

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA  
April 17, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Jasper, Indiana, was held on Wednesday, April 17, 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 was 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. All 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 March 20, 2024, were distributed to and examined by the Council. A motion was made by Council member Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Council member Phil Mundy to approve the minutes from March 20, 2024, without corrections. Motion carried 7-0.

**Tax Abatement Compliance Forms.**

Copies of the Compliance with Statement of Benefits Form for real property abated per Resolution No. 2016-01 for 2024 pay 2025 from Jasper Lofts, LLC. were previously submitted to the council members for their review. Melissa Claridge was present representing Jasper Lofts, LLC. The council then reviewed the information that was submitted. A motion was made by Paul Lorey and seconded by Kevin Manley to find that Jasper Lofts, LLC is in substantial compliance with the statement of benefits for its real property abated per Resolution No. 2016-01. Motion carried 7-0.

Copies of the Compliance with Statement of Benefits Form CF-1 for real property abated per Resolution No. 2016-08 for 2024 pay 2025 from Vine Street Lofts, LLC were previously submitted to the council members for their review. Twana Lynch was present representing Vine Street Lofts, LLC. The council then reviewed the information that was submitted. A motion was made by Paul Lorey and seconded by Kevin Manley to find that Vine Street Lofts, LLC is in substantial compliance with the statement of benefits for real property abated per Resolution No. 2016-08. Motion carried 7-0.

Copies of the Compliance with Statement of Benefits Form CF-1 for real and personal property abated per Resolution No. 2014-6 and 2014-8 for 2024 pay 2025 from Jasper Engine Exchange, Inc. were previously submitted to the council members for their review. Jason Kelly was present representing Jasper Engine Exchange, 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 Jasper Engine Exchange, Inc. is in substantial compliance with the statement of benefits for its real and personal property abated per Resolution No. 2014-6 and 2014-8. Motion carried 6-0, with Phil Mundy abstaining.

Copies of the Compliance with Statement of Benefits Form CF-1 for personal property abated per Resolution No. 2017-12 for 2024 pay 2025 from Kimball Hospitality, Inc. were previously submitted to the council members for their review. No one was present representing Kimball Hospitality, Inc. The council then reviewed the information that was submitted. A motion was made by John Schroeder and seconded by Kevin Manley to find that Kimball Hospitality, Inc. is in substantial compliance with the statement of benefits for its personal property abated per Resolution No. 2017-12. Motion carried 7-0.

Copies of the Compliance with Statement of Benefits Form CF-1 for personal property abated per Resolution No. 2022-7 for 2024 pay 2025 from Ditto Sales, Inc. were previously submitted to the council members for their review. Laura Mehling was present representing Ditto Sales, Inc. The council then reviewed the information that was submitted. A motion was made by Kevin Manley and seconded by Paul Lorey to find that Ditto Sales, Inc. is in substantial compliance with the statement of benefits for its personal property abated per Resolution No. 2022-7. Motion carried 7-0.

Copies of the Compliance with Statement of Benefits Form CF-1 for real property abated per Resolution No. 2017-14 for 2024 pay 2025 from German American Bank were previously submitted to the council members for their review. Scott Miller was present representing German American Bank. The council then reviewed the information that was submitted. A motion was made by Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Phil Mundy to find that German American Bank is in substantial compliance with the statement of benefits for its real property abated per Resolution No. 2017-14. Motion carried 7-0.

Copies of the Compliance with Statement of Benefits Form CF-1 for personal and real property abated per Resolution No. 2013-4 for 2024 pay 2025 from Jasper Chair Company, Inc. were previously submitted to the council members for their review. Jeff Barth was present representing Jasper Chair Company, Inc. The council then reviewed the information that was submitted. A motion was made by Pual Lorey and seconded by Kevin Manley to find that Jasper Chair Company, Inc. is in substantial compliance with the statement of benefits for its personal and real property abated per Resolution No. 2013-4. Motion carried 7-0.

Copies of the Compliance with Statement of Benefits Form CF-1 for real and personal property abated per Resolution No. 2012-8 and 2012-11 and for real and personal property abated per Resolution No. 2014-15 for 2024 pay 2025 from Meyer Distributing, Inc., Braun Family Properties, LLC, and Transit Properties, LLC were previously submitted to the council members for their review. No one was present representing Meyer Distributing Inc. The council then reviewed the information that was submitted. A motion was made by Kevin Manley and seconded by Nancy Eckerle to find that Meyer Distributing, Inc., Braun Family Properties, LLC, and Transit Properties, LLC are in substantial compliance with the statement of benefits for its real and personal property abated per Resolution No. 2012-8 and 2012-11 and for real and personal property abated per Resolution No. 2014-15. Motion carried 7-0.

#### **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.**

Mayor Vonderheide opened this matter for public hearing. There being no one in attendance from the public for the hearing, a motion was made by Paul Lorey and seconded by Kevin Manley to close the public hearing. Motion carried 7-0.

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

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 second reading. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Phil Mundy to read the ordinance by title only on the third and final reading. Motion carried 7-0.

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

Thereafter, a motion was made by Chad Lueken and seconded by Vince Helming to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2024-4 on the third and final reading. Motion carried 7-0.

**Ordinance No. 2024-5**

**An Ordinance Establishing Fees for Rental Associated Costs of the Jasper Arts Center and Fees for the Participation in Jasper Arts Center Program (Amends Jasper Municipal Code §1.57.010).**

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

City Attorney Renee Kabrick so read Ordinance No. 2024-5 by title only.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Paul Lorey and seconded by Kevin Manley to approve Ordinance No. 2024-5 on the first reading. Motion carried 7-0.

**Resolution No. 2024-6**

**A Resolution Adopting Indiana Code §5-23, As Amended, and Taking Certain Other Actions Related Thereto.**

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

City Attorney Renee Kabrick so read Resolution No. 2024-6 by title only.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Kevin Manley and seconded by Phil Mundy to pass and adopt Resolution No. 2024-6. Motion carried 7-0.

**Adjournment.** There being no further business, a motion was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member Vince Helming to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 7-0 and the meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

The minutes were hereby approved \_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_ without corrections or clarification this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2024.

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**Mayor Dean Vonderheide, Presiding Officer**

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Kiersten Knies, Clerk-Treasurer**