

## JASPER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting – March 14, 2017

The Jasper City Council of the City of Jasper met in said city, March 14, 2017 at the Jasper City Office. Council members present: Mayor, Mike Baustian, Kim Lape, & Karen Damman; Employees present; Clerk-Treasurer Cortney Kounkel, Assistant Clerk-Treasurer Stella Lingen;; *Jasper Journal's* Kyle Kuphal; Reclaimed Community Board Member Randy Larson, Jim Veldkamp; Jeff Leslie (absent), Pete Johnson (absent); Public Works Superintendent Brian Thode (absent);

Mayor Baustian called the meeting to order 7:00 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance;

Community Concerns:

Reclaim Community Board Member Randy Larson was present to ask the council for permission to close Poorbaugh Avenue between Wall Street and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street on May 6, 2017 (rain date May 13, 2017) for a vendor fair. Larson will obtain permission from the lone resident on the street. Motion by Damman, second by Lape to approve the street closure on May 6, 2017 (rain date May 13, 2017) with the permission of the resident, all ayes, carried;

Quartziter Club request for a street closure on July 22, 2017 will be tabled until next month;

Jim Veldkamp was present to address the council regarding the construction of a hog barn which is just short of the mile set-back required by the state. The barn would be located on the far west side of the cities territory. The barn will hold approximately 2400 head of swine. Motion by Lape to waive the 525 foot setback, second by Damman. Kounkel will send official form to Rock County;

Motion by Damman, second by Lape to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on February 21, 2017, all ayes;

Review and approve the February Claims to date: Select Account, VEBA for employees, \$1800.00; MN West College, EMS First Responder Classes, \$1,620.93; City of Pipestone, Cable Access Channel Fee, \$500.00; Tinklenberg Lumber & Hardware, Lumber/Soffit Trim, \$493.44; Double D Gravel, Use of Backhoe/Mini Excavator for Water Leaks, \$1,682.50;; Motion by Damman, second by Lape to accept the February claims to date, all ayes;

Receipts noted: Prairie Rose MN Community Fund, Fire Department Equipment Grant, \$31,321.00; Jasper Rural Fire Dept., Reimburse. ½ 2016 Expenses, \$21,118.92; Vast Broadband, Cable TV Franchise, \$2,826.09;

Lingen presented the SWG Delinquent Report to the Council. Green sheets will be placed on doors next week;

Wellness Center:

Currently have 72 members. Kounkel presented the Council with quotes on equipment from 2<sup>nd</sup> Wind Equipment. Kounkel will visit with a local resident who has experience with these types of machines and get his opinion on what would work best for our facility. Will also ask what his opinion on the layout and

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order of the machines is. The slope may be an issue but mats under the machines could solve this. Kounkel will look into pricing on mats;

Culligan Water inquired whether the city office would benefit from a water system. Lingen mentioned that this would be beneficial in the Wellness Center once the move occurs. Kounkel will look into additional pricing from Pro Water Systems and bring to the next meeting;

#### NEW BUSINESS:

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Kounkel updated the Council on the parcel nuisances. The individual on 6<sup>th</sup> Street has not made any effort to clean up his property, therefore, Ben Denton will be petitioning the judge for a court order to allow the city to clean up the property. The other parcel located on 8<sup>th</sup> Street has made an effort to clean up the property. Denton will be sending them a notice allowing them an extra 30 days to clean up the property;

The Council was also informed of the manure hauling equipment located on a property on 8<sup>th</sup> Street. The property owner has been notified numerous times to remove the equipment and has since moved out of state. Kounkel spoke with a Pipestone County Deputy who will be issuing the property owner a ticket once the snow melts;

The proposal from the Pipestone County Auditor's Office regarding mail in ballots will be tabled until next month's meeting;

Motion by Damman, second by Lape to place a stop sign at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street & Hill Avenue intersection (east & west), instead of placing the stop sign at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street & Spicer Avenue intersection, all ayes, carried;

The MN Health Department was contacted regarding the Methamphetamine House located on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street which was allowed to be used as a place of storage. According to the Health Department, the conditional use permit would no longer be valid and the Council may deem the property a public nuisance. Before clean up may begin, an application needs to be completed and sent to MN Pollution Control. All articles in the home are contaminated; therefore, cleanup guidelines are very strict. Motion by Lape, second by Damman to declare Parcel #17-600-0730 a public nuisance, all ayes, carried;

The increase in Lincoln-Pipestone Rural Water defective June 1, 2017 was discussed with previous increases presented. Motion by Damman, second by Lape to increase the price of water to \$4.45 per 1000 gallons effective June 1, 2017, all ayes, carried. A resolution will be presented at the next Council meeting;

#### PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Kounkel presented the public works report. No land use permits were issued in February;

The downspout in the alley behind Hi-Fat will create an issue this spring. We will have Thode speak with Hi-Fat regarding a solution;

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ITEMS ANYONE WANTS TO ADD TO THE AGENDA:

A resident near the top of the hill has questioned whether the city offers any program to help with updating sewer septic systems. The NRCS has low interest loans that could help the property owner. Years ago the council looked into the pricing of hooking those homes to the city's sewer system. The cost then was well over \$100,000.00;

The Council Drive-Thru is scheduled for Wednesday, April 12, 2017 @ 5:30 p.m. Council members will meet at the City Office;

A Special Meeting has been called for Tuesday, March 21, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m. to finalize a "wish list" for the Catholic Church. Notices will be posted prior;

Lingen mentioned with the removal of the church pews, the carpet is snagging a bit. Lingen will attempt to glue down the frays;

The family who donated the bench in front of the Catholic Church was wondering if the city would have any use for it. Baustian stated that we will find a place for the bench;

Spring Cleanup Days are scheduled for Friday, May 12, 2017. Damman mentioned having another city wide rummage sale the week prior to clean up days. Kounkel will get the word out and see if there is any interest;

Having a few free yard waste pickup days will be placed on next month's agenda;

Kounkel will be gone March 21 & 22, 2017 at training;

The May Council meeting will be rescheduled to Tuesday, May 16, 2017 as Kounkel will be out of town at training the first week in May;

Upcoming Meetings:

The next council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 11, 2017;

Public Hearing regarding Street Vacation, Tuesday, April 11, 2017 @ 7:15 p.m.;

Public Hearing regarding the tarping of vehicles is scheduled for Tuesday, April 11, 2017 @ 7:30 p.m.;

Board of Appeal & Equalization is scheduled for Thursday, April 27, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.;

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

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Cortney Kounkel, Clerk-Treasurer

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Mike Baustian, Mayor

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