

**CITY OF JANESVILLE**  
**Special City Council Proceedings**  
**November 23, 2015**

The Janesville City Council met in special session on Monday, November 23, 2015 in the Council Chambers of City Hall at approximately 5:00 p.m. with Mayor Carroll in the Chair and Council Members, Reid, Stapleton, Watson, Bettis, and McAllister present. Also present were City Attorney, Gary Boveia, City Clerk, Chris Murley, Public Works Director, Becky Wrage, Police Chief, Randy Samec, Chris Robinson, Randy McKenzie, Olivia Hjelmeland, Carter Hjelmeland, and Brian Schoon & Kevin Blanshan with INRCOG.

Motion by Council Member Reid and seconded by Council Member McAllister approving to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Council Member McAllister and seconded by Council Member Stapleton to approve the Fiscal Year 2015 Annual Urban Renewal Report as presented and prepared by the City Clerk. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – McAllister, Bettis, Watson, Stapleton, and Reid. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Brian Schoon, INRCOG Director of Development & Transit and Kevin Blanshan, INRCOG Executive Director, discussed the process for updating the Janesville Comprehensive Plan, which was adopted over 21 years ago, in June 1994. The life expectancy of a Comprehensive Plan depends upon the growth of the community but is generally 10 – 20 years. This plan was developed prior to the 2010 Iowa Smart Planning Legislation. The Iowa Smart Planning legislation does not mandate how communities should grow, rather it requires that communities consider Smart Planning Principles when planning and provides guidance concerning important elements local plans should include. Further, the city has annexed land, experienced growth with housing developments on the city's west and east sides, reduced access and alignment changes to US Highway 218 since 1994. Noting the Iowa Department of Transportation's plans to close the access at North Maple Street and US Highway 218, and thus, anticipated increased traffic on the 7<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge, discussion led to the necessity of a feasibility study on said bridge.

Motion by Council Member McAllister and seconded by Council Member Stapleton approving to request a proposal from INRCOG for updating the Janesville Comprehensive Plan, to guide the city into future development. Motion carried.

Council Member Watson stated it is very important to keep the communication line open with INRCOG representatives as they can assist the city in many areas.

Motion by Council Member Watson and seconded by Council Member Stapleton approving to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting closed at approximately 6:03 p.m.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ MAYOR: \_\_\_\_\_