

JASPER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting – November 13, 2018;

The Jasper City Council of the City of Jasper met in said city, November 13, 2018 at the Jasper City Office. Council members present: Mayor: Mike Baustian, Council Members: Kim Lape & Jeff Leslie; Employees present: Clerk-Treasurer Cortney Kounkel, Assistant Clerk-Treasurer Stella Lingen, Public Works Superintendent Brian Thode; Planning Commission Members Duane DeCroock, Kurt Jandl, Community Members: Steve Toth, Orvan Heckt, Maureen Bell; Absent: Council Members: Pete Johnson & Karen Damman, Jasper Journal Kyle Kuphal;

Mayor Baustian called the Special Meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. to canvass the votes from the municipal election held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018. 193 total voters participating in this year's election. Mike Baustian received 167 votes with 8 write-ins. Dee Arp & Jeff Leslie won the votes for Council Members with 13 & 151 votes, receptively, with 5 write-ins. Motion by Lape, second by Leslie to approve the votes from the municipal election on Tuesday, November 6 with Mike Baustian holding his mayoral seat and Dee Arp and Jeff Leslie holding 4 year council terms, all ayes, carried. Special meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.;

Mayor Baustian called the Zoning Map Amendment Public Hearing to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance. Steve Toth requested a zoning map amendment change to his parcel located at 108 Wall Street East. The parcel is currently classified as commercial property. Toth would like to turn the property into living quarters for his daughter so is requesting the change from commercial to residential. The building needs a tremendous amount of work to be completed before it is safe to use as living quarters. Planning Commission members Kurt Jandl and Duane DeCroock have no issues with the zoning map amendment. Jerry Tower who was not in attendance, spoke with Jandl regarding the request and recommends that the Council approves the request. Motion by Lape, second by Leslie to approve the zoning map amendment request from Steve Toth, all ayes, carried;

Community Concerns:

A resident was encouraged to come to council regarding the pending disconnection of services at his property. Resident was not in attendance. Services will be disconnected Wednesday, November 14, 2018 @ 9:00 a.m.;

Maureen Bell, Jasper Auxiliary Member, was present to ask the council permission to store items out of the Legion Building in the Quartziter Community Center. Bell informed the council that the items currently being stored in the Legion Building need to be moved due to the condition of the Legion Building. Bell informed the council that the items include wheelchairs, walkers, commodes, etc. Bell would like the items to be stored on the main floor for easy access. The rooms will have to be cleared of tables and desks before the move occurs;

Orvan Heckt presented the council with a packet regarding the legal issues of having a zip line. Mayor Baustian informed Heckt that the League of MN Cities Insurance requirements are different from others. The zip line will need to be supervised during operation. Kounkel will visit with the League insurance representatives about this request;

The aforementioned minutes have been drafted for approval.

Motion by Lape, second by Leslie to review & approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on October 9, 2018, all ayes, carried;

Review and approve the October Claims to date: Heiman, Inc. Fire Hoods P-84 NFPA, \$920.00; Bound Tree Medical, LLC, Amb Supplies/CPR Manikins, \$15,379.53; Nordic Solar Holdco, LLC, Geronimo Energy Contract, \$1,234.34; United Systems Technology, Handheld Meter Reader Utility Billing, Admin Annual Support, \$1,029.08; Intellipro Security, LLC, Surveillance System at Yard Waste, Truck Parking & City Park, \$6,558.00; Crysteel Truck Equipment, Used 9' Dump Body, \$2,500.00; Motion by Lape, second by Leslie to approve the October claims as presented, all ayes, carried;

Receipts noted: Prairie Rose MN Community Fund, Amb Grant Reimbursement (Final Payment), \$12,734.02; Pipestone Co. Treasurer, 2018 Police State Aid, \$7,769.21, Ludolph Bus Service, Oct, Nov, Dec Rent, \$900.00; Quartziter Club, Halloween Carnival Proceeds, \$1,500.50; State of MN, MV Credit-Ag, \$342.84;

DELINQUENT SEWER/WATER/GARBAGE:

The delinquent sewer, water and garbage report was discussed with the council. All delinquent Sewer, Water, Garbage & Property Maintenance (including snow removal) bills will be placed on the 2019 Property Taxes on November 27, 2018. With tax forfeiture properties, the city does not receive the delinquent tax amounts unless the property is sold outright;

Motion By Lape, second by Leslie to approve Resolution 18-317A Rock County & 18-317B Pipestone County assessing delinquent Sewer, Water, Garbage & Property Maintenance Bills to taxable properties in the City of Jasper, all ayes, carried;

210 pounds of food was collected from the United Fund Food Shelf Drive. The United Fund proceeds are almost on goal. The United Fund gifted \$100.00 to the 4-H Jolly Juniors group for startup costs;

WELLNESS CENTER/QCC:

The Garretson School will be holding a surplus auction on November 14. A wellness center member is requesting additional dumbbells. Motion by Lape, second by Leslie to approve a \$300.00 purchase for dumbbells, all ayes, carried;

It was requested to place a parking restriction sign at the QCC prohibiting people from parking in front of the center during school hours. The school bus is having issues picking up and dropping off children when people are parked in the area. The sign will read "No Parking Between Signs Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Two signs will be ordered;

NEW BUSINESS:

Single Stream Recycling will begin in December. Recycling Totes will be delivered to city residents November 12 to November 30, 2018;

Motion by Leslie, second by Lape to approve the off sale liquor license application for Stonewall Bar & Grill for 2019, all ayes, carried;

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OLD BUSINESS:

Pipestone County has three properties located within Jasper city limits that were forfeited to the County due to the property owners' failure to pay property taxes for a consecutive number of years. Those properties are described as Parcel Number 17-200-0240, 17-600-0800 and 17-200-0830. As previously discussed at the October council meeting, the City of Jasper does not have any interest in these properties as of this time. However, Baustian was personally interested in the Bauman Hall Property (17-200-0240) so scheduled an asbestos study to be completed on the building. The study determined that the plaster in the upstairs of the building contained asbestos. The estimate to abate the asbestos was \$25,000.00. Baustian has shared this information with the Jasper Development Corporation and Elicia Kortus with Reclaim Community. Reclaim Community will note the asbestos study in their grant proposal if ownership of the building is obtained;

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Land use permits were issued to:

- Curt Arp, 55 Circle Drive to install a chain link fence;
- Jasper Development Corporation, 220 Dean Avenue to build a home and garage;
- Oren Monroe, 200 8th Street East to install a wood and chain link fence;

Chris Hoogland, 120 6th Street West, has requested a permanent disconnection of services at this listed location. Hoogland previously applied for a demolition permit for the home which was approved. Motion by Lape, second by Leslie to approve the permanent disconnection for the property located at 120 6th Street West, all ayes, carried;

Sewers were jetted last week. The Public Works Department used the newly purchased root cutter on 4 blocks but ended up getting the tool stuck on 8th Street due to a bend in the pipe. Double D Gravel was able to remove the tool;

Thode will be trimming limbs soon. He will ask Terry Skyberg for the use of the lift. Three people will be needed to complete this job;

The replacement sand truck box is almost ready for use. Tony Klein painted the box black, changed the pins and welded rust spots to prevent future rust. The taillights and other lighting needs to be completed yet;

Thode has been discharging the ponds. This has been a never ending story this year, 3 times over last year;

The Public Works Department will start hanging the Christmas décor the Tuesday before Thanksgiving;

ITEMS ANYONE WANTS TO ADD TO THE AGENDA:

Upcoming Meetings:

Truth in Taxation Meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m.;

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Council Meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2018 @ 7:30 p.m.;

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

Cortney Kounkel, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Baustian, Mayor

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