

## JASPER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting – July 11, 2017

The Jasper City Council of the City of Jasper met in said city, July 11, 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; Prairie Rose MN Community Fund Board Member Wayne Uilk;

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

Community Concerns:

Wayne Uilk, Prairie Rose MN Community Fund Board Member, was present to award the city will grant requests written for the park committee, Ambulance and Fire Department. Uilk informed the council that the Fire Department received \$500 (full requested amount) for the purchase of emergency lights on the newly obtained UTV; \$20,000 (full requested amount) for the Ambulance to purchase ITV equipment so they will be able to complete trainings in town; \$2000 (full requested amount) for the park committee to replace the worn equipment at the Marilyn DeBates Park; \$16,000 (portion of requested amount) to the park committee to help fund the replacement of the park shelter. Uilk informed the council that the organizations will have to pay for the materials first and issue all invoices for reimbursement to Daryl Hemme or Tammy Johnson. The Prairie Rose MN Community Fund will then issue a check to each organization to pay for the materials;

Motion by Leslie, second by Damman to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on June 13, 2017, all ayes;

Review and approve the June Claims to date: Marion Davis, sidewalk replacement program, \$2,375.00; HD Supply, Leak Detection, \$780.00; Rock Co. Transfer Station, Clean up Days, \$1,651.75; WM Heating & Cooling, Fitness Center Bathroom, \$4,200.00; Carolan Rental & Fun Co., Inflatables, \$1,714.44; Van Dyke Roll-Off, Clean up Days, \$750.00; Heiman, Inc., Turnout Gear, \$1,915.46 Motion by Damman, second by Lape to accept the June claims to date, all ayes;

Receipts noted: Cargill, Inc., Fire Department Donation, \$1500.00; Pipestone Co. Treasurer, June Distribution, \$83,745.47; Rock Co. Treasurer, June Distribution, \$45,524.12;

Kounkel will look into getting estimates for drainage tile at the City Park;

Quarterly reports were included for the council to review;

Lingen presented the SWG Delinquent Report to the Council. Brief discussion was held regarding the delinquent accounts. The League of MN Cities policy regarding utility disconnections was presented. Delinquent account holders are allowed to attend the council meeting to plead with the council regarding their upcoming disconnections. Disconnection notices are sent out detailing the date, time and location of the next council meeting. If no word from the resident is received by the council meeting, services will be disconnected the next day. The City of Pipestone is following this policy.

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Wellness Center:

Free weights with a cage and a power tower were purchased for the Wellness Center. There may be a trade in on a NuStep coming the end of the month. The City is first in line for the machine;

Bob Quissell donated a pool table and foosball table for use at the Catholic Church;

The Quarry Rock was picked out for outside the Catholic Church. No word yet on whether the rock will be donated;

A directory sign is being made for the front entrance of the former Catholic Church;

Currently have 82 members, discussed library hours and the new preschool teacher;

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Kyley Lange has asked for permission to close the portion of Wall Street between the bowling alley and bar for an auction scheduled on Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup>. The closure would be between the corners of the bowling alley and bar. No other businesses will be affected. Lange plans to start setting up for the auction at 9:00 AM with the auction being held that evening. Request granted;

The Preschool Lease has been composed; however, a rental price needs to be determined. Discussion regarding utilities, maintenance, and room space was discussed. Motion by Damman to set rental price for the Preschool at \$1,000.00 per month to help cover overhead costs and other expenses, seconded by Lape, all ayes, carried;

Geronimo Energy Contract was presented. The City of Jasper will feed off the solar garden from Pipestone. Contract will be signed and mailed back to Geronimo Energy;

The 2016 Population and Household Estimates were presented. Lingen does not believe this is accurate;

The 2017 Quartziter Days Schedule was presented, Reclaim Community will be holding their fundraising events on Friday night. Thode will block off the park with caution tape for Saturday morning.

In previous years the Wellness Center has been sponsoring the 5k event with fruit, water and other items. Motion by Lape, seconded by Leslie to have the Wellness Center sponsor the 5k event at Quartziter Days;

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Ike's building located to the south of the fire barn will be discussed after the regular meeting, in a closed session;

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:**

No land use permits were issued during the month of June;

Public works have been busy moving the Wellness Center and mowing. Thode mentioned that Sherman, SD recently added a seated merry-go-round at their park and believes the park committee should look

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into purchasing one. Thode will look into the prices for the seated merry-go-round and present at next council meeting;

Thode mentioned that the bush located near the south double doors of the Catholic Church should be removed as well. Approval granted;

ITEMS ANYONE WANTS TO ADD TO THE AGENDA:

Horse manure on the streets has been an issue again this summer. Kounkel will send notices out to people who ride their horses through town detailing the city ordinance regarding picking up after your pets;

Dog poop at the ballfields continues to be an issue. Thode will look into placing signs up there that the area is under surveillance;

Olsen Electric put in a new electrical outlet at the Emergency Services Building for the new washer & dryer;

Upcoming Meetings:

Council Meeting: August 8, 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

Mayor, Mike Baustian reopened in a closed meeting to discuss a possible real estate purchase;

The real estate property is located at 220 3<sup>rd</sup> Street West (south of the Emergency Services Building). The property houses a building which could be used for additional storage for the Fire Department. The estimated market value of the property \$10,500.00. After further discussion it was determined to offer \$15,000.00 for the property at the auction which will be held on Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>. Motion by Damman, second by Lape to offer \$15,000.00 for the property located at 220 3<sup>rd</sup> Street West, Jasper, abstained: Johnson and Leslie; all ayes, carried. Leslie will attend the auction;

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