

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA
APRIL 22, 2020**

A meeting of the Common Council of the City of Jasper, Indiana, was held on Wednesday, April 22, 2020, via ZOOM video conference.

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 – video conference
Council members:	
John Schroeder	Present – video conference
Chad Lueken	Present – video conference
David Hurst	Present – video conference
Paul Lorey	Present – video conference
Kevin Manley	Present – video conference
Nancy Eckerle	Present – video conference
Philip Mundy	Present – video conference
City Attorney Renee Kabrick	Present – video conference
Clerk-Treasurer Allen Seifert	Present – video conference

Seifert announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the council members must be in attendance. Seven 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. March 18, 2020 Regular 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 7-0.

2. April 2, 2020 Special Common 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 7-0.

REVIEW TAX ABATEMENT COMPLIANCE FORMS [CF-1]-INDIANA FURNITURE INDUSTRIES INC.

Copies of the Compliance with Statement of Benefits Form for real property and for personal property for 2020 pay 2021 from Indiana Furniture Industries Inc were previously distributed to the council members for their review. Along with the CF-1 forms was a project summary report.

Bernie Kreilein was present via video conference representing Indiana Furniture Industries Inc.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member Nancy Eckerle to find that Indiana Furniture Industries Inc is in substantial compliance with its statement of benefits for personal property and for real property [CF-1/PP and CF-1/real property]. Motion carried 7-0.

**REVIEW TAX ABATEMENT COMPLIANCE FORM [CF-1/PP]-
KIMBALL FURNITURE GROUP INC.**

Copies of the Compliance with Statement of Benefits Form for personal property for 2020 pay 2021 from Kimball Furniture Group Inc were previously submitted to the council members for their review.

Tanya Mehringer, James Parker and Kevin Ward were present via video conference representing Kimball Furniture Group Inc. Mehringer then reviewed the data on the CF-1/PP form that was submitted.

A motion was made by Council member Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Council member Paul Lorey to find that Kimball Furniture Group Inc is in substantial compliance with its statement of benefits for personal property [CF-1/PP]. Motion carried 7-0.

**REVIEW TAX ABATEMENT COMPLIANCE FORM [CF-1/PP]-
KIMBALL HOSPITALITY INC. RE: TO THE 2012 APPLICATION
REQUEST**

Copies of the Compliance with Statement of Benefits Form for personal property for 2020 pay 2021 from Kimball Hospitality Inc were previously submitted to the council members for their review.

Tanya Mehringer, James Parker and Kevin Ward were present via video conference representing Kimball Hospitality Inc. regarding its 2012 application request. Mehringer then reviewed the data on the CF-1/PP form that was submitted.

A motion was made by Council member John Schroeder and seconded by Council member Nancy Eckerle to find that Kimball Hospitality Inc is in substantial compliance with its statement of benefits for personal property [CF-1/PP]. Motion carried 7-0.

**REVIEW TAX ABATEMENT COMPLIANCE FORM [CF-1/PP]-
KIMBALL HOSPITALITY INC. RE: TO THE 2017 APPLICATION
REQUEST**

Copies of the Compliance with Statement of Benefits Form for personal property for 2020 pay 2021 from Kimball Hospitality Inc were previously submitted to the council members for their review.

Tanya Mehringer, James Parker and Kevin Ward were present via video conference representing Kimball Hospitality Inc. regarding its 2017 application request. Mehringer then reviewed the data on the CF-1/PP form that was submitted.

A motion was made by Council member Paul Lorey and seconded by Council member Phil Mundy to find that Kimball Hospitality Inc is in substantial compliance with its statement of benefits for personal property [CF-1/PP]. Motion carried 7-0.

**REVIEW TAX ABATEMENT COMPLIANCE FORM [CF-1/PP]-MEYER
DISTRIBUTING INC. AND REVIEW TAX ABATEMENT COMPLIANCE
FORM [CF-1/REAL PROPERTY]-TRANSIT PROPERTIES LLC
REVIEW TAX ABATEMENT COMPLIANCE FORM [CF-1/PP]-MEYER
DISTRIBUTING INC. AND REVIEW TAX ABATEMENT COMPLIANCE
FORM [CF-1/REAL PROPERTY]-BRAUN FAMILY PROPERTIES LLC**

Copies of the Compliance with Statement of Benefits Form for personal property for 2020 pay 2021 from Meyer Distributing Inc and copies of the Compliance with Statement of Benefits Form for real property for 2020 pay 2021 from Transit Properties LLC for property located at 30th and Mill Streets and at 1108 E 15th Street were previously submitted to the council members for their review. Copies

of the Compliance with Statement of Benefits Form for personal property for 2020 pay 2021 from Meyer Distributing Inc and copies of the Compliance with Statement of Benefits Form for real property for 2020 pay 2021 from Braun Family Properties LLC for property located along 25th Street and Cathy Lane were previously submitted to the council members for their review.

Jeff Braun representing the businesses was present via video conference. Jeff advised he was having connectivity issues. The Council members advised they reviewed the CF-1s and had no additional questions for Jeff.

A motion was made by Council member John Schroeder and seconded by Council member Kevin Manley to find that Meyer Distributing Inc is in substantial compliance with its statement of benefits for personal property [CF-1/PP] and Transit Properties LLC is in substantial compliance with its statement of benefits for real property [CF-1/real property] and Meyer Distributing Inc is in substantial compliance with its statement of benefits for personal property [CF-1/PP] and Braun Family Properties LLC is in substantial compliance with its statement of benefits for real property [CF-1/real property]. Motion carried 7-0.

REVIEW TAX ABATEMENT COMPLIANCE FORMS [CF-1]-JASPER CHAIR COMPANY INC.

Copies of the Compliance with Statement of Benefits Form for real property tax abatement [Form CF-1/real property] and for personal property tax abatement [Form CF-1/PP] for Jasper Chair Company Inc for 2020 pay 2021 were previously distributed to the council members for their review.

Jeff Barth, president of Jasper Chair Company Inc, was present via video conference.

A motion was made by Council member Dave Hurst and seconded by Council member Kevin Manley to find that Jasper Chair Company Inc is in substantial compliance with its statement of benefits for personal property and for real property [CF-1/PP and CF-1/real property]. Motion carried 7-0.

REVIEW TAX ABATEMENT COMPLIANCE FORM [CF-1/REAL PROPERTY]-3 PEPLS PROPERTIES LLC. AND REVIEW TAX ABATEMENT COMPLIANCE FORM [CF-1/PP]-CASH WAGGNER & ASSOCIATES P.C.

Copies of the Compliance with Statement of Benefits form for real property tax abatement [Form CF-1/real property] for 3 PEPLS Properties LLC and the Compliance with Statement of Benefits form for personal property tax abatement [Form CF-1/PP] for Cash Waggnner and Associates P.C. for 2020 pay 2021 were previously distributed to the council members for their review.

Roger Seng with Seng and Seng CPA Firm representing Cash Waggnner & Associates P.C. and 3 PEPLS Properties LLC had his connection dropped from the video conference. The Council did not have any additional questions.

A motion was made by Council member John Schroeder and seconded by Council member Kevin Manley to find that Cash Waggnner and Associates P.C. is in substantial compliance with its statement of benefits for personal property [CF-1/PP] and that 3 PEPLS Properties LLC is in substantial compliance with its statement of benefits for real property [CF-1/real property]. Motion carried 7-0.

REVIEW TAX ABATEMENT COMPLIANCE FORM [CF-1/REAL PROPERTY]-GERMAN AMERICAN BANK

Copies of the Compliance with Statement of Benefits Form for real property for 2020 pay 2021 from German American Bank were previously submitted to the council members for their review.

Because Council member John Schroeder is an officer with German American Bank, Schroeder recused himself from German American Bank's item of business.

Scott Miller, representing German American, was present via video conference. Miller said this will be the second year for the property tax abatement.

A motion was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member Nancy Eckerle to find that German American Bank is in substantial compliance with its statement of benefits for real property [CF-1/real property]. Motion carried 6-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 2020 - 8

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A FUND FOR CONTRIBUTIONS OR DONATIONS RECEIVED FOR THE CITY MILL AND THE PARKLANDS

Establishes a new fund for the Parks Dept.

A motion was made by Council member Paul Lorey and seconded by Council member Chad Lueken to consider the resolution for one reading only. Motion carried 7-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Dave Hurst and seconded by Council member Phil Mundy 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 Chad Lueken to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2020 - 8. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-9

AN ORDINANCE FIXING A SCHEDULE OF REVISED RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE SALE OF NATURAL GAS BY THE JASPER MUNICIPAL GAS UTILITY

This revises the rates and charges for the sale of natural gas by the gas utility. This is the first reading of the ordinance.

A motion was made by Council member Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Council member Dave 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 Dave Hurst and seconded by Council member Phil Mundy to pass the first reading of Ordinance No. 2020 - 9. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION 2020 - 3

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA, ACCEPTING A RESTRICTED USE DONATION

(Dubois County Community Foundation)

This is for a donation to the fire dept.

A motion was made by Council member Chad Lueken and seconded by Council member Nancy Eckerle to consider the resolution for one reading only. Motion carried 7-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Paul Lorey and seconded by Council member Kevin Manley 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 John Schroeder to pass and adopt Resolution No. 2020 - 3. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION 2020 – 5

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
JASPER, INDIANA, ACCEPTING A RESTRICTED USE DONATION
(Dubois County Community Foundation)**

This is for a donation to the police dept.

A motion was made by Council member John Schroeder and seconded by Council member Nancy Eckerle to consider the resolution for one reading only. Motion carried 7-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Paul Lorey and seconded by Council member Chad Lueken 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 Phil Mundy to pass and adopt Resolution No. 2020 - 5. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried 7-0.

Adjournment. There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Council member Dave Hurst and seconded by Council member Nancy Eckerle to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 7-0 and the meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

The minutes were hereby approved _____ with without corrections or clarification this 20th day of May, 2020.



Mayor Dean Vonderheide, Presiding Officer

Attest: 

Allen J. Seifert, Clerk-Treasurer