

**CITY OF JONESVILLE
PLANNING COMMISSION
Minutes of August 12, 2020**

A City of Jonesville Planning Commission meeting was held on Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at Wright Street Park, 416 Wright Street, Jonesville, MI. Chairman Bowman called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Present: Jerry Drake, Christine Bowman, Annette Sands, Charles Crouch and Jim Ackerson.

Absent: Jim Taipalus. (One Vacancy)

Also Present: Jeff Gray, Mike Kyser, Councilman Tim Bowman, Olivia Stemen and Kayla Thompson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jerry Drake followed by a moment of silence.

There were no public comments.

A motion was made by Annette Sands and supported by Jerry Drake to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor. Absent: Jim Ackerson, Jim Taipalus and One Vacancy. Motion carried.

Jerry Drake made a motion and was supported by Charles Crouch to approve the minutes from July 8, 2020. All in favor. Absent: Jim Ackerson, Jim Taipalus and One Vacancy. Motion carried.

Olivia Stemen, Applicant for Planning Commission Vacancy, arrived for a question and answer session. Mrs. Stemen was born and raised in Jonesville and recently returned after being away for six (6) years. She is a member of several organizations; Multi Agency Collaborative in Emergency Services (MACES), a member of the Census-Complete County Committee and attends many Great Start Collaborative meetings. Olivia has a deep interest in serving her community, and with her current employer, Hillsdale County Community Foundation, it has provided her the opportunity to better understand the challenges of managing Jonesville's growth, improving the infrastructure and further development in the community.

Jim Ackerson arrived at 7:09 p.m.

Kayla Thompson, Applicant for Planning Commission Vacancy, arrived for a question and answer session. Mrs. Thompson was born and raised in Hillsdale and recently returned after being away from the County for several years. Mrs. Thompson is a member of the U of M Club of Hillsdale County. Kayla believes as a new resident of Jonesville with prior residential history in similar community sizes, her experience and vision would be beneficial to the growth and success of the City of Jonesville. As a former Rotary member for three (3) years, she takes pride in giving back to her community.

Discussion ensued regarding both applicants. Charles Crouch made a motion to recommend to City Council to offer the Planning Commission Vacancy Appointment to Olivia Stemen. Jerry Drake supported this motion. All in favor. Absent: Jim Taipalus. Abstain: Jim Ackerson. Motion carried.

Manager Gray gave a brief project update on the following: Water System Project, Smart Meter Project, MDOT Signal Project, and the availability to hold meetings in locations that allow for social distancing guidelines.

The next scheduled Planning Commission meeting is September 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Jerry Drake and supported by Jim Ackerson to adjourn the PC meeting at 7:38 p.m. All in favor. Absent: Jim Taipalus. Motion carried.

Submitted by;

Cynthia D. Means
Clerk