

JASPER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting – February 9, 2016

The Jasper City Council of the City of Jasper met in said city, February 9, 2016 at the Jasper City Office. Council members present: Mayor Mike Baustian, Lisa Rodman, Pete Johnson & Karen Damman; Employees present; Clerk-Treasurer Cortney Kounkel, Assistant Clerk-Treasurer Stella Lingen, Public Works Superintendent Brian Thode; *Jasper Journal's* Kyle Kuphal; Others in attendance, David Smith; Absent: Jeff Leslie;

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

Community Concerns:

David Smith was present to voice his opinion about snow removal in West. Smith stated there were 4-5 foot drifts at the end of the streets, particularly at the corner of Main & First St.

Review & approve the minutes from Regular Meeting January 12, 2016. Motioned by Rodman, seconded by Damman to approve the minutes from January 12th. All ayes, motion carried;

Review & approved the January Claims to date: Double D Gravel, \$553.50, Mini Excavator for Water Leak by Sunrise; Robert Pazdernik/Erik Skogquist, \$1500.00, ½ Assessment Fee; LG Everest, \$743.46, Salt/Sand; Benjamin Denton, \$520.63, legal fees. Motion by Johnson to approve the January claims, Rodman seconded, all ayes, motion carried;

Receipts noted: Rock County, January Distribution, \$1,473.37; Pipestone County, January Share, \$9,385.63; Jasper Rural Fire, \$15, 343.25;

Delinquent Sewer/Water/Garbage account report was discussed. If residents on the delinquent list have not paid by the 20th of February, a disconnection notice will be placed on their doors. With the cold weather rule, residents are supposed to be making payments or will be susceptible to shut off;

There are 74 members of Wellness Center. Kounkel was approached by a member requesting the sponsorship of Mark Bills to help get his name and service out. Could possibly share the advertising and physical therapy hourly wage with Peoples Bank, Pipestone Medical Center and the city. There has been reports however that no members are going into the Wellness Center and working out with Mark and another physical therapist. Kounkel will get to the bottom of this and discuss at the next council meeting;

New Business:

-Chapter 8 Ordinances were discussed. Kounkel has added the revisions of Section 8.17, Subd. 2 and will present the Council with the updated copy once the entire review of the ordinance book is complete. Subd. 3 should have the ball field listed as the designated truck parking area. Thode mentioned that he would like to see the snow alert be broadcasted as "Snow Emergency: All vehicles need to be removed from streets." Kounkel will make the changes with upcoming snow emergencies;

The aforementioned minutes have been drafted for approval.

Updating Memorial Hall was discussed. Rodman and Damman would like to see the upstairs more modern and more inviting to potential renters. The 2 main proposed updates are the kitchen including new appliances and purchasing new tables as the current ones are difficult to move. Some tables are Rodman received a quote from Skyberg Construction for updating the kitchen. Quote was presented to the rest of the Council as well as a quote from M&H Hardware for a used refrigerator and new fridge. The council would like to receive more bids on these projects before they act on anything. Will continue talks at council meeting;

The Worker's Compensation Plan quote was received from LMC Insurance/Jerry Brockberg. The Premium amount is about \$3,000.00 less than last year. The amount is still high due to open claims;

The Report of Outstanding Indebtedness was submitted to Pipestone & Rock Counties as done annually;

Cemetery public notice 15-195 was composed and presented to the Council. Approximately 110 graves purchased on or before 1955 are up for revesting. Kounkel will contact Ben Denton to determine if the formality of the form is acceptable to be published considering all 110 graves are listed on the same notice;

Resolution #16-40 was presented to the Council to put the Jasper School's Delinquent SWG bill on the tax rolls before it is sold next week. The total amount due this year is \$99.26. Motion by Damman to accept Resolution #16-40, seconded by Rodman, all ayes, motion carried;

The Rural Fire Department Meeting was held on Saturday, January 16th. Kounkel and Rodman attended the city's portion of the meeting. Will discuss at next month's council meeting when Leslie returns;

Old Business:

The Alliance Communication Ordinance has been revised to reflect the suggested changes as advised by Ben Denton. Nothing out of the ordinary with the ordinance. Motion to approve the Alliance Communication by Damman, seconded by Johnson, all ayes, motion carried;

Ben Denton's request to provide the prosecuting responsibilities for the residents of Jasper was discussed. It was noted that Denton has done a good job with the city and has always got back to the city in a timely matter. Motion by Johnson was made to allow Ben Denton the prosecuting responsibilities for the City of Jasper referencing Minnesota State Statute 484.87, Subdivision 3, seconded by Damman, all ayes, motion carried. Kounkel will contact Denton tomorrow regarding his request. It was also noted that some research should be done regarding the percentage of fines the City receives from Pipestone County. The amount the city is receiving is considerably less than previous years. Kounkel will ask Ben how these are divided among the city's within the county;

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

No land use permits issued;

Thode will be gone attending training in St. Cloud the week of February 29, 2016;

The ceiling tiles for the Meeting Room were purchased and need to be picked up. Thode ended up going through Menards as they offered the tiles for \$2.70/tile versus the local quote of \$5.00/tile;

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The Department of Health was down a few weeks ago to complete the water inspection. It was mentioned to Thode that Jasper has the most deteriorated shop around. The plow truck has been stored in Baustian's shop due to the small quarters of the city's shop and needing to keep it out of the winter elements. Thode mentioned that he cannot plug in more than 2 vehicles at a time. This proposal will be put into the budget talks. Thode will get some ideas and estimates;

ITEMS ANYONE WANTS TO ADD TO THE AGENDA:

Kounkel mentioned the planning commission will need to be reestablished as one person moved and the other now holds a council seat. David Smith may still hold a seat. Kounkel will look into this more;

Audit is scheduled for March 22nd & 23rd, 2016;

FYI: Quartziter Days is scheduled for August 6th & 7th;

Next council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 8, 2016;

Damman motioned to adjourn, Rodman seconded. All ayes, meeting adjourned.

Cortney Kounkel, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Baustian, Mayor