

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

**JONESVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Minutes of January 20, 2021**

Pursuant to Section 3A of the Open Meetings Act, Act 267 of 1976, as amended, participation in this meeting was by Zoom Meeting. The Council staff and public were allowed to participate.

A meeting of the Jonesville City Council was held on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 via Zoom Meeting. Mayor Gerry Arno called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. Council members present via Zoom Meeting were: Tim Bowman, Jerry Drake, Brenda Guyse, George Humphries Jr., Delesha Padula and Andy Penrose.

Also present via Zoom Meeting: Manager Gray, Treasurer Spahr, WWTP Acting Supt. Boyle, Police Chief Lance, Fire Chief Adair, Attorney Lovinger, and Hillsdale County Commissioner Kathy Schmitt.

The Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence was led by Councilman Andy Penrose.

A motion was made by Andy Penrose and supported by Brenda Guyse to approve the agenda as presented with one addition; 6.E.: Waste Water Treatment Plant Staffing. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Tim Bowman, Jerry Drake, Brenda Guyse, George Humphries Jr., Delesha Padula, Andy Penrose and Gerry Arno. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Kathy Schmitt, Hillsdale County Commissioner gave a brief update.

A motion was made by Brenda Guyse and supported by Tim Bowman to approve the recommendation from the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) to appoint Mary Ellen Sattler to fill a vacancy on the board to complete the balance of a term that ends in November 2024. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Tim Bowman, Jerry Drake, Brenda Guyse, George Humphries Jr., Delesha Padula, Andy Penrose and Gerry Arno. Nays: None. Motion carried.

George Humphries Jr. made a motion and was supported by Andy Penrose to approve Resolution 2021-01 – Meetings of the Board of Review for 2021. This resolution establishes the meeting dates and times for the Board of Review in March, July and December. 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 Tim Bowman and supported by Brenda Guyse to affirm that the Income and Asset Guidelines that were established in 2018 (Resolution 2018-03) will be used in the consideration of property tax exemption requests during 2021. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Tim Bowman, Jerry Drake, Brenda Guyse, George Humphries Jr., Delesha Padula, Andy Penrose and Gerry Arno. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Manager Gray announced that through two generous donations from Consumers Energy and third from a private donor, the DDA was able to fund a gift card and gift certificate incentive program that invested \$21,200 in participating businesses in the Downtown in mid-December. At least one card or certificate was purchased from each participating business with buyers generally spreading their purchases to multiple businesses.

A motion was made by Jerry Drake and supported by Brenda Guyse to authorize the creation of a part-time Operator position in the Wastewater Treatment Department to Rick Mahoney with a starting pay of \$25.00 per hour. Hiring Mr. Mahoney would enable the City to maintain the required minimum licensing level on our staff, allowing Mr. Mahoney to complete the required monthly reporting to the state and to assure compliance with State licensing standards. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Tim Bowman, Jerry Drake, Brenda Guyse, George Humphries Jr., Delesha Padula, Andy Penrose and Gerry Arno. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Brenda Guyse made a motion and was supported by Tim Bowman to promote Brian Boyle to Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent, with a starting pay rate at the G6-6 step on the City's pay scale. Mr. Boyle has a "C" level wastewater license, a D-3 water license, and nearly 40 years of experience with the City. 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 George Humphries Jr. and supported by Jerry Drake to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2020 Meeting. 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 Andy Penrose and supported by Delesha Padula to approve Accounts Payable for January 2021 in the amount of \$104,196.60. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Tim Bowman, Jerry Drake, Brenda Guyse, George Humphries Jr., Delesha Padula, Andy Penrose and Gerry Arno. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

Mayor Arno adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Submitted by:

Cynthia D. Means
Clerk

Gerald E. Arno
Mayor