

JASPER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting – May 14,, 2019;

The Jasper City Council of the City of Jasper met in said city, May 14, 2019 at the Jasper City Office. Council members present: Mayor, Mike Baustian, Kim Lape & Dee Arp; Employees present; Clerk-Treasurer Cortney Kounkel, Assistant Clerk-Treasurer Stella Lingen; Public Works Superintendent Brian Thode; *Jasper Journal's* Kyle Kuphal; Community Member: Chad Magnuson, Ardell Gorter, Trinidad Garcia and other interested members of the public; Council Member Karen Damman & Jeff Leslie – Absent;

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

Community Concerns:

Chad Magnuson approached the council about placing an outdoor horse arena at the ballfields where the tractor pull was previously held. The outdoor arena would be 120' by 150'-160' long. Magnuson predicted that the cost of materials including panels, posts and sand would be \$8,000.00. Magnuson is willing to do fundraising events to help offset the cost. The outdoor arena could potentially bring 30-80 people a night which would be good for local businesses. Local organizations could also man the concessions which would benefit their fundraising efforts as well. Barrel racing events could be held here. The sponsors of the races cover the liability insurance for the actual event so the city would not be liable at that time. The outdoor arena in Larchwood, IA requires individual riders to obtain an annual membership to help offset the overhead costs. Events could be held during Quarry Days as well. Motion by Lape, second by Dee to fund the outdoor arena near the ballfields up to \$8,000.00, all ayes, carried. No further discussion regarding this topic;

Ardell Gorter approached the council regarding the high usage of water on last month's bill. Gorter typically uses 2,000-2,500 gallons a month. This past bill was 5,000 gallons for than typical. Gorter ran his water as the city recommended but only at a toothpick size from March 7 to April 8. Gorter would like the overage forgiven as the city requested he run his water to avoid frozen pipes. Gorter also contacted a local plumber to determine if he had a leak, which was unfounded. Council will look over his bill towards the end of the meeting and get back to Gorter;

Trinidad Garcia was present on behalf of Clorinda Johnson, the current Preschool Teacher in Jasper. This will be discussed further in the meeting;

Motion by Lape, second by Arp to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on April 9, 2019, all ayes, carried;

Review and approve the April Claims to date: Nordic Solar HoldCo, LLC, Geronimo Energy Contract, \$620.17; Team Laboratory Chemical Corp., Terminator II Weed Killer, \$1,775.00; Olsen Electric, Inc., Change Batteries & Charger for Siren/Photo Eye by Flag, \$2,003.98; MN West College, Ambulance Refresher, \$2,656.22; LakeState Mfg., Truck Box, Bucket Job, \$2,209.67; Tri-State Garage Door Inc., City Shop Doors, \$455.00; Double D Gravel, Inc., Backhoe 4-9-19 Water Leak; \$930.00; Musch Construction, Inc., Ground Heater Rental, \$410.00; Bound Tree Medical, LLC, Ambulance Supplies, \$869.41;

The aforementioned minutes have been drafted for approval.

Bierchbach, Hoses, Lift Station Pump, \$2,911.25; Auto-pays were not presented at this meeting. Kounkel will present at May Council Meeting;

Receipts noted: Pipestone Co. Treasurer, 2019 Ambulance Appropriation, \$4,000.00; Pipestone Co. Treasurer, 2019 Fire Appropriation, \$780.00; Jasper Lions Club, Quartziter Days Inflatable Donation, \$500.00; Jasper Lions Club, Easter Egg Hunt Reimb. \$200.00; Stonewall Bar & Grill, Liquor License, \$1,000.00;

DELINQUENT SEWER/WATER/GARBAGE:

The delinquent sewer, water and garbage report was discussed with the council. Shut offs will occur to all delinquent accounts as of May 21, 2019;

Lingen informed the Council that the Jasper Area United Fund continues to help local members of the community who are dealing with health issues;

Wellness Center/QCC:

Gary Mitchell approached the City regarding purchasing his NuStep. The Nustep is in excellent condition and was only used for a few minutes each day for about 3 months. Mitchell is requesting \$3,000.00 for this NuStep. The purchase brand new, the equipment would cost the city \$4,600.00 which does not include shipping. Kounkel and Thode inspected the equipment and found no flaws. Motion by Lape, second by Arp to purchase the NuStep from Gary Mitchell for \$3,000.00, all ayes, carried;

The Pipestone Hospital Physical Therapy Department approached the City about purchasing a Multi-Weight Station. However, we do not have the adequate space for the equipment. The Council would like to pass on this offer;

Pipestone Area Schools will no longer offer Preschool classes in Jasper for the 2019-2020 school year. Kevin Everson, Pipestone Area Superintendent, informed Kounkel that this decision was due to lack of student enrollment. Everson did mention that they may be interested in the space for 2020-2021 school year. The school currently rents 2 rooms from the City. Trinidad Garcia, who works as a Paraprofessional in the Preschool informed the Council that a majority of kids from Jasper are now attending the SMOC Head start program in the morning and then Pipestone Area Preschools in the afternoon. This may be because of daycare issues while the parents work. Clorinda Johnson approached Kounkel about placing a daycare in the space. Kounkel will contact the Pipestone County Health and Human Services to find out regulations;

NEW BUSINESS:

The Council is encouraged to look over the Sidewalk Replacement Program for the next Council Meeting in June;

OLD BUSINESS:

Duane DeCroock approached the Council last month regarding the alleys in West Jasper. Kounkel informed the Council that none of the streets in West Jasper were vacated. Therefore, DeCroock would have to petition the Council regarding this. Kounkel will speak with DeCroock;

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Lape questioned whether Kounkel received a copy of Reclaim Community's Insurance for Bauman Hall. This has not been received. Kounkel will request that the document be provided within 30 days;

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

One Land Permit Issued during April to David Bryan, 109 2nd Street East for the demolition of home;

Clean up day is scheduled for Friday, May 17th. The dumpsters have been placed at truck parking to ensure they are monitored 24/7. Unsorted/mixed piles will not be picked up. The City of Edgerton and Trosky do not allow residents to place items on their curb. Each city has a specific day where dumpsters are located for residents to personally bring their items. Each household is allowed 1 truck load, any load after that cost \$20.00. Local organizations help the elderly and others who are not capable of bringing their items to the designated location. Kounkel will inquire what each city has their resident pay during the year to help cover this cost. This would be beneficial to the City of Jasper to ensure residents do not take advantage of the service;

Thode mentioned the road leading from the County Road to the Quarry Access Lane is in dire need of repair. The Quarry had driven an excavator and stone crusher on the road which tore it up. Thode will approach the Quarry about cost sharing. Thode mentioned that the road from Houg's Service Station to the corner of Burr Avenue was redone years ago. About 3'-4' down was excavated from road. Oversized rock and gravel was then placed with asphalt covering it. Since the reconstruction of the street, there have been no issues. The Quarry does have access to the material needed for the reconstruction. Ideally, this would be a 10 ton road to avoid further damage. Thode will invite members from the Quarry to the next Council meeting to determine how to proceed;

Julie Meyer approached Thode about replacing her curb and gutter. She will be having her driveway and sidewalks replaced so this will be completed at the same time.

Martinez Concrete is completing concrete work for the city from water leaks;

The Public Works Pickup was discussed. Herman Motor helped the City achieve a Ford Fleet Number giving us options to purchase new vehicles at a lower cost. Herman Motor has given the city the best deal thus far. The Council would like to conduct business with Herman Motor. Thode will contact Herman Motor with his requests. Tabled until June;

The City of Slayton recently replaced all of their street lights through Xcel Energy. Kounkel will be in contact with the Slayton City Administrator regarding the pros and cons;

Jasper Sunrise Village would like to lease a lawnmower from the City. They are in dire need of a new one. Trade in value for the City is \$6,500.00. Discussion whether leasing or purchasing the mower to Sunrise occurred. Motion by Lape to lease the mower to Sunrise Village, second by Arp, all ayes, carried;

Thode has been approached by 2 individuals who would be interested in working for the city part time during the summer. They will help with weed whacking and mowing;

ITEMS ANYONE WANTS TO ADD TO THE AGENDA:

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Turf at the City Park was discussed. It was recommended to sod the area and purchase a push mower to complete this part. Rock River Landscaping will be contacted regarding this;

Upcoming Meetings:

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

Council Meeting, Tuesday, June 11, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.;

Lape motioned to adjourn regular meeting, Arp second. All ayes, meeting adjourned. 8:23 p.m.

Cortney Kounkel, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Baustian, Mayor

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