

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA
MAY 22, 2019**

A meeting of the Common Council of the City of Jasper, Indiana, was held on Wednesday, May 22, 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. April 17, 2019 regular common council meeting

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

Welcome. Mayor Vonderheide welcomed the boy scouts from Troop 182 who were in attendance. The legal department intern, Logan Bromm, was introduced.

UTILITY SERVICE BOARD REPORT

General Manager of Utilities Gerald 'Bud' Hauersperger gave a report on the regular monthly Utility Service Board meeting held on May 20, 2019. A copy of the Utility Service Board minutes is supplied to each council member.

DUBOIS STRONG

Dubois Strong President Ed Cole gave an update on the organization's activities. He said they are working on workforce attraction, a quality of place grant, the rural broad brand issue, and the affordable child care issue.

Cole then reminded everyone that Dubois Strong has an Enterprise loan fund and to let him know if they know of someone who is interested in starting up a small business and could use such a loan.

PUBLIC HEARING-ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Mayor Vonderheide opened the public hearing concerning the additional appropriations for the community crossing grant project and match, and for part of a storm water project. A notice of the public hearing appeared in the Herald on May 11, 2019.

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm explained the purpose for the appropriations.

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

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

Ordinance No. 2019-10 was then presented.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-10 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL MONEY FOR THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA, FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019

This ordinance approves the additional appropriations for the community crossing grant project and match, part of a storm water project, and transfer of funds in the EDIT Fund for part of a payment for body cameras.

A motion was made by Council member John Bell and seconded by Council member Philip Mundy 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 John Bell 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 David Hurst to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2019-10. Motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-11 AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TARGET AREA

**(Parcels: 19-06-23-204-106.000-002 and 19-06-23-204-105.000-002)
(Kerstiens Development, Inc., Owners; Park Place Estates One LLC future owners)**

This ordinance designates an economic development target area for the property tax abatement request from Park Place Estates One LLC.

City Attorney Renee Kabrick said declaring the area an economic development target area is required for a residential development area such as this when the owner is seeking a property tax abatement. Kabrick said the Economic Development Commission [EDC] recommended the council designate these two parcels as an economic development target area but the EDC did not formally pass and adopt a resolution stating so. Therefore, if the council adopts Ordinance No. 2019-11, it needs to be contingent upon the EDC passing its resolution.

Ruger Kerstiens, the developer of the Park Place Estates multifamily development, presented a project overview. The multifamily development will consist of 148 units with a mix of one and two-bedroom apartments and townhouses. The total proposed project will be developed in three phases. The first phase consists of thirty units and a community room. There will be three buildings with ten units in each building. This complex will be 100% affordable market rate apartments. Affordable housing being defined as, housing that costs the occupant no more than 30% of their income including taxes and utilities. Kerstiens said this definition is the industry standard.

A motion was made by Council member Nancy Eckerle 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 Earl Schmitt and seconded by Council member John Schroeder 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 Nancy Eckerle to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2019-11 contingent upon the Economic Development Commission passing its resolution. Motion carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-6 RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA DESIGNATING A PORTION OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA, AS AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA

(Kerstiens Development, Inc. and Park Place Estates One, LLC)

This resolution designates an economic development revitalization area for the property tax abatement for Park Place Estates One LLC.

A motion was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member David Hurst 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 John Bell 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. 2019-6. Motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-12 AN ORDINANCE CORRECTING LEGAL DESCRIPTION AND AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2018 – 7 AND ALL AMENDMENTS THERETO ANNEXING CERTAIN ADJACENT AND CONTIGUOUS TERRITORY INTO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA

(Rolling Hills)

This ordinance corrects the legal description in the Rolling Hills annexation ordinance.

A motion was made by Council member Nancy Eckerle 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 Earl Schmitt and seconded by Council member Philip Mundy 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 Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2019-12. Motion carried 7-0.

Under discussion, City Attorney Renee Kabrick said the original annexation ordinance, Ordinance No. 2018-7, was amended by Ordinance No. 2018-30 that corrected a scrivener's error in the legal description. The County of Dubois feels a discrepancy in the legal description still remains as it currently exists for the annexation area, specifically concerning the status of parcel no.19-10-07-200-026.001-001 as a part of the annexation area. The owner of the subject parcel is the State of Indiana and said owner has been contacted and has waived any notice requirements and has no objection to the subject action.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-7 A RESOLUTION CORRECTING LEGAL DESCRIPTION AND AMENDING FISCAL PLAN

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

This resolution corrects the legal description in the Rolling Hills annexation fiscal plan.

A motion was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member John Schroeder 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 John Bell 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 Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to pass and adopt Resolution No. 2019-7. Motion carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-8 A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA, APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF ARTWORK

(SCULPTURE – Moon Kissed Crooner)

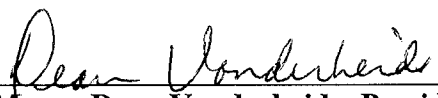
This resolution accepts the donation of the sculpture created by Albertus Gorman entitled “Moon Kissed Crooner”.

A motion was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member David Hurst 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 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. 2019-8. Motion carried 7-0.

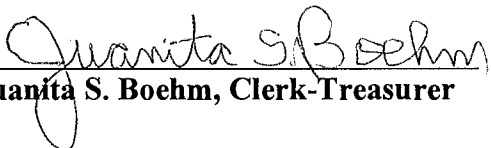
JCAC. Jasper Community Arts Commission member Gary Moeller attended the meeting on behalf of the Board.

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 John Bell to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 7-0 and the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

The minutes were hereby approved _____ with without corrections or clarification this 19th day of June, 2019.



Mayor Dean Vonderheide, Presiding Officer

Attest: 
Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer