

## JASPER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting – October 8, 2019;

The Jasper City Council of the City of Jasper met in said city, October 8, 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: Norm & Rick Vandyke; Teresa Schreurs from DSI;

Mayor Baustian called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance;

### Community Concerns:

Norm and Rick VanDyke were present to address the Council regarding their refuse hauling contract with the City of Jasper. Norm stated that the 5 year contract will be up for renewal in December 2020. VanDyke would again like to provide the service for the City of Jasper with a 5 year contract. The cost of equipment is getting more expensive; therefore, Norm is predicting a \$2 increase in garbage tote prices to help offset some of the cost. The diesel fuel surcharge will be eliminated. Norm also approached the Council about the notion of switching the way the city does spring cleanup. The City of Edgerton has one day set aside for residents to rid of their junk. Garbage trucks and roll-offs are parked at a predetermined location eliminating the junk on the curbs. Each household is allowed 1 truck load of junk to be dumped. Additional truck loads cost the household \$20.00. The Edgerton Ambulance Association and other organizations assist the elderly or people without transportation, to bring their items to the designated location. The Council will consider this before the next cleanup day which is will be scheduled in the month of May. The discussion then lead into Sewer/Water/Garbage accounts that are delinquent with the city and has had service turned off. The question was whether VanDyke should continue picking up the garbage. VanDyke stated that the city would have the choice on whether the residents refuse is collected or not. This could lead to additional issues such as garbage collecting on the properties or using other garbage tote around the community. It would be best to continue the garbage service for the disconnected properties;

Teresa Schreurs, DSI Representative, was present to address the Council regarding the Home Improvement Grants. Schreurs stated that certain processes need to be completed prior to submitting the grant. The first thing required by DEED is to hold a public hearing which will take place in January 2020 for the citizen participation plan. Schreurs will be present at the first public hearing. The second public hearing will take place after the grant opportunity has been open to the community for 1 year. The building inspector will be present at that meeting. Motion by Lape, second by Arp to hold the public hearing in January 2020 for the citizen participation plan, all ayes, carried. The public hearing will be scheduled for January 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Schreurs also recommended for the council to set a certain financial amount that will be put towards the grant. Schreurs recommended \$20,000.00. Motion by Lape, second by Arp to approve the \$20,000.00 financial obligation for the grant process from the City of Jasper, all ayes, carried. Schreurs is looking into applying for 20 homes in Jasper and 8 homes in Magnolia. Each home would receive approximately \$18,800.00. Motion by Lape, second by Arp to apply

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for the preliminary proposal grant, all ayes, carried. Schreurs will keep in contact with Kounkel regarding the grant process.

Motion by Lape, second by Arp to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on September 10, 2019, all ayes, carried;

Review and approve the September Claims to date: Alpha Wireless Communications Co., Amb Batteries for Radios, \$411.36; Martinez Concrete, LLC, Rock Assembly w/Concrete Pad, Sidewalk Replacement Program, Concrete Works, \$2,400.00; Fuller Paving, Water Leaks Patching, Alleys \$25,334.00; Herman Motors, 2019 Ford F150, \$32,109.12; Motion by Arp, second by Garcia to approve the September Claims as provided, all ayes, carried;

Receipts noted: Jasper Sunrise Village, Property/Casualty Insurance, \$11,672.53; Jasper Town Homes, Property/Casualty Insurance, \$6,134.79; Pipestone Area Schools, Preschool Rent Jan-May 2019, \$4,000.00; Dakota Entertainment, Quartziter Club ½ Inflatable Cost, \$2,348.00;

#### DELINQUENT SEWER/WATER/GARBAGE:

The delinquent sewer, water and garbage report was discussed with the Council. As of November 30, 2019 all delinquent amounts will be assessed onto property taxes.

The United Fund Charity list & budget was presented for the Council to review. Most donations are staying within the community. Motion by Lape, second by Arp to approve the 2019 United Fund Budget as presented, all ayes, carried;

#### Wellness Center/QCC:

Kounkel & Thode updated the Council on the State Fire Marshall Recommendations. The gas line will be capped in the kitchen due to the noncompliant exhaust hood and fire suppression materials. City personnel will continue to search for a hood;

AMP recently published an editorial in the Jasper Journal thanking the community and the city for their graciousness during their play practice. AMP continues to offer music lessons but do not charge a fee;

#### NEW BUSINESS: NA

#### 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 council meeting;

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 visit with Ben Denton regarding this and see if he has any words of wisdom;

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PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

No Land use permits issued during the month of September;

FEMA Update/Pavement Overlay: From March 12, 2019 through April 28, 2019 the city experienced washed away asphalt surfaces of 11 city owned and maintained roads due to high velocity flood waters. Of the 11 documented areas, 5 areas require immediate repair as the snowplow could sustain significant damage if not corrected. The areas of concern are as follows:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Street (864 sq ft)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Street (504 sq ft)
- North Spicer (1440 sq ft)
- 6<sup>th</sup> Street East (360 sq ft)
- 10<sup>th</sup> Street West (880 sq ft)

Thode obtained a bid from Double "D" Gravel as they were the only contractors in the area who could complete the work before Fuller Paving stopped producing asphalt. The bid for the abovementioned 5 areas amounts to \$38,298.98. Motion by Lape, second by Garcia, to approve the bid of \$38,298.98 from Double "D" Gravel to fix the 5 areas of concern, all ayes, carried. Thode will speak with Double "D" Gravel for a potential start date;

ITEMS ANYONE WANTS TO ADD TO THE AGENDA:

Upcoming Meetings:

Daycare Crisis Public Hearing, Tuesday, November 12, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m.;

Council Meeting, Tuesday, November 12, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.;

Leslie motioned to adjourn regular meeting, Arp second. All ayes, meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

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Cortney Kounkel, Clerk-Treasurer

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Mike Baustian, Mayor

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