

## JASPER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Special Meeting – August 18, 2015

The Jasper City Council of the City of Jasper met in said city, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the Jasper City Office. Council members present: Mayor Mike Baustian, Lisa Rodman, Pete Johnson, Karen Damman & Jeff Leslie; Employees present; Clerk-Treasurer Cortney Kounkel; *Jasper Journal's* Kyle Kuphal;

This special meeting was called by Mayor Mike Baustian for the 2016 Budget. Kounkel developed a draft copy of a budget for 2016. Council members discussed each line item. This will be reviewed at the September 15, 2015 prior to approval.

Items discussed for the 2016 budget (effective 1-1-16) included:

- RV Park Fees will be dropped in ½;
- ATV Expenses dropped to \$2000.00;
- Pipestone County Fines dropped to \$500.00;
- Interest Earnings dropped to \$2000.00;
- City Float Contributions will be set at \$1000.00;
- Full-time employee salaries (Brian & Chuck) increased to \$40,000.00;
- Workers Comp Ins. Premium was increased to \$12,000.00;
- Kounkel to look into General Liab. Insurance + Volunteer;
- Electrical Utilities decreased to \$5000.00;
- Kounkel to look into Refuse Collection for all buildings;
- Dues, permits & Fees increased to \$2500.00;
- All Employee Payroll Payable was increased by 51%;
- Council salaries to remain the same;
- Increase Amb. Workers Comp to \$3750.00;
- Increased Fire Dept. FICA contributions to \$850.00;
- Increased Fire Dept. Workers Comp to \$3600.00;
- Kounkel to look into Fire Dept. phone;
- Increased Park Shelter repairs to \$5000.00;
- Increased Cleanup day expenses to \$2500.00;
- Increased Amb. Operating supplies to \$2000.00;
- Kounkel to look into Amb. Personal Recruitment;
- Amb. Telephone expense increased to \$750.00;
- Street Assessment payments decreased to \$30,000.00;

The aforementioned minutes have been drafted for approval.

- Kounkel will contact Chuck regarding insurance, for now will sit on Employer Paid Health Insurance;
- Kounkel to look into Sales Tax Payable for Water Fund;
- Kounkel to look into Employer Paid Health Insurance under the Sewer Fund;
- Kounkel to look into Refuse Disposal & Garbage Charge Paid;
- Added budgeted items for the Wellness Center;

The final budgeted figured will be reviewed at the September 15, 2015 special meeting, the amount of the levy has to be certified to the County Auditors by September 30<sup>th</sup>;

The final adoption of the budget will take place at the December 8<sup>th</sup> council meeting;

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Cortney Kounkel, Clerk-Treasurer

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Mike Baustian, Mayor