

JASPER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting – June 13, 2017

The Jasper City Council of the City of Jasper met in said city, June 13, 2017 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, Assistant Clerk-Treasurer Stella Lingen, Public Works Superintendent Brian Thode; *Jasper Journal's* Kyle Kuphal; Community members: Lee Bjerk-Geronimo Energy, Ryan Reker & Elicia Kortus-Reclaim Community; Kevin Enerson-Pipestone Area Schools Superintendent;

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

Community Concerns:

Lee Bjerk from Geronimo Energy attended the Council meeting to present the cost savings analysis from Xcel Energy. Based off of last month's presentation, the Council received valuable information pertaining to the Solar Garden. There is no cost and no upfront investment. Based off of the cost savings analysis and presentation from Lee Bjerk, motion by Leslie, second by Damman to join Geronimo Energy with max savings, all ayes, carried. Bjerk will work with Kounkel on getting the contract out;

Kevin Enerson, Pipestone Area Schools Superintendent was present to address the Council regarding the preschool. Enerson advised the council that the main goal of the school is add space and engage children in early education. There are approximately 9-10 children from Jasper who will attend preschool here. The teacher has been hired. The school anticipates getting into the classroom by the end of August. The goal is to have 10 kids per teacher with up to 20 kids with a teacher and a paraprofessional. Classes for 4 years olds will be held on Monday, Wednesday & Friday. Classes for 3 year olds will be on Tuesday & Thursday;

Elicia Kortus & Ryan Reker from Reclaim Community were present to see if the Council would allow the street closure for the car show on July 21, 2017. Baustian informed them that it was approved at the last meeting;

Motion by Damman, second by Johnson to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on May 9, 2017, all ayes;

Review and approve the May Claims to date: Skyberg Construction, Fitness Center Labor/Painting, \$7,149.25; Heiman, Inc. Turnout Gear, \$30,109.97; Double D Gravel, Sewer Leak at Church, \$2,163.64; Motion by Leslie, second by Damman to accept the May claims to date, all ayes;

Receipts noted: MN Management & Budget, Fire Training Reimb., \$2,025.00; Jasper Lions Club, Donation to Ballfields/Fire Dept./Quartziter Club, \$1,800.00; Peoples Bank, Transfer from MM, \$30,000.00;

Lingen presented the SWG Delinquent Report to the Council. Brief discussion was held regarding the delinquent accounts;

The aforementioned minutes have been drafted for approval.

Lingen informed the council that the roof was fixed at the former Catholic Church with some shingles being replaced;

Wellness Center:

The winning name for the building has been chosen;

Carpet is to be installed on June 19;

Phone, internet and cable will be installed June 30;

The Wellness Center open house will be at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 22, 2017 before the parade;

Pepsi Bottling Co. is willing to put a machine in the former Catholic Church. It was decided that pop would not be sold in this machine. Water, Gatorade and muscle milk will be available for purchase out of the machine. Pepsi will stock the machine for us;

NEW BUSINESS:

The street light in West Jasper located at the 4th Street West & Dean Avenue intersection will have to be moved. Kounkel contacted the property owner to the east to see if they would mind having the street light on their property. The owner saw no issue with the street light being placed on his pole as long as the light faces in the southwest direction. Kounkel will contact Xcel;

Lape proposed that the Council consider purchasing small & large animal oxygen masks for the Ambulance. Lape spoke with Kim Drew, Ambulance President who thought this was a great idea as they were prepared to use pediatric masks. The masks will run anywhere from \$27.08 to \$29.00. Motion by Damman, second by Leslie to purchase 2 small and 2 large animal oxygen masks to equip the ambulance, all ayes, carried;

OLD BUSINESS:

The Professional Assessor Contract was addressed again. The assessors were able to provide a list of homes assessed the previous year. There were some commercial properties and residential properties in Rock County that were not on the list. Motion by Lape, second by Damman to renew the contract with the Professional Assessors, all ayes, carried;

The Made in Minnesota Solar Incentive Program will not be utilized as the council agreed to partner with Geronimo Energy;

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Land use permits were issued to Brandon Kounkel, 304 8th Street East, Install Wooden Fence; Chuck Swenson, 213 10th Street East, Install Wire Fence; Jasper Development Corporation, 514 4th Street, Build House & Garage; Jeff DeBates, Lean to Building; Pete Johnson, 212 8th Street East, Build Deck;

Thode has been discharging the ponds recently. Everything is going well;

The aforementioned minutes have been drafted for approval.

Landscaping at the former Catholic Church was discussed. The circle landscaping area will remain as the name rock will be placed in there. All bushes and current landscaping will be removed to start fresh;

ITEMS ANYONE WANTS TO ADD TO THE AGENDA:

Hi-Fat is planning on tiling the alley way behind their new building. Hopefully this will take care of the issue;

The pole building near the rear of the existing fire barn will be auctioned off next month. Leslie mentioned that the Fire Department would be interested in the building to allow indoor storage of some of the Fire Departments equipment. The building is in good shape. Kounkel will find the estimated market value of the building. Discussion regarding an offer will take place at the next council meeting;

Upcoming Meetings:

Council Meeting: August 8, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.;

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

Cortney Kounkel, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Baustian, Mayor