

JASPER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting – March 3, 2015

The Jasper City Council of the City of Jasper met in said city. March 3, 2015 at the Jasper City Office. Council members present: Mayor Mike Baustian, Lisa Rodman, Pete Johnson, Karen Damman & Jeff Leslie; Employees present; Clerk-Treasurer Terri Ryan, Ass't Clerk-Treasurer Stella Lingen. *Jasper Journal's* Kyle Kuphal. Others in attendance: Later in the meeting, Quinton Johnson joined in;

Mayor Baustian called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance;

Community Concerns: No residents were in attendance.

Review & approve the minutes from Regular Meeting, February 10, 2015, Rodman motioned to approve the minutes from the February meeting, Johnson seconded, so carried;

Review & approve the minutes from Special Meeting, February 12, 2015. Damman motioned to approve the minutes from the February 12th meeting, Jeff seconded, so carried;

Review & approve the minutes from Special Meeting, February 17, 2015. Johnson motioned to approve the minutes from the February 17th meeting, Damman seconded, so carried;

Review & approved the February Claims to date: Hydro Tech Services, \$3000.00, Jasper Rural Fire Dept. Receipt, \$15284.95; Rodman motioned to approve all February claims, Damman seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Delinquent Sewer/Water/Garbage account report:

-2 accounts on the delinquent report have been paid.

-1 resident called to question their bill as it was higher than normal, Lingen explained that it was because of failure to pay the previous months bill.

-1 property is being paid by First State Bank which has reported that the check is in the mail.

-Thode addressed a meter issue with a resident. Resident stated that it could be fixed at any time; however, he is not answering the door. Thode did not fix the meter when he talked with the resident as he was occupied with snow removal.

New Business:

1) Approve hiring of city clerk/treasurer Cortney Kounkel, Leslie motioned to approve, Damman seconded, all ayes, motion carried

2) Approve hiring of assistant public works employee, Chuck DeSchepper. Johnson motioned to approve, Rodman seconded, all ayes, motion carried. DeSchepper will start his position on Monday, March 9, 2015.

3) Public Access Channel Use Agreement, discussed the benefits of using the channel; dog tags, snow emergencies, broadcast of parades, etc. Johnson mentioned that this could be used for other fundraising efforts. Damman motioned to approve, Rodman seconded, all ayes, motion carried.

4) FYI Verizon Land Lease Agreement is now switch to Alltel

Old Business:

1) Council revisited the 1997 Resolution #97-14 A; Council read Ben Denton's response and motioned to add to the end of paragraph #4 "Which will be forgiven at Council's discretion upon corresponding request". Baustian motioned to approve, Rodman seconded, all ayes, motion carried.

2) FYI Meulebroeck & Taubert will complete audit on March 17 & 18, 2015.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

1) Thode gone to attend St. Cloud Annual Meeting March 3-5, 2015. Shorty plowed the streets, Leslie scooped, Jerry & Duane assisted in the absence of Thode.

2) FYI date set for 1st yard waste pickup for Monday, April 13, 2015.

3) FYI new pumps installed at lift station.

4) FYI one land use permit authorized, Jose DeLoera for a laundry room.

ITEMS ANYONE WANTS TO ADD TO THE AGENDA:

1) Thode and Kounkel will attend Safety & Loss Control Workshop in Morton on April 1, 2015. Council motioned for Thode and Kounkel to continuing attending workshops in the future.

2) Council will consider purchasing a new copy machine for the city office. Lingen stated the Marco copier contract is up in May 2015. Marco representative stated that they will no longer be making parts for the copier, therefore an upgrade is needed. However, Century offered a copier as well that has capabilities of encrypting scanned items, such as Council meeting agendas and other software that could be beneficial to the city in the future. Marco does not offer this. Decision was tabled until the April 2015 meeting to allow council adequate time to decide.

3) FYI Regional Safe Harbor Conference invitation for March 12, 2015.

4) Sam's Club Membership is up in May 2015. Discussed utilizing Damman as she works in Sioux Falls. Also consider switching to Costco. Discussion will be tabled until April meeting to allow Council to adequate time to decide.

5) Upcoming Meetings: Thursday, April 16, 2015 @ 7:00 pm 2015 Board of Appeal & Equalization with Pipestone & Rock County Assessors.

6) A bid from American Fence Company was presented for the land waste site. Motioned to coordinate with Donny Miller regarding building a fence using 5-6 barb wire fences with the middle one being electrical to keep the cattle out. This would be significantly cheaper than the American Fence Companies proposal. The decision will be tabled until the April meeting to have Thode's input.

7) The City's contribution to the Fire Department Relief fund was at \$1800.00 for 2014. This will be increased by \$50 per year.

2015- \$1850.00

2016- \$1900.00

2017- \$1950.00

2018- \$2000.00

2019- \$2050.00

2020- \$2100.00

This is a 5 year package, motioned by Rodman, seconded by Damman approving the \$50 increase for next 5 years. Motion carried. Johnson and Leslie abstained as they are members of the Jasper Fire Department.

8) Damman reported she was approached by a community member regarding the property at the intersection of Highway 23 and 269. Semitrailers have been parking on the side of the road causing vehicles exiting off of 269 a blocked view of vehicles approaching on Hwy. 23. Semis are not parking in the old gas station area due to the gravel being sunken in. Semis have been stuck in this area before. The council discussed contacting MN DOT and BNSF railroad to determine who would be responsible for this area. Kounkel will be looking into this and will discuss again in the April meeting.

9) Rodman reported that Ag Star has denied the request for a new speaker system as they did not have the funds available for this purchase. The microphone is currently the only thing being used. If someone rents the hall, the speaker system from the church will be borrowed.

10) Council discussed looking into a day for spring cleanup. This will be added to the agenda in April as Kounkel will have to coordinate with Thode and VanDyke Sanitation. This is typically done on the off week of recycling.

11) Rodman informed the board that the Quartzite Club has set dates for the Quarry Festival. It is scheduled for July 31st, August 1st and August 2nd, 2015. This will run at the same time as the Luverne Fair. The Pipestone County Fair is scheduled for the following week.

12) Sheriff Keith Vreeman will attempt to come to the next council meeting according to Quinton.

Next council meeting is April 14, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m.

Leslie motioned to adjourn, Damman seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Cortney Kounkel, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Baustian, Mayor