

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

**JONESVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Minutes of October 15, 2025**

A meeting of the Jonesville City Council was held on Wednesday, October 15, 2025, at the Jonesville City Hall, 265 E. Chicago Street, Jonesville, MI. Mayor Pro-Tem Andy Penrose called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were: Dean Adair II, Chris Grider, Brenda Guyse, George Humphries Jr., and Annette Sands. Absent: Gerry Arno.

Also present: Manager Gray, DPW Supt. Crouch, Public Safety Director Lance, Finance Director Spahr, WWTP Supt Mullaly, Attorney Lovinger, Kevin Collins, Chad and Nicole Benson, Grace Broesamle, Lisa Adair and Karen Lancaster.

Brenda Guyse 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: Gerry Arno. Motion carried.

Kevin Collins, Hillsdale County Commissioner, provided an update of the Hillsdale County Commission.

A motion was made by Dean Adair II and supported by Brenda Guyse to approve the minutes of September 17, 2025. All in favor. Absent: Gerry Arno. Motion carried.

Brenda Guyse made a motion and was supported by Annette Sands to receive the minutes of the following: Economic Development Partnership (EDP) – June 12, 2025, and Downtown Development Authority (DDA) – September 10, 2025. All in favor. Absent: Gerry Arno. Motion carried.

Due to a conflict of interest, Councilman Chris Grider of Red Beard Properties excused himself from the meeting to refrain from any discussion of the sale of property located at 148 Jermaine Street.

A Public Hearing was opened at 6:45 p.m. Manager Gray gave an overview of the offers received for the sale of real property located at 148 Jermaine Street. The hearing was scheduled due to the offer from Red Beard Properties/Chris Grider in the amount of \$11,000 for the vacant residential property located at 148 Jermaine Street. Since the hearing was scheduled, staff received a second offer in the amount of \$13,000 from Danny and Janie Peiffer. There were no public comments. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:48 p.m.

A motion was made by Dean Adair II and supported by Brenda Guyse to accept the offer from Danny and Janie Peiffer in the amount of \$13,000 for the property located at 148 Jermaine Street; the offer from Red Beard Properties in the amount of \$11,000 is accepted as a back-up offer in the event the primary offer fails to close. The City Manager and Clerk are authorized to execute any necessary documents to complete the sale. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Dean Adair II,

Brenda Guyse, George Humphries Jr., Annette Sands and Andy Penrose. Nays: None. Abstain: Chris Grider Absent: Gerry Arno. Motion carried.

Brenda Guyse made a motion and was supported by Dean Adair II to enter into a one-year agreement with the Woodhill Group for accounting and financial services and to authorize the City Manager to execute the same. Karen Lancaster of the Woodhill Group spoke to Council and explained that she will be providing primary finance director services, including account reconciliations, tax collections and reconciliations, state and federal reporting, budget, and audit preparation. The estimated cost per year for services will be \$75,000. All in favor. Absent: Gerry Arno. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Chris Grider and supported by Annette Sands to approve Traffic Control Order 2025-02 for the purpose of the closure of Park Street and Wright Street Park between Park Street and Chicago Street for the trunk-or-treat that takes place on Halloween. The closure will take place from 4:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Friday, October 31, 2025. All in favor. Absent: Gerry Arno. Motion carried.

Brenda Guyse made a motion and was supported by Dean Adair II to receive Ordinance No. 226 and to schedule a Public Hearing for Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at the Jonesville City Hall to consider public comments on Ordinance No. 226. 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. Absent: Gerry Arno. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Chris Grider and supported by Dean Adair II to approve the Accounts Payable for October 2025 in the amount of \$153,000.88. All in favor. Absent: Gerry Arno. Motion carried.

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Penrose adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Submitted by:

Cynthia D. Means
Clerk

Andy Penrose
Mayor Pro-Tem