

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CITY OF JASPER
November 12, 2025**

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Jasper, Indiana, met in regular session on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street and via Zoom Video Conferencing.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Clerk-Treasurer Kiersten Knies then called the roll:

Mayor Dean Vonderheide	Present
Board member Timothy Bell	Present
Board member Nancy Eckerle	Present

Also, present were Police Chief Chad Dick, Assistant Street Commissioner Matt Kiefer, Personnel/Safety/Loss Control Director Cale Knies, Fire Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Kenny Hochgesang and Director of Community Development and Planning Josh Gunselman, City Engineer Chad Hurm, City Attorney Renee Kabrick, Park and Recreation Director Tom Moorman, and Clerk Treasurer Kiersten Knies.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. Mayor Dean Vonderheide invited all those present to join in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The board members examined the minutes from the regular meeting held on October 28, 2025. Thereafter, a motion was made by Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Tim Bell to approve the minutes from October 28, 2025, without correction. Motion carried 3-0.

CLAIMS

The claims were presented for a period from October 17, 2025, to November 12, 2025, in the total amount of \$3,238,718.19. Clerk Treasurer Kiersten Knies pointed out several claims to note: the city made its monthly contribution to the employee benefit trust in the sum of \$231,490.00; a payment to Knies Construction for the CCMG 2024-2 Pavement Recon project in the sum of \$469,201.00 and to Ragle Construction for the Multi-Use Trail Project in the sum of \$100,763.00.

A motion was made by Mayor Vonderheide and seconded by Nancy Eckerle to approve the claims as presented in the total amount of \$3,238,718.19. Motion carried 3-0.

QUOTE/BID OPENING

City Attorney Renee Kabrick opened quotes for the flooring for Fire Station # 3 as follows:

Jasper Equipment and Supply:	\$9,054.00
Garage Experts of Evansville:	\$6,765.75

Fire Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Kenny Hochgesang advised that the Fire Department solicited three bids, the third being ICON Concrete and they did not submit a bid. City Attorney Renee Kabrick did note that Jasper Equipment Supply did not submit all the required paperwork. Chief Hochgesang requested the bids be taken under advisement and make sure the bids meet their specifications.

A motion was made by Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Tim Bell to approve the bid for the Jasper Fire Department flooring project based on review of the specifications for that project. Motion carried 3-0.

City Attorney Renee Kabrick opened bids for the Jasper Volunteer Fire Department's Tower Truck as follows:

Hoosier Fire Equipment: \$2,235,216.00
Mid America Fire Safety: \$1,914,579.00

Fire Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Kenny Hochgesang said that did send the request out to three manufacturers but did not receive a response from Heritage Fire. Chief Hochgesang requested that the bids be taken under advisement to give the Fire Department the opportunity to review them.

A motion was made by Tim Bell and seconded by Nancy Eckerle to take the bids for the Jasper Volunteer Fire Department Tower Truck under advisement. Motion carried 3-0.

City Attorney Renee Kabrick opened quotes for the Street Department's annual Tree Limb and Yard Waste Gridding contract as follows:

Brewer Farms: \$71,645.00 for 8,260 cubic yards with excess at \$8.20. They chose not to submit an alternate.
Smith Creek: \$36,361.00 for 8,260 cubic yards with excess at \$3.50. They chose not to submit an alternate.

Assistant Street Commissioner Matt Kiefer advised that they did send out a request for three quotes but only received two back. Keifer requested that the bids be taken under advisement to give the Street Department the opportunity to review them.

A motion was made by Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Tim Bell to take quotes under advisement to give the Street Department the opportunity to review them. Motion carried 3-0.

ACCEPTANCE OF DEDICATED RIGHT-OF-WAY

Phil Buehler of Brosmer Land Surveying requested board acceptance of an additional ten feet of right-of-way along County Road 100 South on behalf of a prospective buyer for Kimball International. He presented the Kimball Industrial Park II plat and explained that County Road 100 South, a city major collector, requires an 80-foot right-of-way. The original 1987 plat dedicated thirty feet; this request brings the total to forty feet on the Kimball side. Existing utilities, including a sanitary sewer easement to the city, are already within the current right-of-way. This petition addresses only the half-width they can dedicate. The Plat Committee will review it as a minor subdivision. Director of Community Development and Planning Josh Gunselman added that the expanded right-of-way will improve marketability of the property.

A motion was made by Mayor Vonderheide and seconded by Nancy Eckerle to approve the additional right-of-way, contingent on Plat Committee and Plan Commission approval. Motion carried 3-0.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Police Chief Chad Dick presented the previously distributed monthly call report for the Jasper Police Department. The board acknowledged receipt of the report.

Director of Community Development and Planning Josh Gunselman presented the previously distributed monthly permitting report. The board acknowledged receipt of the report.

JUNK ASSETS

Police Chief Chad Dick requested permission to remove several assets, specifically mobile radio asset numbers 102057, 102058, 102059, 102060, 102062, 102063, 102064, 102065, 102066, 102103, 102104, 102108 and 102110 from the Police Department's list of fixed assets.

A motion was made by Tim Bell and seconded by Nancy Eckerle to remove asset tag numbers as listed from the Police Department's list of fixed assets. Motion carried 3-0.

AUTO AID AGREEMENT

Fire Chief and Code Enforcement Officer Kenny Hochgesang requested the board's approval of the automatic aid agreement between the City of Jasper

and the City of Huntingburg having had this matter under advisement. Chief Hochgesang reiterated that the agreement would help improve the City's ISO rating and overall response efficiency. Under the agreement, any structure fire with visible smoke or flames in either Jasper or Huntingburg will result in both departments being paged simultaneously, providing each city with credit toward ISO evaluations. Clerk Treasurer Kiersten Knies reminded Chief Hochgesang that if this were to result in an increase in fire calls that his budget had not accounted for that and recommends his budget be monitored closely.

A motion was made by Mayor Vonderheide and seconded by Nancy Eckerle to approve the Automatic Aid Agreement between the City of Jasper and the City of Huntingburg. Motion carried 3-0.

BID ACCEPTANCE

City Engineer Chad Hurm requested permission to accept base bid from Keusch Glass, Inc. for all four sides of the City Hall Window replacement in the sum of \$276,000.00. This will be for all the windows minus some of the circular ones which are already metal and in good shape. From a budget standpoint, EDIT money has been earmarked for this and there will be an additional appropriation request for approval of the EDIT funds at the December council meeting.

A motion was made by Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Tim Bell to accept the base bid for all four sides of the City Hall Window replacement project from Keusch Glass, Inc. in the sum of \$276,000.00. Motion carried 3-0.

BIENNIAL SIGN REFLECTIVITY STUDY

Assistant Street Commissioner Matt Kiefer reminded the board and the public that the Street Department will be conducting the biennial sign reflectivity study the week of November 16, 2025, between the hours of 6:00 pm and 2:00 am.

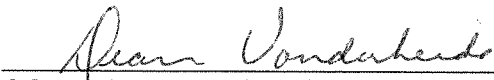
RESTRICTED DONATIONS

Clerk Treasurer Kiersten Knies advised that the City has received a donation from Servants, Inc. in the amount of \$4,000.00 with the following restrictions: \$2,000.00 to be used by the Jasper Volunteer Fire Department as they see fit and \$2,000.00 to be used by the Jasper Police Department as they see fit.

A motion was made by Mayor Vonderheide and seconded by Tim Bell to approve the restricted use of the \$4,000.00 donation from Servants, Inc. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT. 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 8:58 a.m.

The minutes were hereby approved ___ with ___ without corrections or clarification this 25th day of November, 2025.



Mayor Dean Vonderheide, Presiding Officer

Attest: 

Kiersten Knies, Clerk-Treasurer