MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CITY OF JASPER
March 24, 2026

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Jasper, Indiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, March 24, 2026, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street and via Zoom Video Conferencing.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Deputy Clerk Treasurer Carma Gentry 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, Director of Community Development and Planning Josh Gunselman, City Engineer Chad Hurm, Park and Recreation Director Tom Moorman, City Attorney Renee Kabrick and Clerk Treasurer Kiersten Knies. Cindy Hochgesang was present on behalf of Personnel Safety Loss Control. Street Department Admin Jan Uebelhor was present on behalf of the street Department. Also present were Chief Telecommunicator Megan Dodd, Sergeant Ben Knies and Mayor for Day Oskar Grant.
Fire Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Kenny Hochgesang was absent.

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 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 March 10, 2026. Thereafter, a motion was made by Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Tim Bell to approve the minutes from March 10, 2026, without correction. Motion carried 3-0.

QUOTE/BID OPENING

Community Crossing Mill and Resurface Project - City Attorney Renee Kabrick opened the quotes for the Community Crossing Matching Grant Mill and Resurface project as follows:

CNR Construction	$1,542,010.10
Calcar Paving	$1,390,818.80
J.H. Rudolph & Co.	$1,359,529.05

Upon recommendation from City Engineer Chad Hurm, a motion was made by Mayor Vonderheide and seconded by Tim Bell to accept the low bid from J.H. Rudolph & Co. in the sum of $1,359,529.05, pending review. Motion carried 3-0.

STRESSENFEST PET CONTEST

Jessica Bingle from the Dubois County Humane Society requested approval for the annual Strassenfest Pet Contest to be held at Jaycee Park on Saturday, August 1, 2026, at 9:30 am. They have coordinated with the Park Department.

A motion was made by Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Tim Bell to approve the Dubois County Humane Society to host the annual Strassenfest Pet Contest to be held at Jaycee Park on Saturday, August 1, 2026, at 9:30 am. Motion carried 3-0.

MOPED BIKER BASH

Scott Welp sought approval to host a Moped Biker Bash on Saturday, April 4, 2026, from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm near the Lion's Club Park area.

A motion was made by Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Tim Bell to approve the use Lion's Club Park for Scott Welp to host the Moped Biker Bash on Saturday, April 4, 2026, from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. Motion carried 3-0.

FIND YOUR WINGS

Tasia Hein with Fire Horse Yoga and on behalf of Raptors Rise Rehabilitation Center sought approval for an educational event called Find Your Wings on Saturday, September 12, 2026, at the Labyrinth and Shelter House #4 at the Riverwalk to teach the public about the benefits of birds of prey in the wild. The event includes a donation -based yoga class Fire Horse Yoga at 9:00 am followed by a walking meditation around the labyrinth at the Riverwalk. Find Your Wings is free to the public. A certificate of insurance will be provided to the City. Coordination has been made with the Park Department.

A motion was made by Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Tim Bell to approve the use of the Labyrinth and Shelter House #4 at the Riverwalk for the Find Your Wings event hosted by Fire Horse Yoga and Raptors Rise Rehabilitation Center on September 12, 2026. Motion carried 3-0.

CLOSURES

Jasper Park and Recreation Director Tom Moorman announced the Riverwalk will be closed beginning April 6, 2026, for approximately two weeks for repairs. The public is advised to obey the barricades.

RECORDER QUOTE ACCEPTANCE

Police Chief Chad Dick sought approval to accept the new quote for the Recorder from Eventide in the sum of $39,977.92 including a five-year maintenance agreement.

A motion was made by Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Tim Bell to approve the quote for the Jasper Police Department Recorder from Eventide in the amount of $39,977.92 including a five-year maintenance agreement. Motion carried 3-0.

TRAVEL AND TRAINING

Police Chief Chad Dick sought approval to send Brent Duncan to attend the EFC Combative Instructor Course in Plainfield, Indiana, from July 6, 2026, to July 10, 2026. The total cost for the training including hotel and meal replacement is not to exceed $2,238.00.

A motion was made by Mayor Vonderheide and seconded by Tim Bell to authorize Sergeant Brent Duncan to attend EFC Combative Instructor Training in Plainfield Indiana from July 6, 2026, to July 10, 2026, for a cost not to exceed $2,238.00. Motion carried 3-0.

Police Chief Chad Dick sought approval to send Megan Dodd and Elizabeth Evitts to the NENA Conference in Noblesville, Indiana, from July 13, 2026, to July 17, 2026, for a total cost not to exceed $1,170.00.

A motion was made by Tim Bell and seconded by Mayor Vonderheide to authorized Megan Dodd and Elizabeth Evitts to attend the NENA Conference in Noblesville, Indiana, from July 13, 2026, to July 17, 2026, for a total cost not to exceed $1,170.00. Motion carried 3-0.

DONATION RESTRICTION ACCEPTANCE

Police Chief Chad Dick requested acceptance of the restrictions placed on a grant the City received from the J. Michael Bennet Endowment in the amount of $3,513.00 to be used by the Jasper Police Department.

A motion was made by Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Tim Bell to approve the restriction on the grant received from the J. Michael Bennet Endowment in the amount $3,513.00 to be used by the Jasper Police Department. Motion carried 3-0.

JUNK ASSETS

Police Chief Chad Dick sought approval to remove non-functioning assets with the follow asset numbers from the Jasper Police Department's list of fixed assets: 100909, 101609, 101610, 101611, 101747, 102112, and 102422.

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

DISPATCH HIRING

Police Chief Chad Dick gave an update to the board on the dispatch hiring process. Mayor Vonderheide recommended offering Mason Herzog a conditional offer of employment for the position of Probationary Telecommunicator and keep the remaining applicants on a list for the future.

A motion was made by Mayor Vonderheide and seconded by Tim Bell to offer Mason Herzog a conditional offer of employment for the position of Probationary Telecommunicator with the position becoming effective once all the conditions have been met. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION BPW-2 – HANDBOOK UPDATES

City Attorney Renee Kabrick presented updates to the insurance effective date and the vacation policy of the Police Department's handbook. Several of these changes were adopted last week at the common council meeting and need to approved by the board as well.

A motion was made by Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Tim Bell to pass and adopt Resolution BPW-2. Motion carried 3-0.

JVFD FIRST CLASS UNIFORMS

City Attorney Renee Kabrick on behalf of Fire Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Kenny Hochgesang sought approval of the quote from Seagle's Uniforms for thirty-five sets of First-Class Fire Fighter Uniforms in an amount not to exceed $20,196.00.

A motion was made by Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Tim Bell to approve the quote from Seagle's Uniforms in an amount not to exceed $20,196.00 for thirty-five sets of First-Class Fire Fighter Uniforms. Motion carried 3-0.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Fire Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Kenny Hochgesang had provided the board with the code enforcement and fuel and maintenance reports. The board acknowledged receipt of the reports.

RUBBISH TRUCK QUOTE ACCEPTANCE

Street Admin Jan Uebelhor sought permission to accept the quote form the sole bidder Best Equipment for a 2026 Loadmaster Ford F-550 (Rubbish Truck) for the Jasper Street Department in the amount of $155,750.00. The quote amount came in under budget.

A motion was made by Mayor Vonderheide and seconded by Nancy Eckerle to accept the sole quote from Best Equipment for the purchase of a 2026 Loadmaster Ford F-550 (Rubbish Truck) in the amount of $155,750.00. Motion carried 3-0.

STREET CLOSURE

Street Admin Jan Uebelhor sought permission to temporarily close the intersection at St. James and A Streets for storm sewer replacement. This should have minimal effect on the public and will be put out to the media and on Jasper Insights.

A motion was made by Tim Bell and seconded by Nancy Eckerle to approve the temporary closure of the intersection of St. James and A Streets for the replacement of a storm sewer. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT. A motion was made by Mayor Vonderheide and seconded by

Nancy Eckerle to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 3-0 and the meeting adjourned at 8:46 a.m.

The minutes were hereby approved ___ with ___ without corrections or clarification this ___ day of ___, 2026.

Mayor Ryan Craig, Presiding Officer

Attest: _____
Kiersten Knies, Clerk-Treasurer