

JASPER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting – May 8, 2018;

The Jasper City Council of the City of Jasper met in said city, May 8, 2018 at the Jasper City Office. Council members present: Mayor: Mike Baustian, Council Members: 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; Planning Commission Members: Kurt Jandl and Duane DeCroock; Community Members: Barb Westerbur & Nick Baatz;

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

First on the agenda was the public hearing for Nick Baatz (216 Dean Avenue) who is proposing to move in a ranch style home on Lot 5, Block 3, Smith's First Addition. A conditional use permit is required by the City of Jasper to allow the proposed construction. The Planning Commissions only concern was whether the house was set back far enough to accommodate for future expansion. Baatz will be moving the house back. West Jasper resident Barb Westerbur was present to request that no junk (i.e.: old cars, junk) be stored on the property. Westerbur stated that West Jasper is a clean community and would like to see it remain that way. After the setback question was addressed, the Planning Commission saw no issue with the conditional use permit and advised the council to go forward with the request. Motion by Lape, seconded by Damman to approve the conditional use permit for Nick Baatz to move in a ranch style home, all ayes, carried;

The regular meeting was called to order immediately after the public hearing;

Community Concerns:

Pam Hubner requested to be placed on the agenda again due to not being able to attend the regular council meeting in April regarding sewer issues and who was responsible for the bill. Damman and Kounkel spoke with Hubner after the last council meeting. After little discussion, council maintained that the issue was in Hubner's line, not the cities. Hubner would be responsible for the bill;

Cory Bryan requested to be placed on the agenda again to address the council regarding Garretson High School Weightlifting auction. Bryan was not in attendance.

Motion by Johnson, second by Leslie to review & approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on April 10, 2018, all ayes, carried;

Review and approve the April Claims to date: Nordiac Solar Holdco, LLC, Geronimo Energy Contract, \$1,007.08; Tinklenberg Lumber, Steel for Public Works Barn, \$1,847.41, Hawes All Construction, \$30,000.00, Materials for New Park Shelter; Pipestone Co. Medical Center, Amb Supplies/Fire-Hepatitis Vaccine, \$1054.64;; Motion by Johnson, second by Damman to approve the April claims to date, all ayes, carried;

Receipts noted: Jasper Sunrise Village, 2018-2019 Worker's Comp & General Liability Reimb., \$11,713.04; Pipestone Area Schools, Aug 2017-March 2018 Rental Fee, \$6,400.00; Pipestone Co.

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Treasurer, 2018 Fire Appropriation, \$780.00; Pipestone Co. Treasurer, 2018 Ambulance Appropriation, \$4,000.00;

DELINQUENT SEWER/WATER/GARBAGE:

The delinquent sewer, water and garbage report was discussed with the council;

WELLNESS CENTER/QCC:

We are still actively looking for additional book shelves for the library expansion at the QCC. Kounkel will contact the Ivanhoe, MN library to see if they have any available.

Thode recommended replacing the windows in the dining hall as rain is rotting the frame away. Each time it rains, water pours onto the serving area;

NEW BUSINESS:

The park shelter construction will begin next week depending on the weather. Hawes Construction has ordered the trusses for the shelter. The basketball court will also be completed during this time so the entire park will be tore up at once. Tiling on the east side was discussed. The floating shelter may be non-effective. Hawes will have to dig out 3-4 feet down and fill with gravel. A port-a-pot will be ordered for the park;

Reclaim Community is in the process of getting the former school on the Historical Society National Register. It is requested to add to city owned water tower to the registry. If renovations or work on the water tower would be needed, a lot of paperwork would be required. The city is opting out of the request as of this time. Kounkel will notify Reclaim Community;

Pipestone County has been approved to start Mainstream Recycling on October 1, 2018. The city is requesting a recycling tote at the QCC & City Office. The recycling shed will remain in town;

Motion by Johnson, second by Lape to approve the Sunrise Board Appointments of David Smith for 4 years and Shannon Magnuson for 6 years, all ayes, carried;

Ihlen has requested that the City of Jasper spray their community for mosquitoes as we have done in previous years. The City of Trosky has also asked for Jasper assistance. To help but down on overtime and expenses, the City of Trosky will be allowed to pick up the mosquito sprayer from the public works barn to spray their city. Trosky will be charged \$40 per time depending on the amount of spray used;

OLD BUSINESS:

Raising the contributions to individual retired Firemen was increased to \$775. This will be reported to the state;

MN Public Utilities Commission investigation on Frontier Communications memo notice was presented to the council. No discussion took place;

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

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

Thode mentioned the sweeper shed needs some TLC. Thode stated that the shed is painted every 5 years and recommended tinning the shed instead. The shed has new shingles which do not need to be replaced. Thode will obtain tin bids;

There are quite a few spots around town where the concrete needs to be replaced. On the north end of town about 8 feet of sidewalk has settled. Mentioned were both ends of the alley located behind Brian's 19th Hole, the curb by Mike's shop and blue building. The QCC also has wavy sidewalks and a few lips Discussion regarding these specific areas occurred. Thode will obtain bids for the concrete work;

Fuller Paving will complete the rest of Ted Lingen's alley and will complete the entire alley located behind Sandy Moose's home. Fuller will also be completing patch work. The council is encouraged to report any areas of concern to the city office;

Thode also mentioned that the steps and ramp leading to the upstairs of Memorial Hall are spongy. Some screws are also rusting off. Thode will obtain bids for the replacement of the steps prior to Quartziter Days;

The City of Pipestone will do the stripping of lines down the streets once patch and concrete work is completed;

Thode looked into street lighting. Each is \$6,000.00 each or more. Will see if Olsen Electric has any ideas;

ITEMS ANYONE WANTS TO ADD TO THE AGENDA:

The Quartziter Days Tentative Schedule was presented to the council;

The Pipestone County Auction is scheduled for June 4, 2018. The taxi bus will be sold at this time;

The flower boxes at Marilyn DeBates park needs to be redone as weeds are overpowering it. It was requested to start an "adopt a pot" program to help beautify Jasper for the All-School Reunion. The Jasper Seniors, Historical Society, Boy Scouts, etc. could all participate;

Baustian updated the council on the Jasper Development Corporations for the former bowling alley. Baustian purchased the bowling alley at auction and sold it to the JDC as an individual wanted to use the building strictly for storage. The asbestos has been removed from the property and the JDC is currently waiting on the demolition approval forms from Minnesota Pollution Control. There is tin in the back of the alley that the JDC plans to sell. The rest of the building will be tore down, cleaned up and leveled off. The JDC then plans to sell the vacant lot to the city to find a developer to use the area in a proper manner. Baustian anticipates the demolition to be completed by Quartziter Days;

Lingen mentioned as an FYI that the grout in the meeting room floor is very deep causing dirt to get stuck in the cracks. This was not noticed until recently;

Upcoming Meetings:

Next council meeting is Tuesday, June 12, 2018.

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Motion by Damman, second by Leslie to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m., all ayes, adjourned.

Cortney Kounkel, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Baustian, Acting Mayor

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