

JASPER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting – July 9, 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, Kim Lape, 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; Community Members: John Haack and Lorna Hill;

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

Community Concerns:

John Haack was present to address the Council regarding placing solar panels on his property located at 518 4th Street West. The panels consist of 8 x 3 (occasionally 4) panels. These panels will produce enough electricity to power the entire house. Haack will receive tax benefits from placing this array on his property. Lot placement guidelines were discussed. The council concluded that there was no objection to the placement of the solar panels;

Lorna Hill was present to discuss her dissatisfaction with the lack of placement of American flags on the Fourth of July. Hill explained that her family has been and is currently serving in military branches across the United States. Hill was very disheartened to not see the patriotism. The American Legion will be contacted regarding this complaint;

Motion by Damman, second by Lape to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on June 11, 2019, all ayes, carried;

Review and approve the June Claims to date: Erik Skogquist, Completion of Real Estate Assessment, \$1,600.00; Quill Corporation, Ambulance Storage, \$1,219.39; Martinez Concrete, LLC., Replace Curb & Gutter, Apron Sidewalks, Demo of Concrete, \$5,800.00; Jandl Construction, City Office Remodel Partial Payment, \$6,000.00; Martinez Graphics, Quartziter Days T-Shirts, \$4,550.00; Jandl Construction, Completion of City Office Remodel, \$7,005.75; Rock Co. Transfer Station, Clean up Days, \$1,234.00; Pipestone Building Materials, City Office Remodel, \$9,266.85; VanderStoep Furniture, City Office Remodel, \$3,702.42; Van Dyke Roll-Offs, Clean up Days, \$1,499.08; Univar USA Inc., Mosquito Control Spray, \$1,952.50; LMC Insurance Trust, Deductible for Claim, \$500.00; Martinez Concrete, LLC, Concrete Pad at City Park & Rock Assembly, \$2,400.00; Action Training, Fire Department Training Materials, \$5,025.27;; Motion by Damman, second by Leslie to approve the June Claims as provided, all ayes, carried;

Receipts noted: MN Management & Budget, LGA, \$31,454.53; Pipestone Co. Treasurer, June Distribution, \$92,066.25; Rock Co. Treasurer, Amb Appropriation, \$1,300.00; Rock Co. Auditor, June Distribution, \$37,478.80;

DELINQUENT SEWER/WATER/GARBAGE:

The delinquent sewer, water and garbage report was discussed with the council. Past due residents will have notices placed on their door in the coming weeks for notice of disconnection;

Wellness Center/QCC:

The aforementioned minutes have been drafted for approval.

Kounkel has been in contact with Southwest Health and Human Services about placing a daycare in the former preschool room. SWHHS is advising the city to rent out the room for the proposed daycare instead of the city being the sole license holder. The State Fire Marshall will be completing an inspection in the coming weeks;

Reggie Gorter, AMP representative, will be renewing their contract with the City of Jasper for 3 additional months. Monthly rental fee has been increased to \$200.00. Motion by Damman, second by Arp to renew a three month contract with AMP for the rental of Classroom 3 in the Quartziter Community Center, all ayes, carried. Contract will be reviewed in September 2019;

NEW BUSINESS:

The interest forms for the home improvement grants through Developmental Services, Inc. have been mailed to Jasper residents;

LMCIT recently visited with the city. Recommendations were provided for the council and will be considered;

League of MN Cities Members' Dues have increased for the 2020 calendar year;

The Council was presented with the most recent MN State Demographic Study;

OLD BUSINESS:

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Two land use permits were issued during the month of June. Jason Madtson, 200 Prospect Avenue has built a new garage while David Smith of 511 4th Street West in moving in a wood frame shed;

Thode informed the Council that they may want to look into passing a solar panel ordinance in the near future. The city currently does not have one and solar panels are becoming more and more popular;

The Quarry Access Street was discussed. Mayor Baustian and Thode met with representatives from the Quarry regarding the dire conditions of the road. The representatives are looking into making another road that leads directly from the Highway so city streets would not be used. The Quarry has offered to put gravel on the road and leave it that way for this time;

FEMA has programs available to help with the repair of streets caused by frost boils. A predicted number of sites will be available at the July council meeting;

The Public Works Department obtained the new lawn mower. Everything is working great;

Thode mentioned that the individuals, who run the Lunch Shack, have questioned whether they could use the electricity at the city park when they pull into town on Tuesday evenings. The Lunch Shack has even offered to pay the electric bill. The electric bill runs around \$25 a month. Anything over \$25, the Lunch Shack will be responsible for;

ITEMS ANYONE WANTS TO ADD TO THE AGENDA:

The aforementioned minutes have been drafted for approval.

The 2019 Quartziter Days Schedule was presented to the Council;

Swimming Lessons have begun! This year, there are 29 children participating, the most in recent years;

Upcoming Meetings:

Council Meeting, Tuesday, August 13, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.;

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

Cortney Kounkel, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Baustian, Mayor

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