

JASPER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Special Meeting – December 10, 2019;

The Jasper City Council of the City of Jasper met in said city, December 10, 2019 at the Jasper City Office for a Public Hearing regarding the 2020 Budget and Levy. Council members present: Acting Mayor, Jeff Leslie, Kim Lape, Dee Arp & Trinidad Garcia; Employees present; Clerk-Treasurer Cortney Kounkel, Assistant Clerk-Treasurer Stella Lingen; Public Works Superintendent Brian Thode; Jasper Journal's Kyle Kuphal;

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:00 p.m. by Acting Mayor Jeff Leslie followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Being no questions were raised about the 2020 Budget or Levy, motion by Arp, second by Garcia to approve the 2020 Budget with Expenditures and Receipts equaling \$584,679.00 with a lecy increase of 2.8% at \$205,710.00, all ayes, carried;

The meeting was then led into the regular meeting;

Regular Meeting – December 10, 2019;

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Community Concerns:

Resident who requested to be on the agenda was not in attendance. Issue not discussed with the Council;

David Smith was present to discuss the Servicemen's Memorial with the Council. Smith stated that another private individual has agreed to pay for the painting of the crosses at G & S for a cost of approximately \$1,000.00. Another private individual has agreed to pay for the AstroTurf. Smith has been into contact with a guy from the Twin Cities area that sells AstroTurf. After the holidays, Smith will continue communication with the individual. Smith will pick up the AstroTurf from the cities at no charge. When springtime occurs, Smith would appreciate if the Fire Department cleaned off the stones with their firefighting equipment. Smith will return with in January 2020 if he has additional information, otherwise, he will be in attendance during the February 2020 Council Meeting;

Jim Accurso, U.S. Census Bureau representative, was present to address the Council regarding the 2020 Census. Jim presented the Jasper City Council with a PowerPoint presentation. Jim expressed the importance of the city being involved in the 2020 census. It is highly recommended to establish a Complete Count Committee to ensure all of our residents are accounted for. Jim also encouraged the city to promote the 2020 Census jobs. Individuals may work full or part time. Starting pay for this area is \$16.50. Training will be provided for interested individuals;

The aforementioned minutes have been drafted for approval.

Cynthia and Mark Jamison were present to address the Council about operating a business within City limits. The Jamison's would like to open a variety store within Jasper so resident can find their basic toiletries, paper, books, etc. at a convenient location. Since the close of Shopko in Pipestone, many individuals are driving the Sioux Falls or Marshall for their basic needs. Kounkel has been working with the Jamison's on obtaining a building but nothing has come through as of this time. The Jamison's would be interested in placing a building on an empty lot in Jasper. This could potentially cost anywhere from \$60,000.00 to \$100,000.00 which does not include the cost of initial inventory. Councilmember Arp stated that she would prefer to see the Jamison's rent a building to ensure that the business was a success. Councilmember Lape then mentioned the building owned by Terry Skyberg near the Jasper Yards location. The Jamison's obtained Terry's contact information from Kounkel and were eager to contact him;

Motion by Arp, second by Lape to approve the minutes from the Special & Regular Meeting on November 12, 2019, all ayes, carried;

Sealed Bids for the Sale of the 2004 Chevy Pickup Truck were opened at 7:30 p.m. The bids are as follows:

- Jason Steuck, \$2,513.00;
- Weston Matthiesen, \$2,399.00;
- Redwood Auto, \$3,900.00;
- Dan VanShelton, \$3,675.00;
- City of Rushmore, \$2,500.00;
- Krug Products, \$1,200.00;
- Homero Hernandez, \$3,500.00;
- Valley Motor-Volga, \$1,086.01;
- Tom Thone, \$2,250.00;
- Chuck DeSchepper, \$4,412.00;
- Curt Stockwell, \$3,800.00;

Motion by Arp, second by Lape to accept the highest bid amount of \$4,412.00 from Chuck DeSchepper for the sale of the 2004 Chevy Pickup Truck. Kounkel will notify all sealed bid participants of the decision;

Review and approve the November Claims to date: Clean 'N' Clear, Clean Carpets of QCC, City Office & Meeting Room, \$1,135.00; USTI, Water Billing Maint. Contract, \$1,059.96; Ambulance Annual Payroll, \$12,809.87; Fire Department Annual Payroll, \$5808.76; John's Repair, Repairs on Snow Tractor/New Snow Blade, \$5,735.97; Pam Hubner, Sidewalk Replacement Program Participant, \$1,500.00; Further, VEBA-Annual Contributions, \$1,800.00;; Motion by Arp, second by Garcia to approve the November Claims as provided, all ayes, carried;

Receipts noted: M. Slinger, Fire Call, \$800.00;

DELINQUENT SEWER/WATER/GARBAGE:

The aforementioned minutes have been drafted for approval.

Resolutions 19-316A Rock County and Resolution 19-316B Pipestone County were presented to the Council with the assessed delinquent Sewer, Water, Garbage & Property Maintenance Bills;

Motion by Garcia, second by Arp to approve the United Fund distribution list, all ayes, carried;

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:

Interested party found another location for her business. The QCC is no longer being considered;

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;

Motion by Lape, second by Arp to approve Resolution 19-344 ADOPTING THE PAYABLE 2020 FINAL PROPERTY LEVY AND BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF JASPER, all ayes, carried;

Motion by Lape, second by Garcia to approve Resolution 19-344A (Business License Fee for 2020), all ayes, carried;

Motion by Arp, second by Lape to approve RESOLUTION 18-345B (Designate Funds in Money Markey Savings Account), all ayes, carried;

OLD BUSINESS: NA

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

No Land use permits issued during the month of November;

The Public Works Department is done discharging the ponds. The ponds are empty as of this time;

The Site Inspection with FEMA was completed with no issues;

Thode mentioned that the siren quite working recently due to a blown fuse. The City of Sioux Falls has stopped testing their siren in the cold weather because they determined it did more harm to the equipment than good. Thode recommended that the City of Jasper also follow suit and discontinue the use of the siren until the springtime. The siren will still be tested on the 1st Wednesday of the month by Pipestone County. All weather related emergencies will be sounded by Pipestone County as well. The siren usage will be reevaluated at the April Council meeting;

ITEMS ANYONE WANTS TO ADD TO THE AGENDA:

Additional Council Hours/Training need to be turned in by Wednesday, December 11, 2019;

Upcoming Meetings:

The aforementioned minutes have been drafted for approval.

Council Meeting, Tuesday, January 14, 2020;

Schedule Employee Evals for January, 2020. These will be scheduled at the January Council Meeting;

Arp motioned to adjourn regular meeting, Lape second. All ayes, meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Cortney Kounkel, Clerk-Treasurer

Jeff Leslie, Acting Mayor

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