

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

A meeting of the Common Council of the City of Jasper, Indiana, was held on Wednesday 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 Kiersten Knies 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 Kiersten Knies	X		

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

Also present in person were Park and Recreation Department Director Tom Moorman; Utilities Manager Bud Hauersperger, Garry Wells and Scott Schwinghammer with Versteel; and Heath Coleman with Neikirk Engineering.

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 minutes from Regular Council Meeting November 21, 2022, were distributed to and examined by the Council.

A motion was made by Council member Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Council member Kevin Manley to approve the minutes from November 21, 2022, without corrections. Motion carried 7-0.

Council Appointments.

A motion was made by Kevin Manley and seconded by Dave Hurst to appoint Julie Dutchess to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Motion carried 7-0.

OATHS OF OFFICE

The following appointments and reappointments to city boards and commission were sworn in by Clerk Treasurer Kiersten Knies:

Philip A. Mundy	Jasper Redevelopment Commission
Julie Dutchess	Jasper City Plan Commission
John H. Kahle	Jasper Redevelopment Commission
Phillip A. Schmidt	Utility Service Board
Bibianna Green	Jasper Community Arts Commission
Linda Kahle	Jasper Community Arts Commission
Pat Thyen	Jasper Community Arts Commission
Tara Eckman	Utility Service Board
John Schroeder	Wastewater Utility Sub-Committee
	Jasper Redevelopment Commission

Kevin Manley	Wastewater Utility Sub-Committee
David L. Hurst	Wastewater Utility Sub-Committee
Paul A. Lorey	IN 15 Regional Planning Commission
Chad D. Lueken	Dubois County Solid Waste Board
	Electric Utility Sub-Committee
Jessica Dubon	Hospital Authority of the City of Jasper
Ann Shappard	Jasper City Plan Commission
Roger A. Seng	Utility Service Board

ADDRESS TO THE COUNCIL

Renee Nord of City of Jasper addressed the council with concerns regarding the Board of Zoning Appeals/ variance approval process and the development plans of Henke Properties, LLC and MWM Design Properties, LLC in the Beckman Addition.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-7

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL DESIGNATING A PORTION OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA AS AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA

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

City Attorney Renee Kabrick so read Resolution No. 2022-7 by title only.

Garry Wells of Versteel came before the council to request a property tax abatement. He gave a presentation on Versteel and the equipment they plan to purchase. He explained how the equipment would benefit Versteel as well as the community.

A motion was made by Kevin Manley and seconded by John Schroeder to pass and adopt Resolution No. 2022-7. Motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-14

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE MAINTENANCE AND CONTROL OF ANIMALS WITHIN THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF SUCH REGULATIONS

A motion was made by Paul Lorey and seconded by Phil Mundy to reopen tabled discussion. Motion carried 7-0.

Comments from Teri Frieler and Dubois County Humane Society were acknowledged. Kelly Eckerle, Carlos Martinez, and Lily Duncan discussed their concerns with the council.

A motion was made by John Schroeder and seconded by Nancy Eckerle to table this matter again. Motion carried. 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-36

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA, ESTABLISHING A FUND FOR THE RECEIPT AND DISBURSEMENT OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS

A motion was made by Paul Lorey and seconded by Nancy Eckerle to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Paul Lorey and seconded by Kevin Manley to read the ordinance by title only. Motion carried 7-0.

City Attorney Renee Kabrick so read Ordinance No. 2022-36 by title only.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Kevin Manley and seconded by Nancy Eckerle to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2022-36. Further discussion was held. Motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-37

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING RATES AND CHARGES FOR CUSTOMERS OF THE JASPER MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY

A motion was made by Kevin Manley and seconded by Chad Lueken to have the ordinance read by title only. Motion carried 7-0.

City Attorney Renee Kabrick so read Ordinance No. 2022-37 by title only.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Kevin Manley and seconded by Phil Mundy to approve the ordinance on the first reading. Further discussion was held. Bud Hauersperger explained the process by which a customer can purchase Green Power and explained the rate change. Motion carried 7-0.

A public hearing was held. Council heard from Mike Burke, resident of Jasper. A motion was made by Paul Lorey and seconded by Nancy Eckerle to close the public hearing. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Paul Lorey and seconded by Chad Lueken to have the ordinance read by title only on the second reading. Motion carried 7-0.

City Attorney Renee Kabrick so read Ordinance No. 2022-37 by title only for second reading.

Thereafter a motion was made by Kevin Manley and seconded by Dave Hurst to approve the ordinance on the second reading. No further discussion was held. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Chad Lueken and seconded by John Schroeder to read the ordinance by title only on the third and final reading.

City Attorney Renee Kabrick so read Ordinance No. 2022-37 by title only for the third and final reading.

A motion was made by Kevin Manley and seconded by Paul Lorey to approve Ordinance No. 2022-37 on the third and final reading. No further discussion was held. Motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-41

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

A motion was made by John Schroeder and seconded by Nancy Eckerle to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Kevin Manley and seconded by Phil Mundy to have the ordinance read by title only. Motion carried 7-0.

City Attorney Renee Kabrick so read Ordinance No. 2022-41 by title only.

A motion was made by Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Dave Hurst to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2022-41. Further discussion was held. Motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-42

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA, AND ITS JURISDICTION

A motion was made by Paul Lorey and seconded by Kevin Manley to have the ordinance read by title only. Motion carried 7-0.

City Attorney Renee Kabrick so read Ordinance No. 2022-42 by title only.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Kevin Manley and seconded by Paul Lorey to approve the ordinance on the first reading. Further discussion was held. Motion carried 7-0.

Second and third readings will occur at the next meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-43

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA ESTABLISHING HOURS OF OPERATION FOR CITY PARKS OPERATED BY THE JASPER DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

A motion was made by John Schroeder and seconded by Dave Hurst to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Dave Hurst to have the ordinance read by title only. Motion carried 7-0.

City Attorney Renee Kabrick so read Ordinance No. 2022-43 by title only.

Thereafter a motion was made by Dave Hurst and seconded Phil Mundy by to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2022-43. Further discussion was held. Motion carried 6-1.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-44

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA ESTABLISHING FEES FOR ACTIVITIES OF THE JASPER DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

A motion was made by Chad Lueken and seconded by Kevin Manley to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Paul Lorey and seconded by Dave Hurst to have the ordinance read by title only. Motion carried 7-0.

City Attorney Renee Kabrick so read Ordinance No. 2022-44 by title only.

A motion was made by Kevin Manley and seconded by Dave Hurst to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2022-44. Further discussion was held. Motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-45

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA VACATING A PUBLIC UTILITY AND DRAINAGE EASEMENT (LifeSpring, Inc.)

A motion was made by Kevin Manley and seconded by Nancy Eckerle to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Paul Lorey and seconded by Chad Lueken to have the ordinance read by title only. Motion carried 7-0.

City Attorney Renee Kabrick so read Ordinance No. 2022-45 by title only.

Thereafter a motion was made by Kevin Manley and seconded by Dave Hurst to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2022-45. Further discussion was held. Heath Coleman with Neikirk Engineering explained the request to vacate. Public hearing was held. No one from the public appeared with concerns. Motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-46

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA APPROPRIATING PROCEEDS OF ITS GENERAL OBLIGATIONS BONDS SERIES 2022

A motion was made by Paul Lorey and seconded by Kevin Manley to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Dave Hurst and seconded by Chad Lueken to have the ordinance read by title only. Motion carried 7-0.

City Attorney Renee Kabrick so read Ordinance No. 2022-46 by title only.

A public hearing was held. Seeing no public comment, a motion was made by Paul Lorey and seconded by Nancy Eckerle. Motion carried 7-0.

Thereafter a motion was made by Kevin Manley and seconded by Paul Lorey to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2022-46. Further discussion was held. Motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-47

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA CREATING THE FUND FOR BOND PROCEEDS

A motion was made by Paul Lorey and seconded by Dave Hurst to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Paul Lorey and seconded by Phil Mundy to have the ordinance read by title only.

City Attorney Renee Kabrick so read Ordinance No. 2022-47 by title only.

A motion was made by Kevin Manley and seconded by Dave Hurst to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2022-47. Further discussion was held. Motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-41

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A motion was made by Paul Lorey and seconded by Kevin Manley to reopen Ordinance No. 2022-41 for public hearing. Motion carried 7-0.

A public hearing was held. Seeing no public comment, a motion was made by Paul Lorey and seconded by Dave Hurst to close the public hearing. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was remade by Nancy Eckerle and re-seconded by Dave Hurst to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2022-41. No further discussion as held. Motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-48

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA AFFIXING SALARIES AND WAGES FOR THE ELECTED OFFICIALS AND THE CIVIL CITY EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA FOR THE YEAR 2023 (AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2022-30)

A motion was made by Paul Lorey and seconded by Dave Hurst to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Kevin Manley and seconded by Paul Lorey to have the ordinance read by title only. Motion carried 7-0.

City Attorney Renee Kabrick so read Ordinance No. 2022-48 by title only.

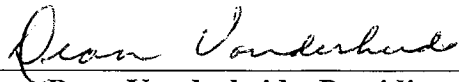
Thereafter a motion was made by Kevin Manley and seconded by Dave Hurst to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2022-48. Further discussion was held. Motion carried 7-0.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Phil Mundy, Chad Lueken and Nancy Eckerle agreed to begin the process of exploring various ways to open up the appointment process for the boards and report back to the council at the next meeting.

Adjournment. There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Council member Chad Lueken and seconded by Council member Paul Lorey to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 7-0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

The minutes were hereby approved ____ with ____ without corrections or clarification this 18th day of January 2023.



Mayor Dean Vonderheide, Presiding Officer

Attest: 

Kiersten Knies, Clerk-Treasurer