

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CITY OF JASPER  
MAY 26, 2020**

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Jasper, Indiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, May 26, 2020, via ZOOM video conference.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Clerk-Treasurer Allen Seifert called the roll:

Mayor Dean Vonderheide	Present – video conference
Board member Tim Bell	Present – video conference
Board member Nancy Eckerle	Present – video conference

Also present via video conference were Police Chief Nathan Schmitt, Street Commissioner Jeff Theising, City Engineer Chad Hurm, Fire Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Kenneth Hochgesang, Director of Community Development and Planning Darla Blazey, City Attorney Renee Kabrick, and Clerk-Treasurer Allen Seifert.

Seifert announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the board members must be present. Three of three board members were present, which is a majority; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.** The board members examined the minutes from the regular meeting held on May 12, 2020. Thereafter, a motion was made by Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Tim Bell to approve the minutes. Motion carried 3-0.

**BID OPENING FOR CATHY LANE PROJECT**

City Engineer Chad Hurm opened the bid for the Cathy Lane project. This project is to remove and replace 400 ft of concrete on Cathy Lane between 25<sup>th</sup> St. and 30<sup>th</sup> St. Hurm advised the City received one bid for the project.

Bidder	Price
Rivertown Construction	\$149,854.00

Street Commissioner Jeff Theising and City Engineer Chad Hurm recommended approving the low bid subject a review of the Street Dept and Engineering Dept.

A motion was made by Tim Bell and seconded by Nancy Eckerle to award the contract to Rivertown Construction for \$149,854.00, subject a review by the Street Dept and Engineering Dept. Motion carried 3-0.

**RED, WHITE & BRAUEN MUSIC FESTIVAL**

Lance Yearby and Amanda Tempel advised a change to the music festival and requested permission to park at the youth ballfields and have the Street Dept set up cones to mark a walking pathway along 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. They advised the date has been moved to Saturday, August 22, 2020 and the area has been moved further to the North. They are no longer requesting 12<sup>th</sup> Ave be closed.

A motion was made by Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Tim Bell to allow parking at the youth ballfields and have the Street Dept set up cones to mark a walking pathway along 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. for the new date of August 22. Motion Carried 3-0.

**REMOVE ASSETS**

Police Chief Nathan Schmitt asked permission to junk eight old car cameras that are no longer in service. They are models from 2002 to 2009 and use VHS tapes. They are obsolete. The asset numbers are: 102362, 102363, 102281, 102282, 101097, 101098, 100100 and 101415.

A motion was made by Mayor Dean Vonderheide and seconded by Nancy Eckerle to junk the items read by Chief Schmitt. Motion carried 3-0.

**ORDINANCE COMPLAINTS**

Fire Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Kenneth Hochgesang reported to the board the names of property owners and the locations that have had code enforcement violations. The names and locations are as follows:

Elizabeth Miller/David Head	1321 Dorbett Street	Weed Violation
Johnathon Mackey/Kaitlyn Chandler	1117 Mill Street	Weed Violation
Jossuan Gonzalez Hernandez	1501 Jackson Street	Weed Violation
Thomas A Nigg	Lot 4th & Clay	Weed Violation
James Gutsell	207 E 4th Street	Weed Violation
Dollar General Store	4117 Mannheim Road	Weed Violation
Richard & Rachael Vonderheide	2602 Birk Drive	Weed Violation
Michael Drescher	2560 Birk Drive	Weed Violation
Nicholas Hemann	2413 Sunset Drive	Weed/Trash Violation
Gayle Pahmeier	2410 Sunset Drive	Weed Violation
John & Beverly Dekemper	1829 Highland Street	Weed Violation
Pamela Scheifer	1613 Main Street	Weed Violation
Marty Kingsbury	490 Third Ave	Weed Violation
William Gross	1438 Jackson Street	Weed Violation
Mary Dell & Emily Smith	608 E 15th Street	Weed Violation
Tony & Lisa Huff	1421 Greene Street	Weed Violation
Bach By Lee Cook	1405 Franklin Street	Weed Violation
A & B Housing LLC	202 E 13th Street	Weed Violation
Weidy 3 LLC	4020 Wilhelm Strasse	Tash Accumulation
Maria D Brown	1421 Maple Leaf Drive	Weed Violation
CHDA Properties LLC	4312 Baden Strasse	Weed Violation

**PURCHASE A NEW THERMAL CAMERA**

Fire Chief Kenny Hochgesang requested approval to purchase a new thermal camera. He advised the Fire Dept. has been awarded a \$6,800 grant for the purchase.

A motion was made by Tim Bell and seconded by Nancy Eckerle to allow the Fire Dept to purchase a new thermal camera. Motion carried 3-0.

**CLOSE CATHY LANE**

City Engineer Chad Hurm requested permission to close Cathy Lane for the concrete replacement project between Terry Lane and 25<sup>th</sup> St. He advised 45 days would be the maximum it would be closed.

A motion was made by Mayor Dean Vonderheide and seconded by Nancy Eckerle to allow the closure of Cathy Lane for a 45 day period. Motion carried 3-0.

**REVISED CLOSURE PLAN FOR NEWTON STREET**

City Engineer Chad Hurm requested permission to revise the closure of Newton St. during the 1<sup>st</sup> week of June for Knies Construction to do storm sewer work. Newton St will be 2 lanes during the work. He advised for the 1<sup>st</sup> phase 8<sup>th</sup> St and 9<sup>th</sup> St. will be closed east of Newton and west of Newton they both will be right turn only. The second phase will open 8<sup>th</sup> St. He advised it will be for the 1<sup>st</sup> week of June.

A motion was made by Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Tim Bell to allow permission for the revised closure plan for Newton St. Motion Carried 3-0.

**ASSETS TO GO TO CITY AUCTION**

Mayor Dean Vonderheide requested that a desk (asset # 101749) and side desk (asset # 100052) be put in the city auction.

A motion was made by Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Tim Bell to allow the desk and side desk to be put in the auction. Motion Carried 3-0.

**ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Tim Bell and seconded by Nancy Eckerle to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 3-0 and the meeting adjourned at 9:02 a.m.

The minutes were hereby approved \_\_\_\_ with  without corrections or clarification this 9th day of June, 2020.

  
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Mayor Dean Vonderheide, Presiding Officer

Attest:   
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Allen J. Seifert, Clerk-Treasurer