

JASPER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting – November 8, 2016

The Jasper City Council of the City of Jasper met in said city, November 8, 2016 at the Jasper City Office. Council members present: Mayor, Mike Baustian, Kim Lape, Pete Johnson, Karen Damman & Jeff Leslie; Employees present; Clerk-Treasurer Cortney Kounkel, Public Works Superintendent Brian Thode; *Jasper Journal's* Kyle Kuphal; Absent: Assistant Clerk-Treasurer Stella Lingen;

Mayor Baustian called the meeting to order at 8:01 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance;

Community Concerns:

The Ambulance personnel have voted to increase the President and Vice President's wages from \$400.00 to \$800.00 per year. All members of the Ambulance voted unanimously for the increase. The last increase in wages was during the 90's;

Motion by Damman, second by Johnson to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on October 11, 2016, all ayes;

Review and approve the October Claims to date: Benjamin Denton, Legal Services, Abstract, Deed, ½ Property Taxes, \$1,113.31; USDA Rural Development, Fire Truck Payment, \$6,763.00; Meulebroeck & Taubert, Audit, \$5540.00; Motion by Johnson, second by Damman to approve the October claims, all ayes;

Receipts noted: Jasper Development Corporation, Reimburse Legal Fees, \$921.86; LMC, Fire Hydrant: Return of Deductible, Curb & Gutter Replacement, \$1,594.23; Pipestone County Treasurer, 2016 Police State Aid, \$6,367.01;

Council members who have extra meetings or mileage will need to turn in the amounts. Payments will be made on the December 15 payroll;

The delinquent Sewer/Water/Garbage accounts were discussed.

Motion by Leslie, second by Damman to approve Resolution 16-313A Rock County & Resolution 16-313B Pipestone County assessing delinquent Sewer, Water, Garbage & Property Maintenance bills to taxable properties in the City of Jasper, all ayes. Resolutions will be sent to the County Auditors on November 30, 2016;

Wellness Center:

Persing has been informed of the anticipated move of the Wellness Center. Once a date is worked out with the Catholic Church, Persing will be informed;

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Lape, second by Damman to approve the off sale liquor license application for Stonewall Bar & Grill for 2017, all ayes;

The aforementioned minutes have been drafted for approval.

Motion by Lape, second by Damman to set the wine license fee at \$350.00, all ayes, carried;

Motion by Damman, second by Lape to approve the on sale wine license for Brian's 19th Hole BBQ Pit for 2017, all ayes, carried. The wine license also includes the sale of strong beer;

OLD BUSINESS:

Four bids for cleaning bids for the Emergency Service Building were presented to the Council. Motion by Johnson, second by Lape to accept the bid from John Baustian, all ayes;

The letter of intent to purchase St. Joseph's Church has been sent to Monsignor Kosse. Monsignor Kosse will present the letter to other individuals. The church is pleased that the city is purchasing the building. A short discussion took place regarding using the building for the summertime lunch program, a place for children to do activities during the summer or a pick up spot for a bus to transport kids to Luverne for swimming lessons;

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

No land use permits issued during the month;

Ponds were discharged;

Leaf pickup has begun;

The cemetery, park and other city owned property has all been sprayed for weeds;

Les Nath has offered to sell the city his "cage" that we have used in the past to hang Christmas lights. Nath has \$450-\$500 invested in the cage but is willing to sell it to the city for \$350. This is cheaper than hiring someone. Thode will talk with Nath regarding the purchase;

ITEMS ANYONE WANTS TO ADD TO THE AGENDA:

There are 4 properties in town that need letters demanding clean up. Kounkel will get them sent out;

Olsen Electric has been contacted for the upstairs circuit issue. They also have the generator for the EMS building on their to-do list;

Upcoming Meetings:

Canvassing Votes, Wednesday, November 9, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.;

Truth in Taxation Meeting, December 13, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.;

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

Cortney Kounkel, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Baustian, Mayor

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