

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

**JONESVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Minutes of October 18, 2023**

A meeting of the Jonesville City Council was held on Wednesday, October 18, 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, Brenda Guyse, George Humphries Jr., Delesha Padula and Andy Penrose. Absent: Chris Grider.

Also present: Manager Gray, Treasurer Spahr, WWTP Supt. Hughes, Officer Stolberg, Attorney Lovinger, Lisa Adair, Dorothy Pogats, Nancy Molinaro, Margaret Hughes, Dana Kyser, Jim Pogats, Mark Nichols, David Betts, Robert Eichler, and Scott Lucas.

Councilmember Brenda Guyse 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. Absent: Chris Grider. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Robert Eichler, Lisa Adair, Dorothy Pogats and Jim Pogats all spoke.

A motion was made by Andy Penrose and supported by Delesha Padula to approve Resolution 2023-10 – A Resolution of the City of Jonesville Honoring the Faithful and Dedicated Service of Robert Snow and Resolution 2023-11 – A Resolution of the City of Jonesville Honoring the Faithful and Dedicated Service of David Steel. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Tim Bowman, Brenda Guyse, George Humphries Jr., Delesha Padula, Andy Penrose and Gerry Arno. Nays: None. Absent: Chris Grider. Motion carried.

Brenda Guyse made a motion and was supported by Tim Bowman to schedule a special meeting for Wednesday, November 1, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. to honor Robert Snow and David Steel, who have contributed to the improvement of the City of Jonesville. All in favor. Absent: Chris Grider. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Brenda Guyse and supported by George Humphries Jr. to extend Interim Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent appointment to Ed Hughes, allowing him the opportunity to take the B Wastewater Operators License Exam in the Spring of 2024. All in favor. Absent: Chris Grider. Motion carried.

The Fiscal Year 2023-24 1st Quarter Budget Comparison was provided for review.

The State Tax Commission recently completed its assessment roll and practices audit, and has found the city to be substantially compliant with State Law. The report was provided for review.

A motion was made by Brenda Guyse and supported by Delesha Padula to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on September 20, 2023. All in favor. Absent: Chris Grider. Motion carried.

Andy Penrose made a motion and was supported by Delesha Padula to approve the Accounts Payable for October 2023 in the amount of \$108,010.21. All in favor. Absent: Chris Grider. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Brenda Guyse and supported by Tim Bowman to receive and place the minutes of Region 2 Planning Commission – August 10, 2023, Downtown Development Authority – September 12, 2023 and Planning Commission – September 13, 2023 on file. All in favor. Absent: Chris Grider. Motion carried.

Updates were given by Department Heads and Manager Gray.

At 6:57 p.m. a motion was made by Tim Bowman and supported by Andy Penrose to move into closed session in accordance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act Section 8a, to consider the evaluation of Manager Gray, per his request. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Tim Bowman, Brenda Guyse, George Humphries Jr., Delesha Padula, Andy Penrose and Gerry Arno. Nays: None. Absent: Chris Grider. Motion carried.

The meeting returned to open session at 7:51 p.m.

The Personnel Committee recommended recognizing Manager Gray with “Outstanding Performance” over the term of the contract which expired on June 30, 2023, and recommended the following retroactive to July 1, 2023:

- Extend the Employment Agreement term an additional five (5) years to June 30, 2028.

- Provide a 5% cost-of-living increase to the annual base salary to \$97,215.

- Increase the severance payment from six (6) months base salary and fringe benefits to nine (9) months.

- Increase the employer contribution to retirement from 5% to 7.5% of the Manager’s annual salary.

Andy Penrose made a motion and was supported by Brenda Guyse to approve the above recommendation of the Personnel Committee. All in favor. Absent: Chris Grider. Motion carried.

Updates were given by Council.

Mayor Arno adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Submitted by:

Cynthia D. Means
Clerk

Gerald E. Arno
Mayor