

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA
SEPTEMBER 21, 2022**

A meeting of the Common Council of the City of Jasper, Indiana, was held on Wednesday, September 21, 2022 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.

	<u>In Person</u>	<u>Video</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Mayor Dean Vonderheide	X		
Council members:			
John Schroeder	X		
Chad Lueken	X		
David Hurst	X		
Paul Lorey	X		
Kevin Manley	X		
Nancy Eckerle	X		
Philip Mundy	X		
City Attorney Renee Kabrick	X		
Clerk-Treasurer Allen Seifert	X		

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 at the beginning of the meeting 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. August 17, 2022 Regular Council Meeting

A motion was made by Council member Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Council member Phil Mundy to approve the minutes. Motion carried 7-0.

DEPARTMENT PRESENTATIONS

Manager Tim Doersam gave an update on the Gas and Water Department.

Utility Business Office Manager Ashley Kiefer gave an update on the Utility Office.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

A motion was made by Paul Lorey and seconded by Kevin Manley to approve the 2023 Holiday Schedule as provided. Motion carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION 2022- 6

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA, AUTHORIZING A LOCAL MATCH COMMITMENT AND ADDRESSING RELATED MATTERS

A motion was made by Paul Lorey and seconded by John Schroeder to read the resolution by title only. Motion carried 7-0.

City Attorney, Renee Kabrick read Resolution 2022-6 by title only.

This resolution is a commitment to match funds should the City be awarded the EPA Grant. If needed the funds will come from the Gas Department.

A motion was made by Kevin Manley and seconded by Dave Hurst to pass and adopt Resolution 2022-6. Motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC HEARING – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Mayor Vonderheide opened a public hearing on additional appropriations. No comments were made by the public.

A motion was made by Paul Lorey and seconded by Nancy Eckerle to close the public hearing. Motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022 – 24

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL MONEY FOR THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022

A motion was made by Paul Lorey and seconded by Phil Mundy to make Ordinance No. 2022-24 available for one reading only. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Chad Lueken to read Ordinance No. 2022-24 by title only. Motion carried 7-0

City Attorney, Renee Kabrick read Ordinance No. 2022-24 by title only. Further discussion was held.

A motion was made by Kevin Manley and seconded by Dave Hurst to approve Ordinance No. 2022-24. Motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC HEARING – APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2023 BUDGET

Mayor Vonderheide opened up a public hearing on appropriations for the 2023 budget. Form 3 was uploaded to Gateway and made available to the public on September 9, 2022. No comments were made by the public.

A motion was made by Paul Lorey and seconded by Nancy Eckerle to close the public hearing on appropriations for the 2023 budget. Motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022 – 25

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA FOR THE YEAR 2023

A motion was made by Kevin Manley and seconded by Chad Lueken to read Ordinance No. 2022-25 by title only. Motion carried 7-0.

City Attorney, Renee Kabrick read Ordinance No. 2022-25 by title only. Additional discussion held.

A motion was made by Kevin Manly and seconded by Paul Lorey to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 2022-25. Motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022 - 26

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES AND FIXING THE RATE OF TAXATION FOR THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023

This published tax rate for year ending December 31, 2023, is 1.1624.

A motion was made by Paul Lorey and seconded by Phil Mundy to read Ordinance No. 2022-26 by title only for first reading. Motion carried 7-0.

Financial Analyst from Baird, Josh Janak presented to the council a debt levy tax service available to the city. It is a placeholder in Ordinance No. 2022-26

A motion was made by Nancy Eckerle and seconded by John Schroeder to approve first reading. Motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC INPUT FOR REZONING PROPOSAL FOR LOT NO. 1 BOHNERT'S ADDITION

Mayor Vonderheide opened the meeting for public input on rezoning proposal for Lot No. 1 Bohnert's Addition. No public input.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-28

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

A motion was made by Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Kevin Manley to make Ordinance No. 2022-28 available for one reading only. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Paul Lorey and seconded by Chad Lueken to read Ordinance No. 2022-28 by title only. Motion carried 7-0.

City Attorney, Renee Kabrick read Ordinance No. 2022-28 by title only.

A motion was made by Phil Mundy and seconded by Kevin Manley to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2022-28. Motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-29

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA, VACATION of A PUBLIC UTILITY AND DRAINAGE EASEMENT

The first reading of Ordinance No. 2022-29 was tabled.

INTRODUCTION

Mayor Vonderheide welcomed Kiersten Knies as incoming Clerk-Treasurer upon the resignation of Allen Seifert on October 7, 2022.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Nancy Eckerle welcomed the Council and the Public to attend the Sustaining Hoosier Communities meeting at VUJ on September 22, 2022.

Nancy Eckerle commented that the apartment owner, DK Smith, that appeared at the last meeting had a valid concern and suggested the Council continue to look into the matter.

Nancy Eckerle questioned how the remaining ARPA funds would be used or if there was a plan to use them. Clerk-Treasurer Allen Seifert explained how those funds will be used.

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 6:58 p.m.

The minutes were hereby approved ____ with ____ without corrections or clarification this 19th day of October 2022.

Mayor Dean Vonderheide, Presiding Officer

Attest: _____
Kiersten Knies, Clerk-Treasurer