending Resolution 2018 – 2 and the Written Fiscal Plan adopted therein - Rolling Hills)

This resolution corrects scrivener's error in the legal description for the Rolling Hills annexation fiscal plan adopted by Resolution No. 2018-2.

A motion was made by Council member John Schroeder and seconded by Council member John Bell to consider the resolution for one reading only. Motion carried 7-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member David Hurst and seconded by Council member Nancy Eckerle to read the resolution by title only. Motion carried 7-0. The city attorney so read the resolution. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member David Hurst and seconded by Council member Nancy Eckerle to pass and adopt Resolution No. 2018-10. Motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-29 AN ORDINANCE TO TRANSFER APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA, FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018

This ordinance approves 2018 budget appropriation line item transfers.

A motion was made by Council member David Hurst and seconded by Council member Dean Vonderheide to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Motion carried 7-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Earl Schmitt and seconded by Council member Nancy Eckerle to read the ordinance by title only. Motion carried 7-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member Dean Vonderheide to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2018-29. Motion carried 7-0.

BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENTS BY THE COUNCIL FOR 2019

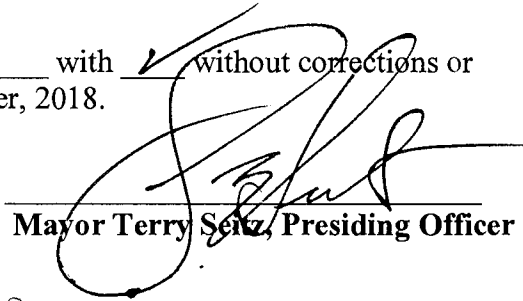
The council needs to make several board member appointments for terms beginning in 2019. The following people agreed to serve another term on the following boards beginning in 2019:

John Bell	Dubois Co. Solid Waste	1 year
John Bell	Redevelopment Commission	1 year
John Schroeder	Redevelopment Commission	1 year
Tara Eckman	Utility Service Board	4 years
Linda Kahle	Community Arts Commission	4 years
Kent Reyling	Community Arts Commission	4 years
Dean Vonderheide	Jasper Library Board	4 years

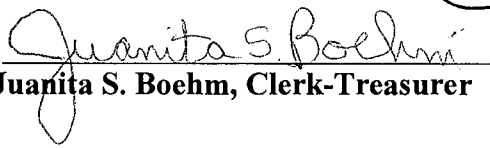
A motion was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to approve the above listed appointments for terms beginning in 2019. Motion carried 7-0.

Adjournment. There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Council member Earl Schmitt and seconded by Council member David Hurst to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 7-0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

The minutes were hereby approved _____ with without corrections or clarification this 19th day of December, 2018.



Mayor Terry Seitz, Presiding Officer

Attest: 

Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer