

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA  
JANUARY 15, 2020**

A meeting of the Common Council of the City of Jasper, Indiana, was held on Wednesday, January 15, 2020, 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 5:30 p.m.

**Roll Call.**

Clerk-Treasurer Allen Seifert called the roll.

Mayor Dean Vonderheide	Present
Council members:	
John Schroeder	Present
Chad Lueken	Present
David Hurst	Present
Paul Lorey	Present
Kevin Manley	Absent
Nancy Eckerle	Present
Philip Mundy	Present
City Attorney Renee Kabrick	Present
Clerk-Treasurer Allen Seifert	Present

Seifert announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the council members must be in attendance. Six of seven council members were in attendance which is a majority; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

**Moment of Personal Reflection.** Mayor Vonderheide asked that all present take a moment for personal reflection.

**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. December 18, 2019 Regular Council Meeting
2. January 7, 2020 Special Council Meeting

A motion was made by Council member John Schroeder and seconded by Council member Nancy Eckerle to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2020 - 1  
AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING OPTIONS FOR THE ENFORCEMENT  
OF THE PENAL PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THE MUNICIPAL  
CODE OF JASPER AND FOR THE CLASSIFICATION OF VIOLATIONS  
THEREOF, ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE APPLICABLE  
STATUTES OF THE STATE OF INDIANA  
(Repealing 1989-7 and 2004-11)**

A motion was made by Council member Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Council member Philip Mundy to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Motion carried 6-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member John Schroeder and seconded by Council member Paul Lorey to have the ordinance read by title only. Motion carried 6-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Dave Hurst and seconded by Council member Paul Lorey to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2020- 1. Under discussion, City Attorney Renee Kabrick advised the current Municipal Code has about 20 Chapters, each chapter has enforcement and fines. This ordinance will put the fines under one location in the manual and make the language fit the fines,

not increase the fines. Parking tickets were not included at this time, will be done at a future time. Motion carried 6-0.

## **ORDINANCE NO. 2020 - 2**

### **AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CUTTING INTO AND EXCAVATION OF PUBLIC STREETS (Amending Ordinance No. 788)**

This ordinance updates the fees for cutting into and excavating a public street.

A motion was made by Council member Paul Lorey and seconded by Council member Chad Lueken to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Motion carried 6-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Council member John Schroeder to have the ordinance read by title only. 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 Phil Mundy to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2020- 2. Under discussion, City Attorney Kabrick advised the rates had not been changed since 2013. The rate will go from \$7.02 to \$7.92 per square foot of cut into the pavement and from \$3.30 to \$3.67 per square foot for a revisit due to improper backfill compaction. Scott Schnell of the Engineering Dept spoke about the two rates and studies done. Motion carried 6-0.

### **ENCUMBRANCES**

A list of encumbered appropriations from the 2019 budget that will be transferred to the 2020 budget was presented to the council prior to the meeting. The council was asked to accept the list of encumbrances.

A motion was made by Council member Paul Lorey and seconded by Council member John Schroeder to accept the list of encumbrances from 2019. Motion carried 6-0.

### **GAS CONTRACTOR LICENSE APPLICATION**

A gas contractor license application was submitted by Richard Johnson, Jr. of Johnson Plumbing, LLC.

A motion was made by Council member John Schroeder and seconded by Council member Nancy Eckerle to approve a gas contractor license for Richard Johnson, Jr. of Johnson Plumbing, LLC. Motion carried 6-0.

### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

A conflict of interest disclosure statement submitted by Jerald Schitter was presented to the council for acceptance. Schitter is the City's electric manager and serves as a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Indiana Municipal Power Agency that sets the rates for the power that the City of Jasper purchases each month.

A motion was made by Council member John Schroeder and seconded by Council member Phil Mundy to accept the conflict of interest disclosure statement submitted by Jerald Schitter. Motion carried 6-0.

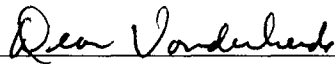
City Attorney Kabrick advised she is working on codifying Board of Public Works & Safety authority to adopt and maintain police employee handbook. She advised this will be a future ordinance.

City Attorney Kabrick advised the previous ordinance 2019-42 is not on the agenda but she was looking into language of an ordinance regulating animals. Ordinance 2019-42 was not adopted and there will be a new ordinance reference regulating animals.

Keith Vollmer of Downtown Dog was invited to speak to the council because he was unable to attend the last council meeting. He advised they are working on possible solutions to the issue of barking dogs at the location.

**Adjournment.** There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Council member John Schroeder and seconded by Council member Dave Hurst to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 6-0 and the meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.


The minutes were hereby approved \_\_\_\_ with  without corrections or clarification this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.

  
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Mayor Dean Vonderheide, Presiding Officer

Attest:   
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Allen J. Seifert, Clerk-Treasurer

**Certification of Encumbrances**

Encumbered		Year 2019		
Fund	Dept.	Acct. #	Title	Amount
General	Arts	0101.0174.4200	Buildings & Structures	3,600.00
General	Arts	0101.0174.4410	Auditorium Equipment	1,848.00
General	Fire	0101.0363.2600	General Supplies	31,520.00
General	Police	0101.0370.2500	Repair Charges	2,944.00
General	Police	0101.0370.4400	Equipment	52,257.00
General	Public Works	0101.0500.4200	Buildings & Structures	19,945.00
General	Public Works	0101.0500.4400	Equipment	142,929.00
General	Sanitation/Recycling	0101.0505.4400	Equipment	141,698.00
General	Refuse	0101.0506.3100	Contractual Services	17,890.00
				<u>414,631.00</u>
Park & Recreation	Buffalo Tr Golf Course	1301.0803.4400	Equipment	21,712.00
Park & Recreation	Buffalo Tr Golf Course	1301.0803.4120	Materials	24,118.00
Park & Recreation	Ruxer Golf Course	1301.0804.4120	Materials	8,641.00
Park & Recreation	General	1301.0802.4400	Equipment	160,538.00
Park & Recreation	General	1301.0802.4110	Land-Improvements	9,054.00
				<u>224,063.00</u>
EDIT		2411.0370.4400	Police Equipment	150,000.00
				<u>150,000.00</u>
Fire Pension Fund		0341.0363.1325	Retirement Plan Cont.	39,000.00
				<u>39,000.00</u>

  
 Allen J Seifert  
 Clerk-Treasurer  
 1/15/2020