

****Subject to Approval****

**JONESVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Minutes of December 15, 2021**

A meeting of the Jonesville City Council was held on Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at the Jonesville Police Department, 116 W. Chicago Street, Jonesville, MI. Mayor Gerry Arno called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were: Tim Bowman, Jerry Drake, Brenda Guyse, George Humphries Jr., Delesha Padula and Andy Penrose.

Also present: Manager Gray, Treasurer Spahr, WWTP Supt. Boyle, DPW Supt. Kyser, Police Sergeant Albright, Public Safety Director Etter, Attorney Thompson, Greg Bailey, Christine Bowman, Kathleen Schmitt, Kathy Humphries, Sheila Lonk, Rene Hunt, Julie Albright, Todd and Samantha Moore, Cameron Moore, Talon Moore, Alexa Moore, Gavin and Heather Albright, Nicholas and Xanthia Lucas, Aria Lucas and Alexa Lucas.

Mayor Arno led the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.

A motion was made by Brenda Guyse and supported by Jerry Drake to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Kathleen Schmitt, Hillsdale County Commissioner, gave a brief update to council.

Greg Bailey of Bailey, Hodshire & Co. presented the June 30, 2021 audit report for the City of Jonesville. Mr. Bailey stated that the City had a clean audit with no issues being found. Mr. Bailey commended the Council and City staff for again having a commendable audit.

A motion was made by Brenda Guyse and supported by Delesha Padula to receive the June 30, 2021 Audit Report, as presented. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Tim Bowman, Jerry Drake, Brenda Guyse, George Humphries Jr., Delesha Padula, Andy Penrose and Gerry Arno. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jerry Drake and supported by Brenda Guyse to reappoint Allison Hutchinson and Connie Hutchinson to four-year terms on the District Library Board. All in favor. Motion carried.

Tim Bowman made a motion to reappoint Abe Graves to a four-year term through November 2025 on the Downtown Development Authority (DDA). All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Andy Penrose and supported by Delesha Padula to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) and to authorize the City Manager to execute the same. The Community Action Agency has secured funding from the State of Michigan to assist low-income households with payment of water and sewer utility bills through September 30, 2023. All in favor. Motion carried.

Delesha Padula made a motion and was supported by Andy Penrose to approve the 2022 Meeting Calendar. Meetings will be held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Meeting dates and times will be adjusted, as deemed appropriate by the Council. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Brenda Guyse and supported by Jerry Drake to receive the annual DDA and LDFA Reports and place them on file. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jerry Drake and supported by Brenda Guyse to approve the Council Minutes of November 17, 2021. All in favor. Motion carried.

Andy Penrose made a motion and was supported by Delesha Padula to approve Accounts Payable for December 2021 totaling \$49,614.36. All in favor. Motion carried.

Board and Commission minutes – DDA and Planning Commission – received and placed on file.

Public Safety Director Etter presented a Lifesaving Award to Sergeant Carl Albright of the Jonesville Police Department. Sgt. Albright saved the lives of multiple individuals during this year, going above and beyond his duties. Etter stated that Sgt. Albright is very deserving of this award and that Jonesville is fortunate to have him as a dedicated police officer.

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

At 7:31 Mayor Arno stated that the council will be going in to recess prior to the Closed Session.

At 7:42 p.m. a motion was made by Andy Penrose and supported by Jerry Drake to move into closed session in accordance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act Section 8a, to consider the evaluation of Manager Gray, per his request. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Tim Bowman, Jerry Drake, Brenda Guyse, George Humphries Jr., Delesha Padula, Andy Penrose and Gerry Arno. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The meeting returned to open session at 8:11 p.m.

The Personnel Committee recommended recognizing Manager Gray with “Outstanding Performance”, and recommended the following:

- Increase the annual base salary from \$83,157 to \$86,851, retroactive to July 1, 2021. .

Andy Penrose made a motion and supported by Brenda Guyse to approve the above recommendation of the Personnel Committee. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Tim Bowman, Jerry Drake, Brenda Guyse, George Humphries Jr., Delesha Padula, Andy Penrose and Gerry Arno. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Arno adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Submitted by:

Cynthia D. Means
Clerk

Gerald E. Arno
Mayor