

JASPER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting – November 14, 2017

The Jasper City Council of the City of Jasper met in said city, November 14, 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; Quentin Johnson; Community Members: Marion Davis;

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

Community Concerns:

Marion Davis was present to address the council regarding her wishes to have a dog park and pet waste stations placed around the community. Davis, who has walked her dog in the community for years, has sensed fear amongst other dog owners due to the increase in complaints regarding animals. Baustian stated that it is too late in the year to consider the proposal at this time. Lape informed the council that she visited the dog park in Pipestone and discovered that they have numerous regulations regarding the dogs that use the park. Use at your own risk. Lape also mentioned that she was fearful the dog park would be a breeding ground for diseases such as Parvo (parvovirus) and Blastomycosis. Blastomycosis is a fungus present in the soil. If the fungus is present, the soil will be have to removed completely. Responsible pet owners can prevent Parvo, however, Blastomycosis has no vaccination;

Motion by Damman, second by Johnson to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on October 10, 2017, all ayes.

Review and approve the October Claims to date: Century Business, ESB Copier, \$1,845.51; Pipestone Co. Sheriff, Amb-Apex Portable Radios, \$4,213.88; League of MN Cities Ins. Trust, Municipality Insurance 2017-2018, \$33,252.00; USDA/Rural Development, Fire Truck Payment, \$6,763.00; Fuller Paving, Patch Work, 1-1/2 Alleys, \$14,970.20; Visa, Amb Training Equipment, \$2,938.75; Motion by Leslie, second by Damman to accept the October claims to date, all ayes;

Receipts noted: Minnesota Management & Budget, Amb-EMT Reimb., \$1,925.00; Pipestone County Auditor, 2017 Police State Aid, \$7,666.68;

Lingen presented the SWG Delinquent Report. Discussion was held regarding past due accounts. Motion by Leslie, second by Damman to approve Resolution 17-318A Rock County & Resolution 17-318B 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, 2017;

\$4,346.93 was raised for the 2017 Jasper Area United Fund Drive thus far. Lingen mentioned the article printed in last week's Jasper Journal regarding the cancer treatments for Sonny Matthiesen. Sonny was a resident of Jasper for many years. Lingen will be sending \$100.00 to the Matthiesen family to help cover travel expenses;

The aforementioned minutes have been drafted for approval.

Wellness Center/QCC:

Kounkel asked that the council clarify the rental rate for the QCC dining hall with and without the kitchen. Leslie informed Kounkel that it was decided at the previous meeting that the rental rate for the hall without the kitchen was \$75 with a \$150 refundable deposit. The rental rate with the kitchen would be the same amount as the upstairs of Memorial Hall, \$150 rental fee, \$25 deposit at time of reservation and a \$250 refundable deposit;

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Damman, second by Johnson to approve the off sale liquor license application for Stonewall Bar & Grill for 2018, all ayes, carried;

There has been a delay in the wine license application for Brian's 19th Hole BBQ Pit due to an inactive LLC status. Persing contacted Kounkel prior to the council meeting and stated that the LLC was now active. The city is just waiting on the \$350 license fee to be paid so the application can be sent off to the Alcohol & Gambling Enforcement;

An individual has contacted the city regarding the basketball court. This individual would like to fund the project 100% and see the raised funds go towards another project in town;

Geronimo Energy is moving forward with the construction of the solar garden. The garden is located northwest of Edgerton. Geronimo Energy anticipates the solar garden to be completed by the end of December, 2017. Worst case scenario, it will be completed by February 2018. The city should start to see rebates within 2 months of the grid going online;

After speaking with County Commissioner, Les Nath, the taxi bus will be sold at the Pipestone County Auction. Kounkel has been approached by many people regarding purchasing the bus prior to the auction. It was decided to avoid the mess and continue to go along with the idea of selling the bus at the Pipestone County Auction. No date has been set for this auction. The bus was moved from the old fire barn to the newly purchased Quonset shed to allow room for the tanker;

OLD BUSINESS:

Kounkel updated the council on recent animal complaints. According to Sheriff Vreeman, the first couple of weeks after the last council meeting was no stop complaints. Last week the complaints were down, now they are back up again. According to Quinton, a majority of the complaints are "finger-pointing." The ordinance states that each household may have up to 3 dogs, if more dogs are present, an additional fee needs to be paid;

The park committee has been meeting regarding the new park shelter. The park committee will present their ideas with the council at the meeting in December;

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

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

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The pads at the RV Park are just about complete. Will need another load of gravel to get everything even;

The meters of the Quarry & Clinic Apartments have not been changed in over 30 years meaning the buildings are not on the auto read program. Thode would like to replace the meters. Thode mentioned that older meters have a higher chance of reporting inaccurate readings. The meters for the apartments are larger than the meters put on residential homes. The meters cost anywhere from \$575-\$600;

Fuller Paving is done for the year. Successfully paved 1-1/2 alleys and patchwork around town;

ITEMS ANYONE WANTS TO ADD TO THE AGENDA:

Kounkel was approached about putting sewer in the 3 homes located on the east side of town. Back in 1995, the city obtained a bid to have this completed. The bid was well over \$100,000.00. Given inflation, the amount would be almost doubled. For 3 homes, this does not seem feasible;

Kounkel reminded the council to turn in mileage or extra meetings. Council will be paid on December 15, 2017;

Leslie mentioned that he will be going to Willow River on Friday to take the old diesel truck back and pick up the Ford from the Minnesota DNR;

Upcoming Meetings:

Truth in Taxation Meeting, December 12, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.;

Council Meeting: December 12, 2017 @ 7:30 p.m.;

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

Cortney Kounkel, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Baustian, Mayor

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