

JASPER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting – April 12, 2016

The Jasper City Council of the City of Jasper met in said city, April 12, 2016 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, Assistant Clerk-Treasurer Stella Lingen, Public Works Superintendent Brian Thode; *Jasper Journal's* Kyle Kuphal; Planning Commission Members: Kurt Jandl (8:00 p.m.), Duane DeCroock, Community members present: Brian and Kristin Persing, Paula Gerlach, Emily Bootsma, Jeff Carstensen (7:25 p.m.), Ardell Gorter (8:00 p.m.); Absent: Jerry Tower, Planning Commission;

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

Community Concerns:

Paula Gerlach, on behalf of Dream Makers, requested permission to shut down Wall Street from Spicer Avenue to Burr Avenue for a fundraising street dance on July 16th 2016. Stonewall Bar & Grill will be serving alcohol. The street can be shut down at 5:00 p.m. Paula is requesting fencing from the city for the perimeter and the use of picnic tables. Thode explained cleanup would be Dream maker's responsibility;

Brian Persing would like to place a sign advertising his business, Brian's 19th Hole BBQ Pit, on the cable line running across Wall St, directly in front of his business. The banner will be about 12' and flush to his building. The sign is temporary until an awning is installed;

An anonymous letter was received concerning dilapidated houses in town. Letter was not signed so the issue will not be addressed;

Review & approve the minutes from Regular Meeting March 8, 2016. The motion for the Hudson Tile bid was misprinted and had Leslie down as motioning and seconding the bid. Changes will be made accordingly. Motioned by Rodman, second by Damman to approve the minutes from March 8, 2016, with noted revisions. All ayes, motion carried;

Review & approved the March Claims to date: LMCIT, Insurance Claim Deductible (Plow vs. Truck), \$500.00; Harley Rozeboom, Yard Waste Fence, \$1564.00; Jasper Fire Dept. Relief Association, 2014 Contribution, \$1691.60. The check for the Fire Dept. had never been cashed and is considered lost. Original check from 2014 was voided, hence the disbursement now. Motion by Johnson to approve the March claims, Damman seconded, all ayes, motion carried;

Quarterly Reports were included for the Council to review;

Delinquent Sewer/Water/Garbage Report discussed. One account has paid. Six accounts on the delinquent report are already disconnected. Another account with a high balance had a leaky stool.

Lingen expressed praise to the Council from neighbors for the grate placed in DeJongh's backyard. Most debris should go through the grate, eliminating the potential for backyard flooding;

The aforementioned minutes have been drafted for approval.

New Business:

There are 82 active Wellness Center Members. 30-60lb dumbbells were requested. Kounkel will look into pricing for the next meeting. Baustian recommended putting a form down at the Wellness Center asking for any recommendations or requested equipment;

Rodman mentioned the Ambulance would like to conduct free blood pressure and blood sugar tests at the Jasper Wellness Center on Saturday, May 14th from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. It was decided to allow non-members access to the Wellness Center from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Rodman will have handouts available to the public;

Marty Hilfers and Mike Beers are about half way done with their fire training. Neither has missed a class and seems quite excited to start. Motion by Rodman, seconded by Damman to approve Hilfers and Beers enrollment with the Jasper Volunteers Fire Department, all ayes, motion carried.

The Council drive thru will take place on Tuesday, April 19th at 6:00 p.m.;

Lincoln-Pipestone Rural Water will be increasing their rates in June 2016. The city still earns about \$1.89 to \$1.94 per 1,000 gallons used. Kounkel will do research to determine if the water budget can absorb the extra cost;

Chapter 10 Ordinances were reviewed. No. 79 requires the additional of Alliance Communication for Rock County. Kounkel will contact the insurance carrier regarding Flood Plan Management detailed in No. 80 & 80A. Will present findings at next council;

Old Business:

-FYI: Public Hearing for proposed storage units put on hold;

Memorial Hall updates were addressed. The bathroom floor is done excluding some floor trim. The cupboards for the kitchen have not arrived yet. Kounkel will look into total man hours for painting;

Les Nath could not serve on the Zoning Commission as he holds the seat of County Commissioner. Motion by Damman, seconded by Leslie to appoint Duane DeCroock to the Zoning Commission, all ayes, motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

No land use permits were issued recently;

Spring Cleanup has been scheduled for Friday, May 20th. Notices will be sent out with water bills and in the newsletter;

Infra-Track sent the city an invoice on 2/24/16 for defrosting water lines in 2013. This is the first invoice received from the company. Thode explained the company managed to defrost 3 to 4 houses but then got their lines stuck and the city absorbed the cost to get them out. Kounkel will contact Ben Denton to determine if they are legally allowed to bill for services 3 years after the fact;

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Alliance Communication hit 2 sewer lines and 2 water lines while boring this week. They will also be cutting up driveways to place the wires. Discussion was placed regarding Alliance Communication providing services to homes/businesses within Pipestone County if they paid for it. Requests for service will be made to the County Commissioner;

MN Rural Water will be coming in and checking for leaks on the 14th of May;

Bids were received for the replacement of the fire hydrant at the Wall St & Sherman Ave intersection. Yellow cement posts could be placed around the hydrant as moving the pipe would be extensive;

Streets were swept towards the curbs. The remaining parts of the streets will be completed once it warms up more;

The new lawnmower was received;

The purchase of additional tables at Memorial Hall was discussed. The table purchased from Office Max was light and easy to move, however, they may not be strong enough. It was decided to wait on the purchase of the tables as the public works individuals fixed most of the broken tables currently on hand;

ITEMS ANYONE WANTS TO ADD TO THE AGENDA:

The May Council meeting will be rescheduled to May 17th, 2016 as Kounkel will be out of the office May 2nd -May 6th for training. This will allow adequate time to complete the agenda;

City wide rummages have been scheduled for Friday, May 20th and Saturday, May 21st;

PUBLIC HEARING:

Public hearing for the vacation of the last 50' of Poorbaugh Avenue was opened at 8:00 p.m. Jeff Carstensen was present and informed the Council of his anticipated building structure, dimensions and product used to build. Ardell Gorter, property owner to the east of Carstensen, was present to address concerns he had regarding the street vacation. Gorter would like to ensure the area will remain residential and the view from his home will not be obstructed.

The issue of fires in the area was also addressed. A fire hydrant is located at the northeast corner of Poorbaugh & 8th Street. Fires would then have to be fought from the front of the structure as access to the back would be denied. Present Planning Commission members DeCroock and Jandl saw no issue with the request.

Other street vacation requests in the past were commonly denied, reasoning unknown at this time. Baustian suggested researching the requests further and table the decision until the next council meeting in May. Carstensen was in favor of this action, tabled until May;

Damman motioned to adjourn, Leslie second. All ayes, meeting adjourned.

Cortney Kounkel, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Baustian, Mayor

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