

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA  
JULY 17, 2019**

A meeting of the Common Council of the City of Jasper, Indiana, was held on Wednesday, July 17, 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 7:02 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	Absent
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. Six of the 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. June 19, 2019 regular common council meeting
2. June 24, 2019 special council meeting

A motion was made by Council member Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Council member John Bell to approve both sets of minutes as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

**Welcome.** Mayor Vonderheide welcomed the scouts from Ireland Boy Scout Troop 130 who were in attendance. The scouts are working on a communications merit badge.

**JCAC.** Jasper Community Arts Commission member Beth Seidl attended the meeting on behalf of the Board.

**UTILITY SERVICE BOARD REPORT**

General Manager of Utilities Gerald 'Bud' Hauersperger gave a report on the regular monthly Utility Service Board meeting held on July 15, 2019. A copy of the Utility Service Board minutes is supplied to each council member.

**RIVER CENTRE LLC BONDS**

Richard Starkey with Barnes and Thornburg LLP said there will be a series of three bonds that will be issued and loaned to River Centre LLC for the purpose of financing River Centre projects that are located in the Jasper Riverfront TIF Area.

Starkey said the Series A bonds, not to exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000), will be Tax-Exempt bonds that are secured by a pledge of 95% of the tax increment generated in the Allocation Area and are purchased and sold by the underwriter for the use of part of the River Centre Project, including but not limited to the extension of the Riverwalk, the North Parking Lot, West Parking

Lot, Railroad Improvements and the silt removal in Patoka River adjacent to River Centre.

The Series B Bonds, not to exceed One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000), are Taxable bonds that are paid out to the developer solely from funds legally available and appropriated by the City for such purposes, to reimburse the developer for expenses related to the development of the West Parking Lot and the construction of River Centre Landing.

The Series C Bonds are Junior taxable bonds that are secured by a pledge of 95% of any excess tax increment revenues generated in the Allocation Area after the Series A Bonds are paid; five percent (5%) of the excess TIF being retained by the City.

Matthew Eckerle with Baker Tilly Financial Advisors LLC presented the TIF financial analysis for the Series A bonds. Bond closing is tentatively scheduled for the end of August.

Ordinance No. 2019-19 was then presented for first reading.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-19 ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BONDS, AND LENDING OF THE PROCEEDS THEREOF TO RIVER CENTRE, LLC AND AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING OTHER ACTIONS IN RESPECT THERETO**

This ordinance authorizes the issuance of bonds for the River Centre LLC projects.

A motion was made by Council member John Bell and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to read the ordinance by title only on first reading. Motion carried 6-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Council member John Schroeder to approve the ordinance on first reading. Motion carried 6-0.

City Attorney Renee Kabrick said second and final readings of the ordinance will be held at the August council meeting. A special meeting is scheduled for July 30, 2019 to approve the bond term sheet.

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PRESENTATION**

Scott Siefker and Haley James with Taylor Siefker Williams conducted a power point presentation on the proposed Impact Jasper Comprehensive Plan. The draft documents are online. The last comprehensive plan for the City of Jasper was adopted in 2010. Amanda Straight with Thomas P. Miller and Associates presented highlights from the economic development component of the proposed Plan. At the April council meeting, Straight presented the Dubois County Economic Resiliency Study component of the Plan. Jon Craig and Derick Wiggins with Midwestern Engineers Inc presented the transportation and utility portions of the Plan. For the utility component, Craig said they focused on the infrastructure for future growth.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-16 AN ORDINANCE AFFIXING SALARIES AND WAGES FOR THE ELECTED OFFICIALS AND THE CIVIL CITY EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA, FOR THE YEAR 2019 (Amending Ord. No. 2018-21)**

This ordinance amends the civil city salary ordinance for the year 2019 to add language so a department can temporarily overlap employees in a position for training purposes.

A motion was made by Council member Earl Schmitt and seconded by Council member David Hurst to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Motion carried 6-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member David Hurst and seconded by Council member Nancy Eckerle to read the ordinance by title only. Motion carried 6-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion

was made by Council member David Hurst and seconded by Council member John Bell to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2019-16. Motion carried 6-0.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-17 AN ORDINANCE AFFIXING SALARIES AND WAGES FOR THE UTILITY EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA, FOR THE YEAR 2019 (Amending Ord. No. 2018 - 20)**

This ordinance amends the utility salary ordinance for the year 2019 to add language so a department can temporarily overlap employees in a position for training purposes.

A motion was made by Council member John Schroeder and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Motion carried 6-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member John Bell and seconded by Council member Nancy Eckerle to read the ordinance by title only. Motion carried 6-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Earl Schmitt and seconded by Council member David Hurst to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2019-17. Motion carried 6-0.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-18 AN ORDINANCE FIXING A SCHEDULE OF REVISED RATES AND CHARGES COLLECTED BY THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA, FROM THE OWNERS OF PROPERTY SERVED BY THE SEWAGE WORKS OF SAID CITY, AND OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH  
(AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2008-10)**

This ordinance revises the waste water utility rates and charges.

General Manager of Utilities Gerald 'Bud' Hauersperger reviewed the Municipal Sewage Works Accounting Report on the Biennial Study of Rates and Charges dated June 25, 2019 that was prepared by Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors.

The ordinance includes a section that establishes a debt service fee associated with the 2019 Sewer Extension Project.

A motion was made by Council member Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Council member John Schroeder to read the ordinance by title only on first reading. Motion carried 6-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member John Schroeder and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to approve the ordinance on first reading. Motion carried 6-0.

A public hearing will be held in August 2019. Second and final readings will be held August 21, 2019. If adopted, the ordinance becomes effective no sooner than for the billings which occur after October 1, 2019.

**MOBILE FOOD VENDOR DRAFT ORDINANCE**

Logan Bromm and Samantha Kabrick, summer interns for the City of Jasper, did a power point presentation on the draft ordinance regulating mobile food vendors. They explained what information was obtained from researching what other communities do regarding this matter. They then reviewed the regulations that are listed in the ordinance. A question and answer session then followed. The ordinance will be presented at the August meeting.

**FENCES FOR RESIDENTIAL SWIMMING POOLS**

At the June 19, 2019 meeting, there was a request to change the language in the ordinance regulating residential swimming pools to accept a lockable cover for pools or a fence instead of requiring pools to be completely enclosed by a fence. A draft ordinance that added the language from the Indiana Code to our ordinance was presented at that meeting. After discussion and several questions, City Attorney Renee Kabrick said she will draft a final ordinance and present it at the July meeting.

Mayor Vonderheide said more research about only allowing swimming pool covers without pool fences is needed. The concern is when there isn't a fence and pool covers are left open particularly in largely populated neighborhoods.

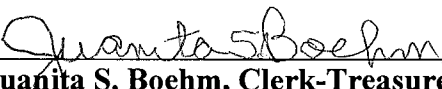
City Attorney Renee Kabrick said there is a National Pool Safety campaign that may provide some helpful information regarding residential swimming pool safety ideas.

Before making a decision, the City needs to look at additional options for certain situations.

**Adjournment.** There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Council member John Bell and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 6-0 and the meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

The minutes were hereby approved \_\_\_\_ with  without corrections or clarification this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2019.

  
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Mayor Dean Vonderheide, Presiding Officer

Attest:   
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Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer