

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA  
MAY 20, 2020**

A meeting of the Common Council of the City of Jasper, Indiana, was held on Wednesday, May 20, 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. April 22, 2020 Regular Council Meeting

A motion was made by Council member Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Council member Paul Lorey to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

**REVIEW TAX ABATEMENT COMPLIANCE FORMS [CF-1]-JASPER ENGINE EXCHANGE INC.**

Copies of the Compliance with Statement of Benefits Form for real property and for personal property for 2020 pay 2021 from Jasper Engine Exchange Inc for the 1220 Power Drive location were previously distributed to the council members for their review.

Ralph Schwenk representing Jasper Engine Exchange Inc gave an update on their abatement project.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member John Schroeder to find that Jasper Engine Exchange 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]-JASPER LOFTS LLC**

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

**REVIEW TAX ABATEMENT COMPLIANCE FORM [CF-1/REAL PROPERTY]-VINE STREET LOFTS LLC**

Copies of the Compliance with Statement of Benefits Form for real property for 2020 pay 2021 from Vine Street Lofts LLC were previously submitted to the council members for their review.

Pete Schwiegeraht with Miller Valentine Affordable Housing [MVAH] Partners LLC, formerly the Miller-Valentine Group, was present for Jasper Lofts and Vine St. Lofts.

A motion was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member Nancy Eckerle to find that Vine Street Lofts LLC and Jasper Lofts, LLC are both 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]-PARK PLACE ESTATES ONE, LLC**

Copies of the Compliance with Statement of Benefits Form for real property for 2020 pay 2021 from Park Place Estates One, LLC were previously submitted to the council members for their review.

Ruger Kerstiens was present for Park Place Estates One, LLC.

A motion was made by Council member Paul Lorey and seconded by Council member Phil Mundy to find that Park Place Estates One, LLC is in substantial compliance with its statement of benefits for real property [CF-1/real property]. Motion carried 7-0.

**PUBLIC HEARING-FOR PARK PLACE ESTATES ONE, LLC TAX ABATEMENT**

Mayor Vonderheide opened the public hearing concerning the confirmatory resolution for Park Place Estates One, LLC for a tax abatement.

A notice of the public hearing appeared in the Herald on May 9, 2020.

Mayor Vonderheide then asked for comments from the public. No comments were received.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Paul Lorey and seconded by Council member Nancy Eckerle to close the public hearing. Motion carried 7-0 and the public hearing was closed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020 – 2 RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL CONFIRMING THE DESIGNATION OF A PORTION OF THE CITY OF JASPER AS AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA AND APPROVING A STATEMENT OF BENEFITS**

(Park Place Estates One, LLC)

This resolution confirms the declaratory resolution for Park Place Estates One, LLC. and approves its Form SB-1/real property and the tax abatement application. [confirmatory resolution]

A motion was made by Council member Chad Lueken and seconded by Council member Paul Lorey to consider the resolution for one reading only. Motion carried 7-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Nancy Eckerle 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 Paul Lorey and seconded by Council member Kevin Manley to pass and adopt Resolution No. 2020-2. A roll call vote was taken and motion carried 7-0.

**PUBLIC HEARING-REVISE GAS UTILITY RATES**

Mayor Vonderheide opened the public hearing concerning Ordinance No. 2020-9 that revises the gas utility rates and charges.

A notice of the revised rates appeared in the Herald on May 8, 2020. The notice was also mailed to the gas utility customers located outside the city limits.

Mayor Vonderheide asked for comments from the public. No public comments were received.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member John Schroeder and seconded by Council member Paul Lorey to close the public hearing. The motion carried 7-0 and the public hearing was closed.

Ordinance No. 2020-9 was then presented for second and final readings.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2020-9 AN ORDINANCE FIXING A SCHEDULE OF REVISED RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE SALE OF NATURAL GAS BY THE JASPER MINICIPAL GAS UTILITY**

This ordinance revises the gas utility rates and charges. First reading of the ordinance was held on April 22, 2020. A public hearing was held at this meeting. The ordinance becomes effective no sooner than for the billings which occur after July 1, 2020.

A motion was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member Phil Mundy to read the ordinance by title only on second reading. Motion carried 7-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Council member Chad Lueken to approve the ordinance on second reading. A roll call vote was taken and motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Council member Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Council member Paul Lorey to read the ordinance by title only on third and final reading. Motion carried 7-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member John Schroeder and seconded by Council member Kevin Manley to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2020-9 on third and final reading. A roll call vote was taken and motion carried 7-0.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2020-11 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 and all amendments thereto: and Repealing Ord 2010-27 and 2012-18)**

This ordinance replaces the current language for the wastewater utility rates and charges.

A motion was made by Council member Dave Hurst and seconded by Council member Phil Mundy to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Motion carried 7-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Paul Lorey and seconded by Council member Dave Hurst to read the ordinance by title only. Motion carried 7-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Dave Hurst and seconded by Council member John Schroeder to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2020-11. A roll call vote was taken and motion carried 7-0.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2020 - 12**

**AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE CERTAIN PROPERTY WITHIN JURISDICTIONAL LIMITS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA**

This ordinance rezones a portion of land in Jasper from A-1(Agriculture) to R-1(Low Density Residential). Brad Eckerle of Brosmer Land Surveying joined via Zoom and described the property being rezoned.

A motion was made by Council member Chad Lueken and seconded by Council member Paul Lorey to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Motion carried 7-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Chad Lueken and seconded by Council member Paul Lorey to read the ordinance by title only. Motion carried 7-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member Chad Lueken to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2020-12. A roll call vote was taken and motion carried 7-0.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2020-13**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FEES FOR RENTAL AND ASSOCIATED COSTS OF THE JASPER ARTS CENTER AND FEES FOR THE PARTICIPATION IN JASPER ARTS CENTER PROGRAMS**

Kyle Rupert attended via Zoom to discuss or answer any questions. He advised the rates are to be made consistent and add some additional items regarding the new Cultural Center.

A motion was made by Council member John Schroeder and seconded by Council member Nancy Eckerle to consider the ordinance 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 ordinance by title only. Motion carried 7-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Dave Hurst and seconded by Council member Phil Mundy to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2020-13. A roll call vote was taken and motion carried 7-0.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2020 - 10**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A FUND FOR DONATIONS RECEIVED FOR THE MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL**

Establishes a fund for the Mayor's Youth Council for donations.

A motion was made by Council member Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Council member Paul Lorey to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Motion carried 7-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Paul Lorey and seconded by Council member John Schroeder to read the ordinance by title only. Motion carried 7-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Council member Dave Hurst to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2020-10. A roll call vote was taken and motion carried 7-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-7**

**RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER REGARDING DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY**

This resolution allows the local disaster emergency declaration to continue and allows the Mayor to adjust or suspend the enforcement of the Jasper Municipal Code dealing with signage. This resolution will run until August 31, 2020.

A motion was made by Council member Paul Lorey and seconded by Council member Kevin Manley to approve Resolution No. 2020-7 as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

**EXTENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2020 – 4**

**RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
JASPER, INDIANA REGARDING DECLARATION OF LOCAL  
DISASTER EMERGENCY**

This resolution temporarily suspends the disconnection and reconnection of natural gas, electric, and water services to residents for non-payment of services. The Common Council specifically grants the Mayor authority to extend the Declaration until the State of Indiana declares the state emergency to be over.

A motion was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member Nancy Eckerle to extend the resolution. Motion carried 7-0.

**Adjournment.** There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member Dave Hurst to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 7-0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

The minutes were hereby approved \_\_\_\_ with   X   without corrections or clarification this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

  
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Mayor Dean Vonderheide, Presiding Officer

Attest:   
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Allen J. Seifert, Clerk-Treasurer