

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA
FEBRUARY 20, 2019**

A meeting of the Common Council of the City of Jasper, Indiana, was held on Wednesday, February 20, 2019, 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 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call.

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm called the roll.

Mayor Dean Vonderheide	Present
Council members:	
John Schroeder	Present
John Bell	Present
David Hurst	Present
Earl Schmitt	Present
Kevin Manley	Present
Nancy Eckerle	Present
Philip Mundy	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 Vonderheide 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. January 23, 2019 regular common council meeting

A motion was made by Council member John Schroeder and seconded by Council member Kevin Manley to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-1 ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JASPER
COMMON COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF LOCAL
INCOME TAX ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVENUE LINE OF
CREDIT**

This ordinance authorizes the city to enter into a \$3.5 million line of credit for purposes of gap financing pending receipt of the DINO tax credits for the cultural center project.

First reading of the ordinance was held at the December 19, 2018 meeting. Amendments to the ordinance were made at the January 23, 2019 meeting.

A motion was made by Council member Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to read the ordinance by title only on second reading. Motion carried 7-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member John Bell and seconded by Council member Nancy Eckerle to approve the ordinance on second reading. Motion carried 7-0.

Under discussion, City Attorney Renee Kabrick said besides the amendments that were approved on January 23, 2019, language was also added about a guaranty--
the Line of Credit will also support a guaranty of the City (the "Guaranty") to the purchaser of the tax credits that funds will be available to reimburse the tax credit investor in the event that there is a determination by the State of Indiana (the "State") that there were insufficient Project expenses to qualify for all or a part of the tax credit investment funds

Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to read the ordinance by title only on third and final reading. 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 David Hurst to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2019-1 on third and final reading. Motion carried 7-0.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-2 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA, 2019 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCOME TAX REVENUE FUNDS
(CULTURAL CENTER PROJECT)**

This ordinance creates three 2019 EDIT Revenue Funds for the cultural center project; Cultural Center Project Fund, Sinking Fund, and Excess Fund.

First reading of this ordinance was held December 19, 2018.

A motion was made by Council member Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Council member David Hurst to read the ordinance by title only on second reading. 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 Earl Schmitt to approve the ordinance on second reading. Motion carried 7-0.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member David Hurst and seconded by Council member John Schroeder to read the ordinance by title only on third and final reading. Motion carried 7-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Council member John Bell to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2019-2 on third and final reading. Motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC HEARING-ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR LINE OF CREDIT PROCEEDS

Mayor Vonderheide opened the public hearing concerning the appropriation of the \$3.5 million proceeds of the City of Jasper Economic Development Local Income Tax Revenue Line of Credit of 2019 (Cultural Center Project) that will be considered in Ordinance No. 2019-3.

A notice of the public hearing appeared in the Herald on February 8, 2019.

At the January 23, 2019 meeting, Richard Starkey with Barnes and Thornburg explained the need for the line of credit.

Mayor Vonderheide then asked for comments from the public. No comments were received.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member John Schroeder and seconded by Council member Kevin Manley to close the public hearing. Motion carried 7-0 and the public hearing was closed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-3 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL MONEY FOR THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA, FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019

This ordinance appropriates \$3,500,000 in the Cultural Center Project Fund from the line of credit proceeds for the cultural center project.

A motion was made by Council member David Hurst and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt 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 Earl Schmitt 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 John Schroeder and seconded by Council member John Bell to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2019-3. Motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC HEARING-ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FROM RIVERBOAT FUND

Mayor Vonderheide opened the public hearing concerning the appropriation of \$180,000 from the Riverboat Fund for the City's portion of the former Remax Realty/Steve and Annette Wigand property purchased for the cultural center project.

A notice of the public hearing appeared in the Herald on February 9, 2019.

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

The additional appropriation will be considered in Ordinance No. 2019-5.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-5 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL MONEY FOR THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA, FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019

This ordinance appropriates \$180,000 from the Riverboat Fund for the City's portion of the former Remax Realty/Steve and Annette Wigand property purchased for the cultural center project.

A motion was made by Council member John Schroeder and seconded by Council member David Hurst to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Motion carried 7-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt 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 Earl Schmitt to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2019-5. Motion carried 7-0.

UTILITY SERVICE BOARD REPORT

General Manager of Utilities Gerald 'Bud' Hauersperger gave a report on the regular monthly Utility Service Board meeting held on February 19, 2019. A copy of the Utility Service Board minutes is supplied to each council member.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-6 AN ORDINANCE FIXING A SCHEDULE OF REVISED RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE SALE OF WATER BY THE JASPER MUNICIPAL WATER UTILITY (REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2015-14)

This ordinance revises the water utility rates and charges.

General Manager of Utilities Gerald 'Bud' Hauersperger said the water utility rates are being increased 12% across the board.

A motion was made by Council member Earl Schmitt and seconded by Council member Philip Mundy to read the ordinance by title only on first reading. 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 David Hurst to approve the ordinance on first reading. Motion carried 7-0.

A public hearing will be held in March 2019. Second and final readings will be held March 20, 2019. If adopted, the ordinance becomes effective no sooner than for the billings which occur after May 1, 2019.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-2 RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY FROM THE JASPER PUBLIC LIBRARY AND TAKING OTHER ACTIONS REGARDING THE THYEN CLARK CULTURAL CENTER PROJECT

This resolution authorizes the purchase of one-half of the cultural center property from the library. The property is located at 100 3rd Avenue.

A motion was made by Council member Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Council member Philip Mundy to consider the resolution for one reading only. Motion carried 7-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Council member David Hurst 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 Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member David Hurst to pass and adopt Resolution No. 2019-2. Motion carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-3 A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF CERTAIN ITEMS OF ARTWORK FOR THE JASPER COMMUNITY ARTS DEPARTMENT

This resolution accepts non-cash property items donated to the arts department.

A motion was made by Council member John Schroeder and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to consider the resolution for one reading only. Motion carried 7-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Council member Philip Mundy 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 Earl Schmitt and seconded by Council member Nancy Eckerle to pass and adopt Resolution No. 2019-3. Motion carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-4 A RESOLUTION OF THE JASPER COMMON COUNCIL ACCEPTING A RESTRICTED USE DONATION [Thyen Clark Cultural Center-Grant Donation]

This resolution accepts a \$1.7 million restricted use donation for the cultural center and arts center.

A motion was made by Council member Earl Schmitt and seconded by Council member Kevin Manley to consider the resolution 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 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 John Bell to pass and adopt Resolution No. 2019-4. Motion carried 7-0.

COMMENTS

Mayor Vonderheide announced that groundbreaking for the cultural center project is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

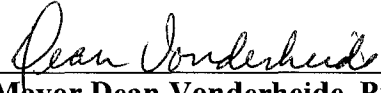
Council member Nancy Eckerle asked about addressing the current library property. Mayor Vonderheide said he wants to bring this matter to the Redevelopment Commission.

It was mentioned about changing the time of the monthly council meetings. Because the time of the meetings is listed in the 2019 City calendar, Council member Earl Schmitt said the time should not be changed this year.

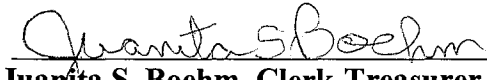
Council member Nancy Eckerle said REACH Alert, a company that provides notification services, provided a demo last week. She distributed a sample letter that could be used to send to residents if the City decides to offer this service. She encouraged council members to sign up for a test notification.

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 Philip Mundy to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 7-0 and the meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

The minutes were hereby approved _____ with without corrections or clarification this 20th day of March, 2019.



Mayor Dean Vonderheide, Presiding Officer

Attest: 

Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer