

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA
AUGUST 22, 2019**

A special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Jasper, Indiana, was held on Thursday, August 22, 2019 in the Pfaffenweiler Room of City Hall located at 610 Main Street, pursuant to the call of the Mayor and notice given to the media.

Call to order.

Presiding Officer Mayor Dean Vonderheide called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

Roll Call.

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
Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm	Present

Also present during the meeting was Financial Coordinator Sharon Sander.

Purpose. The purpose of the special meeting was to continue discussing the proposed budget for the year 2020. The notice to the media also indicated that the council may discuss and act on any matters that may come before them.

After the budget discussion, department heads will join the council members for a working session to establish priorities regarding economic development and infrastructure projects.

Budget Business. The budget appropriations that were cut from the proposed budget at/since the August 8, 2019 meeting were reviewed. An additional \$15,000 still needed to be cut. Those line items and amounts were then identified.

Part time dispatcher. At the August 8, 2019 meeting, Police Chief Nathan Schmitt requested an additional part time dispatcher [telecommunicator] beginning in 2020 in order to have a back-up person on each shift. Funding for this position is not included in the proposed budget.

Discussion including such things as potential dispatch technology changes, consolidating with county dispatch, funding, and personnel needs followed. Because there was too much unknown information at this time, it was decided not to include funding for a part time dispatcher in the 2020 budget.

The budget discussion portion of the meeting ended at 8:30 a.m. Department heads then joined the meeting.

Projects session. Mayor Vonderheide then led the group through an exercise to categorize potential City projects into economic development and infrastructure lists and establish criteria for prioritization.

Lisa Schmidt then served as the facilitator for the remainder of the session. During this part of the session, projects were defined, participants voted on projects with highest priority, and then they ranked the projects on the highest priority list. The next step was to develop an action plan.

The project session ended at 11:48 a.m.

Adjournment. There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member John Schroeder to adjourn the special meeting. Motion carried 7-0 and the meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

The minutes were hereby approved ___ with ✓ without corrections or clarification this 23rd day of October, 2019.

Dean Vonderheide
Mayor Dean Vonderheide, Presiding Officer

Attest: Juanita S. Boehm
Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer