

JASPER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting – April 9, 2019;

The Jasper City Council of the City of Jasper met in said city, April 9, 2019 at the Jasper City Office. Council members present: Mayor, Mike Baustian, Kim Lape, Dee Arp & Jeff Leslie; Employees present; Clerk-Treasurer Cortney Kounkel, Assistant Clerk-Treasurer Stella Lingen; Public Works Superintendent Brian Thode; *Jasper Journal's* Kyle Kuphal; Community Member: Crystal Severance, Duane DeCroock, Dale McClure and other interested members; Council Member Karen Damman – Absent;

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

Community Concerns:

Two residents, who requested to be placed on the agenda regarding separate matters, were not in attendance;

Crystal Severance was in attendance to ask the Council for permission to offer art classes within the City of Jasper. Severance is a certified art instructor who previous taught classes at Michel's in Sioux Falls, SD. Severance would offer the classes to all ages. The cost would be approximately \$20 to help over the expenses relating to materials and her time. The Council granted Severance permission to offer art classes within the City of Jasper;

Rex Tollefson was present to speak with the Council about the City purchasing a road grater. Tollefson explained that there was a lot of ice remaining on the road ways after snow removal was completed. Tollefson believes that the road grater will help solve the issue of deteriorating roads. The City has received help from Rosedell Township & Double D Gravel this past winter to grate the streets. Baustian explained that this was quite an investment for such little use but will consider this in the future;

Dale McClure addressed the Council regarding the Sidewalk Replacement Program. McClure does not believe that homeowners who hire a contractor to replace their sidewalk, should receive more benefits than a homeowner completing the work on their own. The Council will revisit the Sidewalk Replacement Program at the next scheduled Council meeting;

Motion by Lape, second by Arp to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on February 12, 2019 with the above mentioned correction, all ayes, carried;

Review and approve the March Claims to date: Double D Gravel, Inc., Backhoe 2-12-19 on 8th St. E., \$704.21; Minnesota Dept. of Health, Quarterly Community Water Supply Connection Fee, \$518.00; Tri-State Garage Door, Inc., City Shop Springs, \$268.75; Rock Co. Highway Dept, 16 Ton Sand/Salt Mix, \$480.00; Double D Gravel, Inc., Backhoe 2-27-19 (Water Leak), Backhoe 2-28-19 (Fixed Curb Stop). Water Leak 3-5-19, \$3,506.61; Bruce Meyer, QCC Roof Repairs, \$230.00; League of MN Cities Insurance Trust, Case Loader vs. Car Claim, \$500.00; Motion by Leslie, second by Lape to approve the March claims to date, all ayes, carried;

The aforementioned minutes have been drafted for approval.

Receipts noted: : M. Miller, 2 Cemetery Plots/Perpetual Care, \$400.00; Jasper Rural Fire Truck, Reimb. ½ ESB 2018 Expenses, \$16,806.65; Jasper Sunrise Village, Reimb. Worker's Comp Insurance 2-8-19 to 2-8-20, \$12,138.61; Ludolph Bus, Inc., April – June 2019 Rent, \$900.00;

DELINQUENT SEWER/WATER/GARBAGE:

The delinquent sewer, water and garbage report was discussed with the council. Delinquent Accounts will be disconnected from services April 22, 2019;

Wellness Center/QCC: The Rental Agreement for AMP was presented to the Council. The AMP Board has looked through the agreement and approve. Motion by Lape, second by Arp to approve the 3 month rental agreement for AMP, all ayes, carried;

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Leslie, second by Arp to retract the original bid from Jandl Construction for the City Office remodel, all ayes, carried. Kounkel had placed an ad in the Jasper Journal requesting bids to ensure we were compliant with the State of MN Bidding Requirements. After the ad ran in the Jasper Journal, Jandl's bid was the only one received. Motion by Leslie, second by Arp to reapprove the original bid from Jandl Construction for the City Office remodel, all ayes, carried. Kounkel will contact Jandl to determine a projected start date;

Kounkel presented the Council with the Small Cell Facility Aesthetic Standards. Kounkel recently learned about this at training. The Federal Government requires cities to have a policy in place by April 15, 2019. The policy does not need to be printed in the newspaper. However, it will be placed on the city website and a notice published at the City Office. Motion by Lape, second by Arp to approve the Small Cell Facility Aesthetic Standards, all ayes, carried;

Quartziter Days will be held July 19-21, 2019. The Council granted approval for Reclaim Community and the Quartziter Club to close streets during the festival. It is still undetermined which streets will be closed. The Quartziter Club is also looking into holding mud volleyball competitions. Kounkel will look into insurance requirements for this type of activity;

The Jasper Jolly Juniors have offered their services this summer. The City will utilize them when we can;

Kounkel asked the Council if they would be interested in holding swimming lessons in Luverne this summer. Donations have been obtained in previous years to pay for the transportation. The Council would like to see this continue. Kounkel will find donations for the transportation;

The Lincoln-Pipestone Rural Water System CCR was provided for the Council to review. The City of Jasper CCR report will be disbursed with the July newsletters;

OLD BUSINESS:

Kounkel mailed letters to owners of obsolete signs. As of this time, nothing has been done on the owners part;

The aforementioned minutes have been drafted for approval.

The AstroTurf at the City Park was reevaluated. Thode is waiting on a bid from the company that provided the inlay for the basketball court. Will discuss at the next scheduled Council meeting;

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

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

Clean up day is scheduled for Friday, May 17th. The dumpsters will be placed at truck parking to ensure they are monitored 24/7;

The City of Jasper has seen buckling in the streets due to the frost reaching the surface. Thode mentioned that it is going to cost a considerable amount more than previous years to have Fuller Paving come in to repair the streets. Kounkel will determine what Fuller charges per square foot and present at the next Council meeting. Thode mentioned that Van Dyke Sanitation does not have access to 3rd Street due to the soft surface. Previously, the City has hired teenagers to complete the patching however a milling machine will need to be purchased. Thode will look into pricing. The city owned packer would also need to be replaced as it takes off on its own;

The alleys were also discussed. With the wet conditions, it is not feasible for the city to clean the alleys as they would create ruts with the heavy machinery;

The Public Works Pickup was again discussed. Lape obtained bids from Herman Motor. However, the prices are contingent on the Ford Fleet Number. Kounkel has been unsuccessful in obtaining this number due to the requirements. Lape will also look into DeBoer out of Edgerton. The Council will revisit this at the next scheduled meeting;

Thode presented a bid from Olsen Electric to replace the street lights on Wall Street. The city would save approximately \$2,000.00 per year with switching the lights to LED. The current lights run at \$110/kwh. The LED lights run at \$22.84/kwh. It is approximately a 4.4% return on investment. Xcel Energy does have rebates available if the product is purchased through them;

Thode is looking into purchasing handicap picnic tables for the park. 20% off all tables should be handicap assessable. Thode also mentioned purchasing some handicap assessable equipment, such as a digger. Pricing will be obtained;

ITEMS ANYONE WANTS TO ADD TO THE AGENDA:

Upcoming Meetings: ;

Council Meeting, Tuesday, May 14, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.;

Board of Appeal and Equalization Hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, May 15, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.;

Lape motioned to adjourn regular meeting, Arp second. All ayes, meeting adjourned.

The aforementioned minutes have been drafted for approval.

Cortney Kounkel, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Baustian, Mayor

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