

JASPER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting – July 10, 2018;

The Jasper City Council of the City of Jasper met in said city, July 10, 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; Jasper Community Ambulance Members Kim Drew & Jim Veldkamp; Community Members: Trinidad Garcia;

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

Community Concerns:

Kim Drew and Jim Veldkamp from the Jasper Community Ambulance Association were present to address the council regarding a proposed addition to the Emergency Services Building. Drew informed the council that the classes held at the ESB are too crowded especially when the Fire Department and Ambulance train together considering there are about 20-30 persons in attendance. Veldkamp contacted Empire Buildings out of Sioux Falls who was the contractor for the ESB. Empire Buildings still had the blueprints on file. The addition would be feasible if all funds are raised. The plan is to add to the west and update the heating and cooling system at the same time. It would be ideal to have a serving area for food as well. Empire Building presented a loose estimate of \$65,000.00 for the structure and floor. HVAC and plumbing is not included in this estimate. This presentation was just for informational purposes only. The idea will be revisited next construction season;

Trinidad Garcia was present to address the council regarding the asphalt in her alley. There is currently a "lip" from the alley to Garcia's driveway approximately 3" tall. A 4x4 truck was unable to exit the driveway due to the alley. Thode will place gravel in the area until Fuller can come back to correct it. Garcia also questioned when the stop sign would be moved. A daycare has started directly across the street from Garcia so now would be a great time;

Reclaim Community asked to be put on the agenda but had a conflict the night of the council meeting. Elicia Kortus sent an email detailing their requests. Kortus would like to have a DJ play during the 0.5k event. There will be no issues with this request;

Motion by Damman, second by Leslie to review & approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on June 12, 2018, all ayes, carried;

Review and approve the June Claims to date: Display Sales, Flags, \$412.00; MainStreet Designs, Dove of Peace X-mas Light, \$2,031.65; Hawes All Construction, Basketball Court: Concrete/Hoops, Park Shelter: Concrete/Gravel/Demo/Tile, \$37,229.81, Nordic Solar Holdco, LLC, Geronimo Energy Contract, \$1,394.11; Sensus, Software Support, \$1,949.94; Van Dyke Roll-Off Services, City Clean Up Days, \$1,112.95, Heiman, Inc., Fire Department, \$2,473.55; Benjamin Denton, Legal Services, \$1,495.50; Rock Co. Transfer Station, City Clean Up Days, \$1,413.50; Martinez Concrete, Sidewalk Replacement Program-Wipf, \$900.00; Rodman Lumber, Adopt a Pot Flower Boxes/Public Works Barn Plywood, \$2,313.58; WM Heating & Cooling, Park Shelter: Groundwork, Rough-In, Fixtures, Partitions & Grab Bars; Rüter Gravel Hauling, Hauling Gravel, Pearock, Crushed Concrete, \$2,264.75; Playgrounds Etc., Rubber Mulch for City

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Park, \$4,500.00; Univar USA, Mosquito Spray, \$1,707.75; Carolan Rental & Fun Co, Quartziter Days Inflatables, \$3,002.35. The basketball court emblem will need to be painted before the installation can begin. Motion by Damman, second by Lape to approve the June claims as presented, all ayes, carried.

Thode mentioned complaints received about the mosquito sprayer going too fast through town. The sprayer is designed for 18-20 mph and 400 feet per block. Speed is adequate;

Receipts noted: R. Quissell, Quartziter Days Donation, \$300.00; R. Quissell, Quartziter Days Donation, \$500.00; Peoples Bank, Transfer in from Money Market, \$100,000.00; Pipestone Co. Treasurer, 6/18 Distribution, \$83,379.89. Rock County Distribution will be on next months report;

DELINQUENT SEWER/WATER/GARBAGE:

The delinquent sewer, water and garbage report was discussed with the council. Kounkel will have a formal proposal written for the council to act upon at the next meeting regarding the theft of water services. This will then be forwarded to the Pipestone Co. Sheriff's Office;

WELLNESS CENTER/QCC:

The additional library shelving has been purchased for the library expansion at the QCC;

There are 48 adjustable desks, 57 chairs and 3 computer desks sitting in the QCC classrooms. The items will be posted on Craigslist;

There have been several leaks in the QCC hallway recently due to heavy rain fall. The area of concern is where the pitch meets the flat roof as the shingles are falling off. Thode will have Skyberg Construction fix the area of concern;

Carl Hellem was present at the June meeting requesting classroom space at the QCC for his wife to reopen her massage parlor. Motion by Damman, second by Lape to propose a \$250.00 monthly rental fee, all ayes, carried. Hellem will be responsible for the upgrade of the electrical;

NEW BUSINESS:

The donations received for the basketball court are no longer required to finance the project. Therefore, Peoples Bank has opted to purchase a merry-go-round for the City Park. The Lion's Club has also forwarded their donation to this project;

A light switch is needed in the kitchen area in the park shelter. Kounkel will contact Houselog regarding this request;

The property nuisances on 6th & 8th Streets were discussed. The city does have a binding agreement with the property on 6th Street that the city may go in and clean up the property with a 30 day notice. However, there is an exception in the clause saying that the property owner has permission to house outside toys on the property. As far as we are aware, there are no children residing in the home. The property owner continues to store more outside toys at the house. Kounkel was advised to take pictures of the property and if the articles do not move within 60 days, contact the city attorney and we will

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work out a resolution. The property on 8th Street had until June 30th to clean up their property. Motion by Lape, second by Johnson to declare parcel number 17-600-0900 a public nuisance, all ayes, carried;

ATV's have presented an issue at the ball fields, tearing up the road and driving all over the grass. Installing cameras may be the solution;

Kounkel will send letters to individuals parking their personal property (vehicles, boats, etc.) at the designated truck parking area with a one week deadline to remove the vehicles to provide adequate parking for the semis;

The MN State Demographer 2017 Population & Household Estimates were presented to the council;

OLD BUSINESS:

Thode presented the council with an estimate for cameras around the city. The city park and the truck parking area are the main areas of concern within the city. The city park would need an antenna placed on the Public Works Barn in order to pick up the Wi-Fi connection. The truck parking area will have to be hardwired in due to Wi-Fi not being available in the area. Thode will contact the company to determine if a motion light camera would be best fit for the area and if it would have any effect on the pricing. Motion by Lape, second by Damman to purchase the cameras for the city park, all ayes, carried. Thode excused himself from the meeting and contacted the camera salesman. Motion recording is not available for this area. The IP camera will be able to withstand the harsh winters which is the reason the price is so high. Motion by Leslie, second by Damman to approve the purchase of the cameras for the truck parking area;

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Land use permits were issued to:

- Mark Stromberg, 220 8th Street East, Build Garage;
- Chris Hoogland, 120 6th Street West, Wreck Garage;
- Wes Mager, 405 Main Avenue North, Build Roof over Deck;

Due to the increase rainfall amount, Thode has had to bypass the sewer system as the lift station wasn't able to keep up. Thode has also discharged the ponds three times recently;

ITEMS ANYONE WANTS TO ADD TO THE AGENDA:

Swimming lessons began July 9. There were 22 participants this year with 21 riding the bus;

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;

Jo McClure, MaryLue Huntsman, Stella Lingen, Marion Petersen & Shirley Skorr were interested in the being election judges this year. Election judge training will be held August 6, 2018 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Motion by Lape, second by Damman, all ayes, carried;

Upcoming Meetings:

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Next council meeting is Tuesday, August 14, 2018;

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

Cortney Kounkel, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Baustian, Acting Mayor

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