

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

**JONESVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
Minutes of July 17, 2024**

A meeting of the Jonesville City Council was held on Wednesday, July 17, 2024 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, Public Safety Director Lance, Deputy Fire Chief Riggs, Attorney Lovinger, Finance Director Spahr, DPW Superintendent Crouch, WWTP Superintendent Hughes, Scott Lucas, Thomas Whitaker, Joe Ruden, Lisa Adair, Dave Betz, Nicole and Chad Benson, Robert Eichler and Ken Koopmans

Councilman Bowman led the Pledge of Allegiance and the moment of silence.

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

Joe Ruden spoke to Council regarding a Downtown Social District and food trucks.

Robert Eichler, candidate for Hillsdale County Road Commission, spoke briefly to the City Council.

Director of Public Safety, Mike Lance, presented an informational session regarding the millage request that will appear on the August Primary Ballot for the Hillsdale County Public Safety Communications Bond Proposition. Thomas Whitaker, Director of Central Dispatch, was in attendance for the presentation as well. An Open House will be held at the Jonesville Police Department on Wednesday, July 24, 2024 from 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. to provide information to the public. Representatives from Motorola will be on hand as well to answer any questions or concerns regarding the new radios.

A motion was made by Andy Penrose and supported by Chris Grider to refer the matter of the sale of real property located at 148 Jermaine Street to the Budget Committee to discuss and recommend development of a sale procedure for presentation at a future Council meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Brenda Guyse made a motion and was supported by Chris Grider to accept Director Lance's recommendation to create a Police Officer Recruit Position, with a pay of \$18.00 per hour and reimbursement of academy travel and tuition costs. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Tim Bowman and supported by Brenda Guyse to make the following appointments to various boards listed below:

**Board of Review - Michael Duffey** to fill the balance of an unexpired term through November 2024 and a three-year term through November 2027.

**Downtown Development Authority - Rick Jenkins** to fill the balance of an unexpired term through November 2024.

**Planning Commission - Ken Koopmans** to fill the balance of an unexpired term through November 2026.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Chris Grider made a motion and was supported by Delesha Padula to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Fleis and Vandenbrink for the Wright Street Park Concept Plan at a cost of \$13,000. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Andy Penrose and supported by Tim Bowman to authorize payment in the amount of \$1,000 for the Domestic Harmony Contract for Services. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chris Grider made a motion and was supported by Brenda Guyse to waive ordinance requirements for community events regulating yard and garage sales for US-12 Garage Sale weekend Friday, August 9, 2024 through Sunday, August 11, 2024. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Brenda Guyse and supported by Delesha Padula to cast a vote for the three trustees to the Michigan Municipal League Workers Compensation Fund Trustee Ballot. All in favor. Motion carried.

Brenda Guyse made a motion and was supported by George Humphries Jr. to approve the minutes of June 19, 2024. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Andy Penrose and supported by Delesha Padula to approve the Accounts Payable for July 2024 in the amount of \$152,031.10. All in favor. Motion carried.

Delesha Padula made a motion and was supported by Tim Bowman to receive and place on file the Board and Commission minutes consisting of Region 2 Planning Commission (R2PC) – May 9, 2024; Economic Development Partnership (EDP) – May 9, 2024; and Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) – June 19, 2024. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

At 7:35 p.m. a motion was made by Delesha Padula and supported by Brenda Guyse 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: Delesha Padula, Tim Bowman, Chris Grider, Brenda Guyse, George Humphries Jr., Andy Penrose and Gerry Arno. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The meeting returned to open session at 8:01 p.m.

The Personnel Committee recommended recognizing Manager Gray with “Outstanding Performance”, and recommended the following retroactive to July 1, 2024:

- Provide a 3% cost-of-living increase to the annual base salary from \$97,215 to \$100,132.

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

Mayor Arno adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Submitted by:

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Cynthia D. Means  
Clerk

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Gerald E. Arno  
Mayor