

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CITY OF JASPER  
JUNE 25, 2019**

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Jasper, Indiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, June 25, 2019, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Presiding Officer Mayor Dean Vonderheide called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm then called the roll:

Mayor Dean Vonderheide	Present
Board member Timothy Bell	Present
Board member Nancy Eckerle	Present

Also present were Police Chief Nathan Schmitt, Street Commissioner Jeffrey Theising, City Engineer Chad Hurm, Personnel/Safety/Loss Control Director Cale Knies, Fire Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Kenneth Hochgesang, Director of Community Development and Planning Darla Blazey, City Attorney Renee Kabrick, and Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm.

Boehm announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the board members must be present. All three board members were present, 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 board members examined the minutes from the regular meeting held on June 11, 2019. Thereafter, a motion was made by Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Timothy Bell to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

**BLOCK PARKING SPACES AND SIDEWALK**

Mark Young with Young Masonry asked permission to use the sidewalk and block off one or two parking spaces in front of David Bromm's business located at 112 W 5<sup>th</sup> Street for two weeks while he does some roof repair and tuck pointing to the building. Young said he plans to start working sometime next week.

A motion was made by Mayor Vonderheide and seconded by Timothy Bell to approve the blocking of the sidewalk and parking spaces in front of Bromm's office building for approximately two weeks beginning July 1, 2019. Motion carried 3-0.

**STRASSE POPS**

Alana Hulsman, owner of Strasse Pops, asked permission to sell her product at some city-owned parks. Hulsman currently sells Strasse Pops, an organic fruity popsicle, at the farmers market. Hulsman says she makes the popsicles and sells them from a mobile stand that is a tricycle with a freezer.

City Attorney Renee Kabrick said the City is currently working on a mobile food vendor ordinance but as of now, there is no ordinance in place regarding this issue so this board will need to make a decision on a case-by-case basis. Kabrick recommended the board identify the parks Hulsman would be allowed to sell her product. Intern Samantha Kabrick said the park department does not want Hulsman to sell her product at the facilities that have a concession stand contract with the City.

After discussion, the board suggested she start with the following parks, the Parklands, Central Green, and the River Walk. Kabrick said if Hulsman sells to the public such as at the library property or on the sidewalk outside the Astra, she will need to return for board permission. If she sells on private property, she will need to contact the property owner.

A motion was made by Mayor Vonderheide and seconded by Nancy Eckerle to give permission to Hulsman to sell her product at the Parklands, Central Green, and the River Walk. Motion carried 3-0.

#### **DUMPSTER ON STREET**

Mayor Vonderheide said he received a request from Jolee Kasprzak to place a dumpster in front of the house located at 313 W 8<sup>th</sup> Street for two days. She will order the dumpster as soon as she receives approval.

A motion was made by Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Timothy Bell to approve the placement of a dumpster at 313 W 8<sup>th</sup> Street for two days. Motion carried 3-0.

#### **POLICE OFFICER RETIRES**

Police Chief Nathan Schmitt said Lt. Mark Tedrow submitted a letter stating he will be retiring from the police department. His last day will be July 17, 2019. Tedrow has been with the department for over 36 years.

A motion was made by Mayor Vonderheide and seconded by Timothy Bell to accept the retirement of Lt. Mark Tedrow. Motion carried 3-0.

Schmitt said it has been customary that when an officer retires, the City gives that officer his service weapon. Schmitt asked permission to give Tedrow his service weapon, a Glock 17 9mm BBDN448.

A motion was made by Timothy Bell and seconded by Nancy Eckerle to release the service weapon, a Glock 17 9mm BBDN448, to Mark Tedrow upon his retirement. Motion carried 3-0.

#### **UTILITY ASSOCIATES INC CONTRACT**

Police Chief Nathan Schmitt asked the board to enter into a five-year contract with BodyWarn/Utility Associates Inc for body cameras. The contract is for \$46,660 per year for a total of \$233,300 for the five years. Schmitt said there is no interest if it is paid over five years. The price is for body camera and vehicle video and communications systems to support 25 officers and 23 vehicles with video and communications. Two officers will use the equipment for a 30-day trial period. The camera fits into the shirts. Modification to the shirts is included in the price.

City Attorney Renee Kabrick said the police department did not have to seek bids because this company is part of the government discount program that allows the City to buy from this vendor.

A motion was made by Mayor Vonderheide and seconded by Nancy Eckerle to accept the request to enter into a contract with Utility Associates Inc. Motion carried 3-0.

#### **SRO VEHICLE QUOTES**

Police Chief Nathan Schmitt said he sought quotes for two school resource officer vehicles; quotes for a truck and quotes for a car. Donations for these vehicles were sought through the Dubois County Community Foundation.

City Attorney Renee Kabrick opened the following quotes for a truck.

Ruxer Ford-Lincoln Inc	\$27,722.00	2019 Ford F150
Sternberg Chrysler	\$26,244.00	RAM 1500
Bob Luegers Motors	\$31,600.00	
Uebelhor and Sons	no quote submitted	

Kabrick then opened the following quotes for a car.

Ruxer Ford-Lincoln Inc	\$32,176.20	2020 Ford Mustang GT
Sternberg Chrysler	\$34,292.42	Dodge Challenger R/T
Bob Luegers Motors	no quote submitted	
Uebelhor and Sons	no quote submitted	

Schmitt recommended accepting the low quotes as long as they meet the specifications.

A motion was made by Timothy Bell and seconded by Nancy Eckerle to approve the quote from Sternberg's for a truck for \$26,244 and from Ruxer Ford for a car for \$32,176.20 upon review of the specifications. Motion carried 3-0.

#### **VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER RESIGNS**

Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang said he received a letter of resignation from Volunteer Firefighter Landon Boehm effective June 18, 2019. Boehm, who accepted a fulltime position with another fire department, served on this department since October 2016.

A motion was made by Mayor Vonderheide and seconded by Timothy Bell to accept the resignation from Landon Boehm. Motion carried 3-0.

#### **HIRE FIREFIGHTERS**

Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang asked permission to start the hiring process to hire up to four volunteer firefighters.

A motion was made by Timothy Bell and seconded by Nancy Eckerle to allow the fire chief to start the hiring process. Motion carried 3-0.

#### **HIGH WEED COMPLAINTS**

Fire Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Kenneth Hochgesang reported to the board the names of property owners and the locations that have been cited under 5.12.040 weed removal/notice. The names and locations are as follows:

Owner: Jeffrey and Monica Tunks  
Location: 1717 Cobblestone Road

Owner: Alexander Fuhs  
Location: 1621 Reservoir Ave

Owner: Corey Jochim  
Location: 212 W 8<sup>th</sup> Street

Owner: Seagull Properties  
Location: 509 W 9<sup>th</sup> Street

Owner: Paula Frazier  
Location: 943 Bartley Street

Owner: Cassandra Schilling  
Location: 939 Bartley Street

Owner: Margaret Wagner  
Location: 1422 Vine Street

Owner: Connie Thewes  
Location: 1230 Second Ave

#### **REPORTS**

Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang distributed copies of the code enforcement report and the fire department fuel and maintenance report.

Street Commissioner Jeffrey Theising gave an update on the Patoka River level and a status report about the Liquid Road projects. He then reported some changes to the street paving project list.

**BIDS FOR 2.5 TON TRUCK**

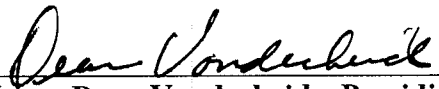
At the June 11, 2019 meeting, bids for a 2019 or newer 2.5-ton truck with dump bed and snow plow less the trade in of a 2002 Chev C8500 dump truck with snow plow were taken under advisement.


Street Commissioner Jeffrey Theising said he reviewed the bids. The low bid met the specifications, therefore, he recommended awarding the bid to Sternberg International for a net price of \$142,928.36.

A motion was made by Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Timothy Bell to approve the bid from Sternberg International for \$154,928.36 less the trade in allowance of \$12,000 for a net bid of \$142,928.36. Motion carried 3-0.

**ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Timothy Bell and seconded by Nancy Eckerle to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 3-0 and the meeting adjourned at 9:08 a.m.

The minutes were hereby approved \_\_\_ with  without corrections or clarification this 9<sup>th</sup> day of July 2019.

  
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Mayor Dean Vonderheide, Presiding Officer

Attest:   
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Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer