

JASPER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Special Meeting – November 12, 2019;

The Jasper City Council of the City of Jasper met in said city, November 12, 2019 at the Jasper City Office for a Public Hearing regarding placing a county licensed daycare in the Quartziter Community Center. 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 (6:07 p.m.); Jasper Journal’s Kyle Kuphal; No community members in attendance;

The Public Hearing was scheduled to seek the public’s input on placing a county licensed daycare in the Quartziter Community Center. The purpose of this meeting was to create an accurate picture of the supply of child care within the City of Jasper and identify unmet needs for child care. The Public Hearing advertisement was published in the Jasper Journal’s November 4 and November 11 issues encouraging any and all persons desiring to be heard on the matters to be present at the hearing or to present their comments in writing prior to the hearing. No letters were received at the City Office prior to the public hearing. No members of the community were in attendance. The Jasper City Council held a discussion regarding the pros and cons of placing the daycare in the city owned building. The one advantage determined at the Public Hearing was to have easier access to daycare for our residents. However, the cons outweighed everything. The city’s liability would increase as the county is requesting the that the City of Jasper be the primary license holder and hire someone to fill the position, staffing issues, added expenses such as renovations & insurance. The council did not see enough interest in the prospective daycare and determined that it may be more of a burden on the city than beneficial. Proposed daycare was nixed. There being no further business, the public hearing was closed at 6:21 p.m.

Cortney Kounkel, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Baustian, Mayor

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Regular Meeting – November 12, 2019;

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

Community Concerns:

The aforementioned minutes have been drafted for approval.

David Smith was present to address the Council regarding his efforts to rehab the Servicemen's Memorial located at the Jasper City Cemetery. Smith stated that G&S Body Shop out of Pipestone is willing to sandblast all 51 crosses over the winter and paint then with a heavy metallic paint that will last for years. The estimated cost of the sandblasting is approximately \$1,000.00. Smith has also solicited bids on placing AstroTurf where the outdoor carpet located. Approximately 450 square feet of turf is needed for the area. The turf comes in 15' rolls. A convention carpet layer may install the turf which will cost anywhere from \$300.00 to \$400.00. For the area, the approximate cost of the AstroTurf is \$1,600.00. A private individual has approached Councilmember Leslie and stated that they would like to purchase the AstroTurf. Individual is anonymous. Smith will attend the next council meeting with set numbers for the AstroTurf and update the Council on Terry Skyberg's and his intentions with enhancing the stones. Motion by Lape, second by Leslie to have G&S Body Shop complete the sandblasting and painting of all 51 crosses, all ayes, carried;

Maureen Bell, Legion Auxiliary Representative, was not present at the Jasper City Council Meeting but asked that Kounkel address the Council with her request. The Legion Auxiliary has been storing medical supplies such as wheelchairs, walkers and commodes at the Quartziter Community Center. Supplies are stored in the basement of the QCC. One wheelchair, walker and commode are stored in the furnace room directly off of the dining hall. When the supplies are lent out, the City Office is supposed to be contacted so city personnel can replace the borrowed equipment. Bell would like the council to offer a room to the Legion Auxiliary for the storage of their medical supplies. After a brief discussion, the council feels that the Legion Auxiliary has enough storage space. If vandalism or theft is an issue, it needs to be addressed with the Council. However, the security cameras located at the site have not exhibited any questionable behaviors;

Motion by Leslie, second by Lape to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on October 8, 2019, all ayes, carried;

Review and approve the October Claims to date: Farmers Implement & Irrigation, 2018 Grasshopper Lawnmower/Deck, \$14,831.25, Nordic Solar Holdco, LLC, Geronimo Energy Contract, \$1,655.90; Daniel Basche, MEMSA Conference & Hotel Stay, \$379.92; Wayne Drew, MEMSA Conference Hotel Stay, \$275.85; Deloris Quissell, WC Membership Reimb., \$150.00; Dakota Supply Group, Water Parts, \$1,208.13; Olsen Electric, State Fire Marshall Recommendations for QCC, \$1,052.15; Fuller Paving, Alley Work, \$5,180.00; Skyberg Construction, Removal of 8 Trees at Cemetery, \$2,000.00; Motion by Arp, second by Garcia to approve the October Claims as provided, all ayes, carried;

Receipts noted: Ludolph Bus Service, Oct, Nov, Dec Rent, \$900.00; Pipestone County Treasurer, 2019 Police State Aid, \$8,362.61;

DELINQUENT SEWER/WATER/GARBAGE:

The delinquent sewer, water and garbage report was discussed with the Council. Twenty four properties were listed on the delinquent report. Out of the twenty four properties, 4 residences have service disconnected. As of November 29, 2019 all delinquent amounts will be assessed onto property taxes;

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Motion by Lape, second by Arp to approve Resolution 19-316A Rock County assessing delinquent Sewer, Water, Garbage & Property Maintenance Bills to taxable properties in the City of Jasper, all ayes, carried;

Motion by Lape, second by Arp to approve Resolution 19-316B Pipestone County assessing delinquent Sewer, Water, Garbage & Property Maintenance Bills to taxable properties in the City of Jasper, all ayes, carried;

Resolutions will be sent to the Rock County and Pipestone County Auditors on Friday, November 29, 2019;

The United Fund collected 215 pounds of food during the most recent drive. The United Fund is currently sitting at \$3,550.00;

Wellness Center/QCC:

Mary Jean Evans has approached Kounkel about renting a classroom at the QCC. Kounkel informed Evans that the Jasper City Council was looking into placing a county-licensed daycare in the facility so space would be limited. If the daycare did not go through, Evans would like to be considered as a possible tenant. Evans works for an insurance company in the fraud department. Evans would have no foot traffic ever but would be at the QCC for 40 hours each week. Evans' company is willing pay for the installation of internet and phone service. The Council would like to move forward with and visit with Evans. Kounkel will contact Evans and invite her to the December council meeting;

The libraries are being used on a consistent basis. However, book donations will cease as space is limited;

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Arp, second by Garcia to approve the off-sale liquor license application for Stonewall Bar & Grill for 2020, all ayes, carried;

A property owner on 4th Street contacted the city office within the past month inquiring whether the city would pay for half of his sidewalk replacement. The sidewalk was replaced this summer without the notification from the property owner. The sidewalk replacement program that the city has requires that the property owner contact the city PRIOR to work being completed for inspection purposes. This was not done with this property. Therefore, the city will not allow the person to take part in the program after the fact;

Kounkel is proposing to change the format and frequency of the city newsletters. Currently, newsletters are sent out on a quarterly basis and only printed in English. Kounkel is proposing to send out newsletters on a bimonthly basis and offer the newsletters in English and Spanish. The newsletters will be downsized from 2 pages to 1. This will help save costs related to extra postage and additional printings. Newsletter will be disbursed in February, April, June, August, October and December;

OLD BUSINESS: NA

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

The aforementioned minutes have been drafted for approval.

No Land use permits issued during the month of October;

FEMA Update/Pavement Overlay: A site inspection of the remaining 6 areas will take place on Saturday, November 16 @ 8:00 a.m. Kounkel will attend the site inspection with the FEMA representatives;

Thode has been discharging the ponds recently;

Eight trees south of the gate were removed at the Jasper City Cemetery by Terry Skyberg. An individual from Luverne originally obtained the bid but failed to complete the work. Trees will be replanted in the spring;

The new public works truck is in use. Kounkel will place the sealed bid notification in the Jasper Journal prior to the December 10 council meeting;

ITEMS ANYONE WANTS TO ADD TO THE AGENDA:

Rock County has received a grant to place Wi-Fi in all city and county owned campgrounds located in Rock County. They would like to install service in the Marilyn DeBates Park but need to deed to the land switched over into the City of Jasper's name as it is currently in LG Everist. Kounkel will look through minutes to determine when LG Everist gifted the property to the city;

Upcoming Meetings:

Budget Meeting, Tuesday, December 10, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.;

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, December 10, 2019 @ 7:30 p.m.;

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

Cortney Kounkel, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Baustian, Mayor

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