

JASPER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting – September 12, 2017

The Jasper City Council of the City of Jasper met in said city, September 12, 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: Maggie Erickson, Stacie Garcia, Amanda Rouzer, Brendyn Buehner and Aurora Rouzer;

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

Community Concerns:

Maggie Erickson and Stacie Garcia were present to address the Council regarding the proposed location of the basketball court. Erickson and Garcia were informed that the basketball court would be moved to the tennis courts but were wondering if there was any possible way to install the court at the City Park or the Ballfields. Erickson mentioned that it was approved 1-1/2 years ago to install the court in the City Park. Damman informed them that new playground equipment was being installed at Marilyn DeBates Park which will attract more kids. Erickson questioned whether the band shelter at the city park could be relocated as it is only used once per year. The court is 47' by 50' which would allow enough room to be placed in the southeast corner of the city park. Tiling will need to be done in the area. The main concern voiced by Erickson and Garcia was the safety of crossing the highway to get to the Marilyn DeBates park due to the hill directly to the east of the location. It was decided that Baustian and Leslie would do a walk-through of the city park after the meeting with Erickson to determine a good location. Will present findings at the next meeting;

Amanda Rouzer was present to address the council regarding her frustration regarding Pipestone County Sheriff's Office response to animal complaints. Rouzer informed the council that she has received two citations from the Sheriff's Dept. for her dog running at large. Rouzer stated that both times she was ticketed the dog was in her yard. Rouzer went on to explain that her neighbor has been enticing her dog and someone let it out of the garage on another incident. Rouzer has complained about her neighbor and others not having their dog on a leash and for not picking up after their animals defecate, which Pipestone Co. is no longer responding to according to Rouzer. Rouzer feels like she is being singled out by the Sheriff's Office when the ordinance applies to all city residents. Baustian encouraged Rouzer to keep reporting the incidences and have photographic images to present to the Sheriff's Office. Baustian also recommended asking Sheriff Vreeman to attend next month's council meeting so this issue can be addressed;

Rouzer also encouraged the city to place a School Zone sign by the QCC due to the preschool. Typically in a school zone, the speed limit is 15 mph. Thode will see if he has any signs from the school that were removed years ago and determine their condition;

Motion by Leslie, second by Damman to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on August 8, 2017, all ayes.

The aforementioned minutes have been drafted for approval.

Review and approve the August Claims to date: Playgrounds Etc. LLC.; Rubber Mats for Park; \$1220.30; Team Lab Chemicals, Urinal Screens/Weed Killer, \$1789.78; Jasper Mini Mall, Quartziter Days Expenses/City Expenses, \$896.14; Century Business, ½ payment on ESB Copier, \$1816.88; Motion by Johnson, second by Damman to accept the July claims to date, all ayes;

Receipts noted: Jasper Rural Fire Department, ½ Share ESB Payment, \$6349.00;

Lingen presented the SWG Delinquent Report. Brief discussion was held regarding the delinquent accounts. The list is considerably shorter than previous months. Lingen will have the United Fund Budget prepared for the next meeting;

Wellness Center/QCC:

The NuStep has been delivered and is being used multiple times per day. Additional freeweights were also donated.

Due to the preschool having class Monday-Friday, the library is currently off limits to the public from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. It was decided to leave the library and front door of the QCC open until 5:00 p.m. during the week;

The rental agreement for the QCC was presented. Currently, the dining hall is renting for \$50, with a \$50 deposit. It was discussed to increase the rental fee if the party is using the kitchen. Kounkel will work on rental agreements for events with a full kitchen and events with no kitchen use. A cleaning checklist will also be created;

The preschool lease has been signed with no issues;

NEW BUSINESS:

Increasing the camping rates at the Marilyn DeBates park was discussed. Most area campgrounds are \$15+ with the exception of Magnolia which is still \$10. Considering the amount of use, the city could afford to put gravel pads down. Will have to dig up the spot, level and then place gravel. It was also discussed to put the pads at an angle to help as a windbreak. Motion by Damman, second by Lape to increase the camping fee to \$15.00, all ayes, carried. Motion by Leslie, second by Damman to install the gravel pads before winter at an angle, all ayes, carried;

The pads and batteries for the AED's located at Memorial Hall have expired so they will need to be replaced. It was also discussed to place AED's at the QCC, one in the Wellness Center and another in the dining hall. Motion by Lape, second by Damman to purchase 2 AED's for the QCC and replace the pads and batteries in the AED's located at Memorial Hall, all ayes, carried;

LMC Public Works/Park & Recreation Liability Survey was presented. The council will consider the recommendations;

Kounkel questioned whether there was certain regulations the Quartziter Club had to follow regarding mud volleyball. The reason it was discontinued is primarily due to the amount of work it took to run it and no one volunteered to help;

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OLD BUSINESS:

The census appeal deadline has surpassed;

The approval of the Pipestone County Sheriff's Office 2018 contract will be tabled until next month;

The budget with corrections was presented to the council. It was determined that \$16,578.00 was borrowed from the reserves to keep the levy down. Motion by Johnson, second by Damman to transfer \$16,578.00 from the reserves for the 2018 budget year, all ayes, carried;

With the corrections on the budget, the proposed levy for 2018 is \$200,173.00 which is a 2.5% increase from last year. Motion by Lape, second by Damman to set the proposed levy for 2018 at 2.5%, all ayes, carried;

Lowering the speed limit through town was discussed. Handouts from Minnesota Legislation was presented. The speed limit could only be lowered 5 mph throughout town. The speed limit will not be changed;

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Land use permits were issued to Mike Dahms (104 4th Street East) to install a fence and garage; and to Jennifer Miller (109 Wall Street East) to move in a utility shed;

A map detailing the patch work on city streets was presented. The patch work is close to what has been done in previous years. Discussion then led to paving alleys. Thode informed the council that the alley located behind Danny Bryan's house (between 2nd & 4th Street and Spicer & Sherman Avenue) is in worse condition. The alley located behinds John Ripka's (4th & 6th Street and Spicer & Sherman Avenue) also washes out. Motion by Lape, second by Damman to pave the entire alley behind Bryan's and the west half of the alley behind Ripka's, all ayes, carried;

Thode has not received pricing on relining the sewer but will bring to future meeting;

ITEMS ANYONE WANTS TO ADD TO THE AGENDA:

Purchasing 130th Anniversary Seals for the upcoming anniversary was discussed. Some of the seals go to Sunrise. Will purchase 3,000 and place on all outgoing mail;

The 3 dog per household rule still applies. Some people were grandfathered in when the ordinance was established. However, there are some residents who have more than 3 dogs and are choosing not the license all of them, if any. This issue will be addressed with Vreeman at the next meeting;

In previous years, the city has partnered with the Edgerton Vet Clinic to conduct a vaccination clinic. Dogs and cats were also licensed by the City at this time. The vaccination clinic was successful the first year but participation dwindled in preceeding years. Kounkel will contact the Edgerton Vet Clinic to see if they would be interested in having another clinic. SDSU or the U of M will also be contacted if Edgerton declines;

Upcoming Meetings:

The aforementioned minutes have been drafted for approval.

Council Meeting: November 14, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.;

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

Cortney Kounkel, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Baustian, Mayor

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