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JONESVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Minutes of August 25, 2021

A meeting of the Jonesville City Council was held on Wednesday, August 25, 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 Cert. Oper. Mahoney, Police Chief Lance, Police Chief Etter, DPW Supt. Kyser, Fire Chief Adair, Attorney Lovinger, Christine Bowman, Margaret Hughes, Carolyn Petrie, Carol Burton, Steve Tulloch, Jeff Wingard (Fleis & Vandenbrink), CJ Murray, Charles Crouch, Dean Adair Sr., Lisa Adair, Laura Udzik, Kurtis Bulloch, Rick Riggs, Greg Draper, Joe Luna, Kathy Schmitt (Hillsdale County Commissioner), Virgil Udzik, Bryan and Mary Playford, Ronda Tulloch, Mike Sweeney, Valerie Etter, Scott Lucas, Mike Sweeney, Daren Wisely, Nate Baker, and Neil Finegan.

The Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence was led by Mayor Gerry Arno.

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

The following spoke during public comment section: Steve Tulloch, Kurtis Bulloch, Virgil Udzik and Kathy Schmitt,

Mayor Arno presented a Proclamation to Chief Michael Lance recognizing his nine (9) years of service to the City of Jonesville.

A motion was made by Jerry Drake and supported by Brenda Guyse to approve the proposal for Engineering and Bidding Services for a Sewer Lining. Supt. Boyle recommended that the City approve a contract with Fleis and Vandenbrink to develop construction specifications, project permitting, and bid documents to solicit bids from qualified contractors to complete this work at a cost of \$7,800 and will be expended from the \$100,000 project budget for cured-in -place lining of several sanitary sewers in the City. Certified Operator Rick Mahoney and Jeff Wingard of Fleis and Vandenbrink spoke briefly regarding the project. All in favor. Motion carried.

Brenda Guyse made a motion to approve the first pay request for the renovations of the Waste Water Treatment Plant Laboratory in the amount of \$2,700 for bond and permit costs. Delesha Padula supported the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Andy Penrose and supported by Jerry Drake to approve the purchase to replace the Channel Monster from Kennedy Industries in the amount of \$21,381.00. The Channel Monster is used to capture and grind down wastewater solids coming into the process of the treatment at the plant. All in favor. Motion carried.

Tim Bowman made a motion and was supported by Delesha Padula to approve the FY 2020-21 budget amendments prepared by Finance Director Lenore Spahr. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Fiscal Year 2020-21 annual budget comparison was provided for council. Revenues and expenditures are in line with budgeted figures.

Delesha Padula spoke on behalf of the Personnel Committee regarding the recommendation they are making to the City Council. Padula noted that the findings of the Committee investigation and their recommendations are included in the meeting packet. The Personnel Committee recommends that the City Council create a Public Safety Director position which will be a Department Head position to supervise both the City of Jonesville Police and Fire Departments. The Personnel Committee has determined that Police Chief Kurt Etter would be suitable for the position as he has extensive experience in firefighting, including command positions, firefighter training, along with fire department policy, compliance and operations. The Personnel Committee recommends that City Council authorize creation of the Director of Public Safety position and corresponding reorganization to move forward supporting both the City Manager and the Fire Department. The Committee also recommends that the City Council appoint Police Chief Kurt Etter to the position of Public Safety Director.

A motion was made by Andy Penrose and supported by Jerry Drake to authorize creation of the Director of Public Safety position which will supervise both the Jonesville Police and Fire Departments. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Tim Bowman, Jerry Drake, Brenda Guyse, Delesha Padula, Andy Penrose and Gerry Arno. Nays: George Humphries Jr. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Andy Penrose and supported by Jerry Drake to appoint Police Chief Kurt Etter to the position of Public Safety Director. 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 Oath of Office was presented to Police Chief/Public Safety Director Kurt Etter by Clerk Cindy Means.

A motion was made by Brenda Guyse and supported by Tim Bowman to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2021 Regular Meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Andy Penrose made a motion and was supported by Delesha Padula to approve Accounts Payable for August 2021 in the amount of \$180,736.16. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

Mayor Arno adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Cynthia D. Means
Clerk

Gerald E. Arno
Mayor