

JASPER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting – September 10, 2019;

The Jasper City Council of the City of Jasper met in said city, September 10, 2019 at the Jasper City Office. Council members present: Mayor, Mike Baustian, Kim Lape, Dee Arp, Trinidad Garcia & 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: Becky Kleinjan, Kenny Clark, David Smith (7:17 p.m.) Reclaim Community Representative Randy Larson; Planning Commission Member Kurt Jandl;

Mayor Baustian called the Public Hearing regarding the Home Occupation request from Becky Kleinjan to order 7:00 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance;

Becky Kleinjan had proposed to the Jasper Planning Commission to operate a Cosmetology Salon out of a residential home addressed as 213 Poorbaugh Avenue North, Jasper, Minnesota. The property is legally described as the South 50 feet of West ½ Lot 5 & South 50 feet of Lot 6, Block 53, Mitchell's 2nd Addition. Planning Commission Members, Jerry Tower and Duane DeCroock were not present at the hearing but personally spoke with Kounkel and advised no issues with the request from Kleinjan. Jandl was also in agreeance with the proposal to operate the Cosmetology Salon out of the residential home addressed as 213 Poorbaugh Avenue North, Jasper, Minnesota. Based off the Planning Commission's recommendations, motion by Leslie, second by Lape to approve the Home Occupation Permit for Becky Kleinjan as recommended by the Planning Commission, all ayes, carried;

Mayor Baustian called the Regular Meeting to order;

Community Concerns:

Reclaim Community representative, Randy Larson, was present to update the Council on their efforts with the Bauman Hall building as requested by the Jasper City Council in the September meeting. Larson informed the Council that architects from LHB will be completing a structural assessment of the property on September 22, 2019. Soon after, the stabilization of the building will be complete. At the time of the meeting, Larson was uncertain on who was going to be completing the work. Reclaim Community will send the City of Jasper the report on the building. In 2010, the City of Jasper contracted with TSP to complete a structural assessment on the building. Kounkel will forward that report to the Reclaim Community President for informational purposes. Larson also informed the council that the school property is currently at a "wait and see" standstill until information can be obtained about grant availability for the property. Also, a reuse study will be completed to determine what the recommendation for future use of the building would be. Once information is obtained on the school property, Reclaim Community will share that information with the City of Jasper;

Motion by Lape, second by Arp to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on August 13, 2019, all ayes, carried;

Review and approve the August Claims to date: LMCIT, Deductible for J. Eggerud Claim, \$500.00; Ruitter Gravel Hauling, Hauling Gravel/Black Dirt, \$1,230.15; LMCIT, Worker's Comp Final Audit, \$6,661.00; Comray Computers, Arp Computer w/Microsoft Office, \$726.75; LMCIT, Property/Casualty Coverage

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2019-2020, \$37,928.00; Ludolph Bus Service, Swimming Lesson Transportation, \$900.00; Motion by Arp, second by Lape to approve the August Claims as provided, all ayes, carried;

Receipts noted: Jasper Rural Fire Dept., ½ of EMB Payment, \$6,349.00; Amb Call Income, \$5,040.98;

DELINQUENT SEWER/WATER/GARBAGE:

The delinquent sewer, water and garbage report was discussed with the Council. Notices will be placed on delinquent residents doors in the coming weeks.

Lingen will also be providing the United Fund Budget at the October meeting;

David Smith joined the Council Meeting at 7:17 p.m. Mayor Baustian called on Smith to address the Council. Smith stated that the Serviceman's Memorial located at the Jasper City Cemetery has generated numerous complaints due to the deteriorating condition of the site. Smith stated that the Servicemen's Memorial was not the responsibility of the Legion or himself. Smith stated that since the Memorial was placed on city property, the city was responsible for maintaining the area. Smith stated that the outdoor carpet would have to be replaced, crosses painted and the concrete cleaned up. Smith will attend the October council meeting to provide the projected cost for placing AstroTurf in the area. Kounkel will get current balance of the Servicemen's Memorial fund and present at the next scheduled Council Meeting;

Wellness Center/QCC:

It has been requested to offer retired Fire, Ambulance, Sunrise and City Employees half off membership to the Wellness Center as current affiliates have that option. Motion by Lape, second by Garcia to approve half off memberships for municipal retired individuals, all ayes, carried;

AMP Rental Agreement renewal will be in October 2019. At that time, Reggie Gorter, has requested that the rental agreement be on a month to month basis. Gorter would like to rent the dining hall or all of the classrooms during play production to potentially defer the complaints regarding the use of the facility. No matter if the space is rented, the area will need to be cleaned and debris picked up for fire code compliance. Gorter would also like to rent the former preschool room if the city decides to not pursue the daycare;

It was recommended by the council to have a public hearing regarding the daycare crisis. The meeting will be held prior to the council meeting in November. Kounkel will publish announcements and invite Judy VandenBosch, SWHHS Daycare Licensor, to attend the meeting. This will help evaluate whether a daycare is needed in the community;

NEW BUSINESS:

The use of alcohol at Memorial Hall was discussed with the Council. Stonewall Bar & Grill has the only liquor license in town and are the only individuals allowed to sell alcohol at Memorial Hall. There have been issues lately with renters not contracting with Stonewall Bar & Grill but continuing to have alcohol at their events. This increases the city's liability during these times. Kounkel will look into what other communities do regarding their liquor licenses and selling out of municipal buildings. Information will be provided at the next council meeting;

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The Quartziter Rock displaying the basketball court donation plaque was graciously donated to the City by LG Everist;

The League of MN Cities Recommendations for the City were presented for the Council to review. Each recommendation is for internal purposes only and were presented as listed;

- City Facility Inspection & Documentation Program;
- Roof Inspection Program;
- Sign Maintenance Program;
- Sewer Maintenance Program;
- Reviewing of Sanitary Sewer Incentive Program;
- Fleet Safety Program;

OLD BUSINESS:

The combined Solar Panel Ordinance generated from the City of Edgerton and Pipestone County's Solar Panel Ordinance was presented to the Council for review. Any corrections or additions will be discussed at the next October council meeting;

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Land use permits issued during the month of August are as follows:

- Pam Hubner, 221 8th Street East, Build Garage;
- Maria Perez, 116 4th Street East, Install Fence;
- Kim Drew, 200 10th Street East, Move-in Utility Shed;
- Curt Stockwell, 212 2nd Street West, Build Storage Shed;

The Public Works Pickup is currently in production. Herman Motors predicts that the vehicle will be available for pickup on October 1, 2019. The old public works truck will be sold in November or December of this year. Sealed bids will be obtained;

We have not heard when FEMA will be making a visit to Jasper to assess the frost boils;

ITEMS ANYONE WANTS TO ADD TO THE AGENDA:

FYI: Vandyke Sanitation will be present at the October council meeting to discuss his contract;

Dust control in West Jasper will need to be visited next spring;

An individual has inquired whether the city would allow him to use the campground from April 2020 to the end of October. Kounkel informed the individual that the campground is already rented for Memorial Day weekend in 2020 so they will be expected to leave during that time. It was discussed during the budget meeting to increase the price of camping to \$20 effective January 1, 2020. Considering that the individual made arrangements prior to 2020, the campsite will be offered at \$15.00 per night, motion by Leslie, second by Arp to increase the camping fee to \$20.00 per night effective January 1, 2020, all ayes, carried;

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Upcoming Meetings:

Council Meeting, Tuesday, October 8, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m.;

Leslie motioned to adjourn regular meeting, Arp second. All ayes, meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Cortney Kounkel, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Baustian, Mayor

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