

JASPER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting – June 12, 2018;

The Jasper City Council of the City of Jasper met in said city, June 12, 2018 at the Jasper City Office. Council members present: Mayor: Mike Baustian, Council Members: Kim Lape, 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: Duane DeCroock; Community Members: Angel & Trinidad Garcia; Absent: Pete Johnson;

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 Mark Stromberg. Stromberg owns the property located at 220 8th Street East. Stromberg is requesting a variance to allow the construction of a garage 17' (seventeen feet) inside of the curb which would be up to the right away of the property line. The current ordinance allows 25' (twenty five feet). It is requested that the garage be built 17' from the inside of the curb, which represents a change in the performance standards, Section 750.3 of the City of Jasper Ordinance. An approved variance is required to allow the proposed construction. Kurt Jandl and Jerry Tower were not present at the public hearing but spoke with Kounkel regarding the proposed construction. Neither Jandl nor Tower had an issue with the proposed construction. Duane DeCroock also saw no issues with the request. Motion by Lape, second by Damman to approve the variance as recommended by the Planning Commission, all ayes, carried;

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

Community Concerns:

Jason Amundson requested to be placed on the agenda regarding Bauman Hall but did not attend the meeting;

Carl Hellem was present to address the council regarding classroom space at the QCC. Carl's wife, Sherry operates as a massage therapist and is actively looking for space to restart her services. Sherry will have the same cliental with the possibility of adding more once word gets out. Sherry is licensed by the State of SD, the state of MN does not require a license to practice massage therapy. Carl presented a certificate of insurance and the State of SD license. Carl recently looked at room 3 located at the QCC. The room space would be adequate however, the electrical would have to be updated to accommodate Sherry's items. The room is 350 square feet according to Carl. The council will determine a rental amount and get back to Carl regarding his request;

Angel & Trinidad Garcia were present to address the issue with their alley. Each time it rains, the alleyway pushes gravel into their drain, resulting in their garage and basement being flooded. The issue does not appear to be the drain but the rocks, sand and gravel from the alley are leading to the issue. The water coming off of 6th & 4th Streets goes down the alley. If the alley is paved, slanting it to the south would potentially work. Based off of this issue, the alley located between 4th & 6th Street & Burr and Sherman Avenue will be tarred. Another alley will be taken off of the list;

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Motion by Leslie, second by Damman to review & approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on May 8, 2018, all ayes, carried;

Review and approve the May Claims to date: Erik Skogquist, Real Estate Assessment Fee, \$1,600.00; Nancy Eulberg, Ambulance Refund for Claim, \$801.90;

Receipts noted: Jasper Fire Department Relief Association, Reimbursement, \$2179.00;

DELINQUENT SEWER/WATER/GARBAGE:

The delinquent sewer, water and garbage report was discussed with the council. The list was shorter compared to previous months as some utility customers were disconnected. When Thode was doing disconnections, he turned on the outside faucet to a property that was supposed to be turned off for the past year. The faucet poured water out. A socket was found lodged on the shut off valve. Upon entering the basement of the home, Thode discovered that the water meter was missing and had been bypassed. Thode was able to disconnect the services at the property. A new meter, lock and an estimate of water used will all be billed to the property owner. Given the amount of theft, the case will be forwarded to the Pipestone County Prosecuting Attorney;

WELLNESS CENTER/QCC:

We have had no luck in the search for additional book shelves for the library expansion at the QCC. Motion by Damman, second by Lape to purchase 5 new metal book shelves from Amazon for the QCC library, all ayes, carried. These shelves will be able to be used at other locations if the library expansion is not needed in the future;

The Summer Lunch Program is being offered again in Jasper at the QCC;

NEW BUSINESS:

The construction at the City Park was discussed. The park shelter and basketball court have all been started. Thode is hoping to have grass planted by July 1 or the week after;

It was advised to purchase cameras for the city park, Wall Street, Recycling Shed and Truck Parking area to defer vandalism. The issue would be getting Wi-Fi to the truck parking area. Kounkel will be speaking with the sheriff's office to determine whose boats, cars, trailers, etc. are parked in the designated truck parking area. According to council, cars and boats do not fall under the category of truck parking;

Chris Hoogland completed a building permit for the demolition of the garage located at 120 6th Street West. Hoogland is a semi-truck driver who may be using the area for truck parking. This area is zoned residential however. Motion by Leslie, second by Damman to approve the building permit as completed by Chris Hoogland as long as the area is not used for truck parking, all ayes, carried;

A request from a concerned citizen regarding stop sign placement was brought before the council. Trinidad Garcia is requesting a stop sign be placed at the Sherman Avenue and 6th street intersection. According to Garcia, cars are flying past her house even with the stop sign a block east. Garcia does have a child with autism who does not understand street safety. Garcia is concerned for his safety. Motion by

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Lape, second by Damman to relocate the stop sign from Spicer Avenue and 6th Street, 1 block west to the intersection of Sherman Avenue and 6th street, all ayes, carried;

OLD BUSINESS:

The Transit Bus purchased from Pipestone County last year was sold at auction for \$2,000.00;

The Adopt a Pot project was a huge success. 50 planter boxes were made and delivered around town;

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Land use permits were issued to:

- Jasper Development Corporation for the demolition of the bowling alley;
- City of Jasper for the demolition and rebuild of the city park shelter;
- Nick Baatz to move in a home at 216 Dean Avenue;

Thode will speak with Bocco at Jasper Motors and have him look for a new public works pickup. Thode would prefer an extended cab pickup;

The Jasper Stone Quarry has donated a rock to Thode for the public works shop. The rock will be placed where the old fuel tank was located. Jay Eggerud will engrave it;

The park was discussed further. The concrete from the park shelter was poured directly to the playground area. Motion by Leslie, second by Lape to purchase the rubber fill for the playground area and edging to separate the basketball court and volleyball court. The rubber fill will be placed between these areas as well. There is an individual who will seed the park for \$50 per hour. With the current state of the park, it is best to hire this out. Thode will also be ordering matting to get the grass to start growing. The individual will seed the ground and we will place the matting. The matting can be purchased locally;

Thode presented bids for the concrete work that needs to be completed before Quartziter Days. Thode obtained bids from Martinez Concrete and Hawes All Construction. After reviewing the bids, motion by Damman, second by Lape to accept the bid from Martinez Concrete, all ayes, carried. Thode will also request that Martinez mows and cleans up his excess concrete materials that are strewn around his property;

ITEMS ANYONE WANTS TO ADD TO THE AGENDA:

Leslie mentioned that it was requested that the Jasper Volunteer Fire Department check smoke detectors for elderly individuals in the community. The Fire Department will either replace the smoke detectors if they are 10 years or older and replace any batteries. This could go hand-in-hand with Fire Prevention Week in October. Notice will be placed in the newsletter. Due to limited quantities, this will be on a first come, first serve basis;

FYI: Council Candidacy Filing period is open from July 31 to August 14. The council seats that are up for election are Mayor and 2 council seats currently filled by Johnson & Leslie;

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Upcoming Meetings:

Next council meeting is Tuesday, July 10, 2018;

Motion by Damman, second by Lape to adjourn the meeting, all ayes, adjourned.

Cortney Kounkel, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Baustian, Acting Mayor

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