

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

**JONESVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Minutes of March 24, 2015**

A regular meeting of the Jonesville City Council was held on Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at the Jonesville City Hall. Mayor Robert Snow called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were: Tim Bowman, Ron Hayes, Andy Penrose and David Steel. Absent: Gerry Arno and Jerry Drake.

Also present: Manager Gray, DPW Superintendent Kyser, Fire Chief Adair, Assistant to the Manager McLean, Police Chief Lance, Attorney Lovinger, and Jason Dafnis (Hillsdale Daily News).

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

There was a question and some discussion regarding the May Ballot Proposal 1. Manager Gray and Councilman Bowman both commented. The agenda was accepted as presented.

Andy Penrose made a motion with a second by Tim Bowman to approve Resolutions 2015-05 – Ron Boyle and 2015-06 – Jim Marks as 2015 Citizens of the Year, and 2015-07 – Sabrina Angel, as the 2015 Youth Citizen of the Year. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Tim Bowman, Ron Hayes, Andy Penrose, David Steel, and Robert Snow. Nays: None. Absent: Gerry Arno and Jerry Drake. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Tim Bowman and seconded by Dave Steel to approve the updated Citizenship Awards Committee Policies. The updates include changes from “Village” to “City”, and addresses the nomination of officers. All in favor. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Andy Penrose and seconded by Ron Hayes to approve the 2015 Street Paving Project. Manager Gray explained that the bids were prepared with both a 1 ½” and a 2” overlay. Bids came in low enough that we can have the 2” overlay done and still be below budget. DPW Superintendent Kyser mentioned that the road millings will be used on the Rail/Trail parking lot and Pinecrest Drive. All in favor. Absent: Gerry Arno and Jerry Drake. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Dave Steel and supported by Ron Hayes to approve Resolution 2015-08 – Poverty Exemption Guidelines. The Guidelines follow the Federal poverty guidelines, and will be adhered to by the Jonesville City Assessor and Board of Review. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Tim Bowman, Ron Hayes, Andy Penrose, David Steel, and Robert Snow. Nays: None. Absent: Gerry Arno and Jerry Drake. Motion carried.

Manager Gray presented the City Related Revenue and Expenditure Report for the period of July 2014 through January 2015, which was prepared by Finance Director Spahr. The report reflects one-time versus ongoing operational expenses.

Ron Hayes made a motion and was supported by Tim Bowman to approve the Council minutes of February 18, 2015. All in favor. Absent: Gerry Arno and Jerry Drake. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Andy Penrose and supported by Ron Hayes to approve the Accounts Payable for March 2015 in the amount of \$65,286.29. All in favor. Absent: Gerry Arno and Jerry Drake. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Adair commented that the grant funds for the purchase of the fire truck will be obligated by the USDA-RD on Thursday, March 26, 2015. At that point, the City will be allowed to enter into contracts with the vendors for the truck build.

DPW Superintendent Kyser commented on the Water Cross Connection Program, stating that HydroCorp will be starting their inspections next Tuesday, March 31st. They will start with the Jonesville Industrial Park and municipal accounts first.

Assistant to the Manager McLean commented on the status of the Recreation Survey which is being conducted by the City of Jonesville and Fayette Township Joint Recreation Committee. Members of Council and public are urged to complete the survey, either online or in paper form.

Manager Gray gave an update on the Rail/Trail project stating that the State Department of Environmental Quality would like to inspect the site to ensure that it is not in an area of wetland. They will perform the inspection once vegetation is visible at the site. He also explained that the Jonesville Rotary Club has dedicated \$15,000 toward the enhancements, urging members to vote for their "Love Your Community" project through the Hillsdale County Community Foundation.

Manager Gray gave an update on the Heritage Lane housing project, stating that Excel Sterling should begin in mid to late May. He will update Council once a Groundbreaking Ceremony has been scheduled.

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

Ron Hayes made a motion and Andy Penrose seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Submitted by,

Lenore M. Spahr
Deputy Clerk