

## JASPER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting – June 11, 2019;

The Jasper City Council of the City of Jasper met in said city, June 11, 2019 at the Jasper City Office. Council members present: Mayor, Mike Baustian, Dee Arp, 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;; Council Member Kim Lape-Absent;

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

### Community Concerns:

Teresa Schreurs from Development Services, Inc , Ivanhoe, MN addressed the Council regarding funding available for housing and commercial rehabilitation and/or public infrastructure. The purpose of this grant funding is to preserve and improve buildings within the community. This will provide future generations with safe, healthy, energy efficient housing and commercial properties. If the city is awarded the Small City Development Grant, eligible owners will be able to apply for up to \$20,000.00 per home for rehab projects including: new siding, new shingles, improved insulation, updated plumbing and electrical, energy efficient windows, doors, and/or furnace, water heaters, foundations, handicap assessable items, removing lead paint and/or pipes, etc. Schreurs went into further detailing the financing options that property owners would have available. The cost for the city to assess the community interest is \$1,600.00. This covers the mailings, Facebook account maintenance, news articles and other promotional material. If enough interest is gained, the Council has the option of stepping into Step 2 which is the Preliminary Proposal and Building Condition Assessment. Motion by Damman, second by Arp to proceed with the Community Interest Assessment for a cost of \$1,600.00 payable to DSI, all ayes, carried;

Motion by Leslie, second by Damman to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on May 14, 2019, all ayes, carried;

Review and approve the May Claims to date: City of Pipestone, Water Parts, \$617.19; Gary Mitchell, NuStep, \$3,000.00; Peoples Bank, Returned Item Fee (Amb Revenue), \$1,289.60 Stale Check; Motion by Arp, second by Damman to approve the May Claims as provided, all ayes, carried;

Receipts noted: Ambulance Revenue \$13,413.70; Township of Elmer, Amb. Appropriation, \$500.00; J. Ptak, Tree Damage, \$1,750.00; Peoples Bank, Transfer from MM, \$50,000.00;

### DELINQUENT SEWER/WATER/GARBAGE:

The delinquent sewer, water and garbage report was discussed with the council;

### Wellness Center/QCC:

Kounkel has been in contact with Southwest Health and Human Services about placing a daycare in the former preschool room. More information will be shared at the next Council meeting;

The aforementioned minutes have been drafted for approval.

Reggie Gorter, AMP representative, has requested the preschool room as well. Kounkel informed Gorter that the City was previously approached about putting a daycare in the area. If the daycare does not pan out, the Council will visit with Gorter about her request;

Memberships are going down due to the summer months. Once school resumes, memberships will be back up;

The NuStep has been a GREAT asset to the Wellness Center;

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Arp, second by Damman to deem Parcel # 17-600-0730 a public nuisance, all ayes, carried;

Motion by Arp, second by Damman to deem Parcel # 17-600-0900 a public nuisance, all ayes, carried;

The Jasper Sunrise Village Emergency Plan was presented to the Council as an informational piece;

#### OLD BUSINESS:

The Council revisited the Sidewalk Replacement Program due to a request from a concerned citizen regarding payment to contractors or the homeowners. Motion by Leslie, second by Damman to approve the labor cost for homeowners if they are able to complete the project on their own, all ayes, carried;

A copy of Reclaim Community's Insurance for Bauman Hall was presented to the Council. Insurance Certificate will be kept on file at the City Office;

#### PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

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

Thode has been in contact with LG Everist regarding the road leading from the County Road to the Quarry Access Lane that is in dire need of repair. The Quarry had driven an excavator and stone crusher on the road during wet conditions. Thode will be meeting with a LG Everist owner on Tuesday, June 18 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss cost sharing to repair the road. Mayor Baustian will also be in attendance. 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. LG Everist has mentioned other plans of installing a private access road out of city limits;

The Public Works Pickup was again discussed. Herman Motor out of Luverne, MN gave the City a bid of \$29,998.00 for a 2019 Ford Pickup. This was the cheapest bid received. Motion by Leslie, second by Arp to purchase the pickup from Herman Motor for \$29,998.00, Damman abstained, carried;

The lawnmower currently used by the City will be leased to Jasper Sunrise Village. The City will need to replace this mower. Thode obtained pricing on 2 separate mowers. Motion by Leslie, second by Damman to purchase the 727;

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ITEMS ANYONE WANTS TO ADD TO THE AGENDA:

Arp mentioned that there are still items from junk days located up at the ballfield, such as a truck topper. Thode will take care of this;

Chad Magnuson, who previously approached the Council regarding the horse arena near the ballfields, was not present at this meeting. However, the Council rescinded the motion from last month allowing the installation and financing of the horse arena due to liability and maintenance questions that arose after the meeting. Motion by Arp, seconded by Damman to rescind the motion from the May meeting allowing the installation and financing of \$8,000.00 for the creation of the horse arena at the ballfields until questions and concerns regarding the arena are answered, all ayes, carried;

A sidewalk was recently installed in the City Park to allow full access to the basketball court, making the Park compliant with ADA requirements. This will also be where the rock and plaque, dedicating the basketball court, will be placed. Kounkel has been unable to contact a local landscaper to complete the work; however, another landscaper was mentioned so Kounkel will contact him;

Upcoming Meetings:

Council Meeting, Tuesday, June 9, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.;

Damman motioned to adjourn regular meeting, Arp second. All ayes, meeting adjourned. 8:31 p.m.

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Cortney Kounkel, Clerk-Treasurer

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Mike Baustian, Mayor