

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

**JONESVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Minutes of September 20, 2023**

A meeting of the Jonesville City Council was held on Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at the Jonesville City Hall, 265 E. Chicago Street, Jonesville, MI. Mayor Gerry Arno called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were: Tim Bowman, Chris Grider, Brenda Guyse, George Humphries Jr., Delesha Padula and Andy Penrose.

Also present: Manager Gray, Treasurer Spahr, WWTP Supt. Hughes, Director of Public Safety Lance, Attorney Lovinger, Erin Wolff, Margaret Hughes, Harold Baker, Josh Hawkes, Don Lawless, Diane Wolff, Chad Wolff, Robert Finegan, Shoshanna Finegan, Brittany Page, Scott Lucas, Dorothy Pogats, Jim Pogats, Robert Gillespie, Lisa Adair, Dean Adair Sr., Dean Adair II, Dean Adair III, Kurtis Bulloch, Melissa Whitehead, Jon Beckwith, Laura Udzik, Virgil Udzik, Abe Dane, Dana Kyser, Mark Nichols, Ann Reed, Mel Reed, Deb Bulloch, Terry Finegan, Carol Baker, Dale Baker, Greg Draper, Corrie Caldwell, Teri Magda, Jonathan Caldwell, Keegan Gimenez, Scott Hollister, Deb Hollister, Nate Baker and Bob Eichler.

Councilmember George Humphries Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance and the moment of silence.

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

Public Comment: Dean Adair II, Don Lawless, Chad Wolff, Robert Finegan, Lisa Adair and Dean Adair Sr. all spoke.

A motion was made by Brenda Guyse and supported by Tim Bowman to approve the proposed Election Services Agreement and to authorize the City Clerk to execute the same. Abe Dane, Hillsdale County Deputy Clerk, spoke briefly regarding the agreement and the feasibility of developing a single countywide polling location to implement the nine days of early voting this is required for state and local elections. All in favor. Motion carried.

Delesha Padula made a motion and was supported by Andy Penrose to approve Resolution 2023-09 – Revised Poverty Exemption and Asset Standards, which will replace Resolution 2023-02 that the Council approved in January 2023, per the State audit of the City's assessing practices as they are requiring changes to the standards for exemption to payment of real property taxes due to poverty. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Tim Bowman, Chris Grider, Brenda Guyse, George Humphries Jr., Delesha Padula, Andy Penrose and Gerry Arno. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Brenda Guyse and supported by Tim Bowman to approve payment of the July and August project invoices for the Maumee Street Construction Project, a total of \$99,126.92. All in favor. Motion carried.

Brenda Guyse made a motion and was supported by Delesha Padula to cast the ballot for the candidates for election to the MML Liability and Property Pool Board of Directors. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Fiscal Year 2022-23 Year End Budget Comparison was provided for review.

Due to several questions received at the July regular meeting, a memorandum was provided to Council with answers related to City personnel procedures. Councilmember Grider questioned the process to amend the current City Charter.

A motion as made by Delesha Padula and supported by Brenda Guyse to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on August 15, 2023. All in favor. Motion carried.

Andy Penrose made a motion and was supported by Delesha Padula to approve the Accounts Payable for September 2023 in the amount of \$157,018.04. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Andy Penrose and supported by Tim Bowman to receive and place the minutes of Region 2 Planning Commission – May 11, 2023 and Planning Commission – August 9, 2023 on file. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

Mayor Arno adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Submitted by:

Cynthia D. Means
Clerk

Gerald E. Arno
Mayor