

****Subject to Council Approval****

**JONESVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Minutes of November 19, 2025**

A meeting of the Jonesville City Council was held on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at the Jonesville City Hall, 265 E. Chicago Street, Jonesville, MI. Mayor Gerry Arno called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were: Chris Grider, Brenda Guyse, George Humphries Jr., Andy Penrose and Annette Sands. Absent: Dean Adair II.

Also present: Manager Gray, DPW Supt. Crouch, Public Safety Director Lance, Deputy Fire Chief Riggs, Finance Director Spahr, WWTP Supt Mullaly, Attorney Lovinger, Dean Adair Sr., Chad and Nicole Benson, Scott Lucas and Greg Bailey.

George Humphries Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.

A motion was made by Brenda Guyse and supported by Annette Sands to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor. Absent: Dean Adair II. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Brenda Guyse and supported by Andy Penrose to approve the minutes of October 15, 2025 with one correction. All in favor. Absent: Dean Adair II. Motion carried.

Annette Sands made a motion and was supported by Chris Grider to receive the minutes of the following: Region II Planning Commission (R2PC) – September 11, 2025; Planning Commission (PC) – October 8, 2025; and Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) – October 15, 2025. All in favor. Absent: Dean Adair II. Motion carried.

A Public Hearing was opened at 6:32 p.m. for the purpose of hearing public comments on Ordinance No. 226 – Recodification of the Zoning Ordinance. There were no public comments. The Public Hearing closed at 6:33 p.m.

A motion was made by George Humphries Jr. and supported by Chris Grider to approve Ordinance No. 226 – Recodification of the Zoning Ordinance. The City's Zoning Ordinance has not been recodified since City incorporation in 2014. Prior to incorporation, the City developed its Zoning Ordinance as a joint ordinance with Fayette Township. The purpose of this recodification is to accomplish updating the outdated references to the "Village of Jonesville" to the "City of Jonesville", to remove regulatory references to Fayette Township since the two communities are no longer maintaining and updating the Zoning Ordinance as a collaborative ordinance, and to add amendments that have taken place since the last update in 2013. All in favor. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Chris Grider, Brenda Guyse, George Humphries Jr., Andy Penrose, Annette Sands and Gerry Arno. Nays: None. Absent: Dean Adair II. Motion carried.

Greg Bailey of Bailey Hodshire & Co. P.C. presented the June 30, 2025 audit report for the City of Jonesville. Mr. Bailey stated that the City had a "highest form of clean" audit with no issues being found. Mr. Bailey commended the City Council and City staff for again having a commendable audit.

A motion was made by Chris Grider and supported by Annette Sands to receive the June 30, 2025 Audit Report as presented. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Chris Grider, Brenda Guyse, George Humphries Jr., Andy Penrose, Annette Sands and Gerry Arno. Nays: None. Absent: Dean Adair II. Motion carried.

Chris Grider made a motion and was supported by Brenda Guyse to accept the recommendation from the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and approve the Addendum to the Purchase and Development Agreement with DH Roberts Construction for the development of Riverview Flats, a retail and housing complex on the site of the former Klein Tool factory. All in favor. Absent: Dean Adair II. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Brenda Guyse and supported by George Humphries Jr. to appoint and re-appoint the following board and commission members:

Board of Review

Lindsey Crouch	Re-Appoint	3 Year Term (Ending December 2028)
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Cemetery Committee

John Center	Re-Appoint	3 Year Term (Ending November 2028)
Les Hutchinson	Re-Appoint	3 Year Term (Ending November 2028)
Rachel Kiehnau	Re-Appoint	3 Year Term (Ending November 2028)
Brenda Rathbun	Re-Appoint	3 Year Term (Ending November 2028)

Citizenship Committee

Kathi Boyle	Re-Appoint	3 Year Term (Ending November 2028)
Andy Penrose	Re-Appoint	3 Year Term (Ending November 2028)
Annette Sands	Re-Appoint	3 Year Term (Ending November 2028)

Downtown Development Authority (DDA)

Abe Graves	Re-Appoint	4 Year Term (Ending November 2029)
Rick Jenkins	Re-Appoint	4 Year Term (Ending November 2029)
Mary Ellen Sattler	Re-Appoint	4 Year Term (Ending November 2029)
Don Toffolo	Re-Appoint	4 Year Term (Ending November 2029)

Planning Commission

James Ackerson	Re-Appoint	3 Year Term (Ending November 2028)
Brenda Guyse	Re-Appoint	3 Year Term (Ending November 2028)
Ryan Scholfield	Re-Appoint	3 Year Term (Ending November 2028)

Election Commission

LaNae Baker	Appoint	Indefinite Term
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All in favor. Absent: Dean Adair II. Motion carried.

George Humphries Jr. made a motion and was supported by Brenda Guyse to approve the Service Agreement - Hillsdale County Equalization Department for a proposed three-year agreement for tax and GIS-mapping related services, with the selection of Option 2 and utilizing the City Assessor's data for the printing of tax bills, and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the same. All in favor. Absent: Dean Adair II. Motion carried.

A motion was made by George Humphries Jr. and supported by Annette Sands to approve the Fiscal Year 2025-26 First Quarter Budget Amendments and October 2025. All in favor. Absent: Dean Adair II. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Andy Penrose and supported by Chris Grider to approve the Accounts Payable for November 2025 in the amount of \$211,346.04. All in favor. Absent: Dean Adair II. Motion carried.

Updates were given by Department Heads, Manager Gray and Council.

An Open House will be held at City Hall on December 18, 2025, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., to honor Lenore Spahr and her years of service to the City of Jonesville.

Mayor Gerry Arno adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Submitted by:

Cynthia D. Means
Clerk

Gerald E. Arno
Mayor