

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA  
March 20, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Jasper, Indiana, was held on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, 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		
Vince Helming	X		
Paul Lorey	X		
Kevin Manley			X
Nancy Eckerle	X		
Philip Mundy	X		
City Attorney Renee Kabrick	X		
Clerk-Treasurer Kiersten Knies	X		

Utilities Manager Bud Hauersperger and Police Chief Nathan Schmitt were also present at the meeting.

Knies announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the council members must be in attendance. Six of the 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 minutes from Regular Council Meeting February 21, 2024, were distributed to and examined by the Council. A motion was made by Council member Paul Lorey and seconded by Council member Nancy Eckerle to approve the minutes from February 21, 2024, without corrections. Motion carried 6-0.

**Department Presentation.** Police Chief Nathan Schmitt gave an update on the Police Department to the council.

**Tax Abatement Compliance Forms.** Copies of the Compliance with Statement of Benefits Form for 2011-15 Personal Property, 2021-10 Personal Property, and 2021-10 Real Property Improvements for 2024 pay 2025 from Indiana Furniture, Inc. were previously submitted to the council members for their review. Lori Klem and Max Verkamp was present representing Indiana Furniture, Inc. The council then reviewed the information that was submitted. A motion was made by Paul Lorey and seconded by Chad Lueken to find that Indiana Furniture, Inc. is in substantial compliance with the statement of benefits for its 2011-15 Personal Property, 2021-10 Personal Property, and 2021-10 Real Property Improvements. Motion carried 6-0.

Copies of the Compliance with Statement of Benefits Form CF-1 for 2019-09 Real Property Improvements and 2020-1 Real Property Improvements for 2024 pay 2025 from Park Place Estates One, LLC were previously submitted to the council members for their review. Ruger Kerstiens was present representing Park Place Estates One, LLC. The council then reviewed the

information that was submitted. A motion was made by John Schroeder and seconded by Phil Mundy to find that Park Place Estates One, LLC is in substantial compliance with the statement of benefits for its 2019-09 Real Property Improvements and its 2020-1 Real Property Improvements. Motion carried 6-0.

**TIF Management Report.** Clerk Treasurer Kiersten Knies presented the annual TIF Management Report for 2023 to the council. A motion was made by Paul Lorey and seconded by Chad Lueken to approve the annual TIF Management Report for 2023 presented by Clerk Treasurer Kiersten Knies. Motion carried 6-0.

**City Disclosure Operating Procedures.** Clerk Treasurer Kiersten Knies presented the city's Disclosure Operating Procedures as well as the Material Amount Calculation to the council for approval. A motion was made by Nancy Eckerle and seconded by John Schroeder to adopt the City of Jasper Disclosure Operating Procedures and Material Amount Calculation as they were presented by Clerk Treasurer Kiersten Knies. Motion carried 6-0.

**Gas Contractor's License Approval.** Gas Contractor Licenses for Ryan Englert and Noah Schroering were presented. A motion was made by Paul Lorey and seconded by Phil Mundy to formally approve the Gas Contractor's License for Ryan Englert and Noah Schroering. Motion carried 6-0.

#### **Ordinance No. 2024-4**

#### **An Ordinance Fixing a Schedule of Rates and Charges Collected by the City of Jasper, IN from the Owners of Properties Served by the Sewage Works of Said City and Other Matters Connected Therewith.**

A motion was made by Paul Lorey and seconded by Vince Helming to read the ordinance by title only on the first reading. Motion carried 6-0.

City Attorney Renee Kabrick so read Ordinance No. 2024-4 by title only.

Thereafter, a motion was made by John Schroeder and seconded by Paul Lorey to approve Ordinance No. 2024-4 on the first reading. Motion carried 6-0.

#### **Real Property Sales Purchase Agreement**

City Attorney Renee Kabrick presented the Real Property Sales Purchase Agreement to the council which authorizes the purchase of property from Greater Jasper Consolidated School Corporation for the Regional Wellness Center.

Thereafter, a motion was made by John Schroeder and seconded by Paul Lorey to pass and authorize the Real Estate Sales Purchase Agreement between the Greater Jasper Consolidated School Corporation and the City of Jasper for the Regional Wellness Center. Motion carried 6-0.

#### **Additional Discussion.**

Permitting Report and Library Usage Report – Council member Nancy Eckerle noted appreciation for these reports.

Opioid Funds – Council member Nancy Eckerle advised that a small group had been meeting to determine the best use of these funds while remaining in compliance with all reporting guidelines.

DORA Clarification – Council member Nancy Eckerle asked for clarification as to whether or not a cup could be carried from one DORA location into another. City Attorney Renee Kabrick indicated that if you are in the DORA that is allowed but is up to the discretion of the business owner.

Communication Warning System – Council member Nancy Eckerle advised that two groups from Indiana University would be researching the impact a communication warning system have on the community and invited the public to attend a presentation on April 12, 2024, at 1:15 pm in the council chambers.

**Adjournment.** There being no further business, a motion was made by Council member Paul Lorey and seconded by Council member Vince Helming to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 6-0 and

the meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

The minutes were hereby approved \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ without corrections or clarification this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024.

  
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Mayor Dean Vonderheide, Presiding Officer

Attest:   
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Kiersten Knies, Clerk-Treasurer