

JASPER CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

-Carol Dengler told the council that the neighbor put the steel fence posts up again & is worried that her grandchildren play on the swing set in her yard & will get hurt with the posts in place; Dengler read that posts should be in a pleasing manner. Nath questioned Johnson how Pipestone reads: that 4 corners of the property can be marked. Nath suggested to the council maybe sending a letter with no force to the neighbor & make a suggestion about moving the posts. Nath informed Dengler that the council would discuss later.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Rodman to approve the March 11, 2014, regular meeting minutes. All ayes, motion carried;

Motion by Rodman, seconded by Bolkema to approve the February claims to date: League of MN Cities, \$29,660, Worker's Comp.; HD Supply Waterworks, LTD, \$34,650, Radio Read Upgrade partial order; Receipts: Jasper Sunrise Village, \$18,478.18, their share of the Worker's Comp.

QUARTERLY REPORTS WERE INCLUDED FOR THE COUNCIL TO REVIEW.

DELINQUENT SWG REPORT: Lingen informed the council that \$564.77 were given for running water credit, 8 residents did not receive credits as they had minimum usage.

April 16th Public Works Department will be shutting off the delinquent accounts as the Cold Weather Rule expires on April 15th.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The City Council set Tuesday, April 22, 2014 as the council city drive thru for cleanup days;
- FYI-Jasper resident dropped off an article for the council to review: Main Street Attraction flyer;
- FYI-Letter from John's repair on new policies;
- The council went back to the community concerns on the fence posts by Dengler's, the council discussed if that one of the children would be hurt by one of the fence posts that the residents insurance would be liable. The council will let Carol Dengler know the outcome.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Ryan received \$200 grant from MCFOA to attend the Clerk's Institute at the end of April, ½ of cost;


-Stella's new computer was installed with a few glitches, all should be good now; The Fire/Ambulance barn to get new 20" flat screen monitor from ComRay Computer;

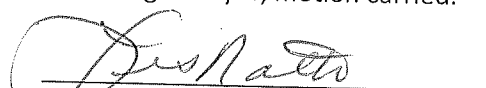
PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

- Herberg permit to move a wall & add cement patio. Mager to add a deck on the house;
- Refrigerator was not working in the meeting room last week & then was working again, Thode informed the council that there was a newer used refrigerator at Carrow's for \$300 was tagged for the city, Thode to check to see if still available, the council approved purchasing a new refrigerator. Nath discussed with the council about waiting to install new carpet into the meeting room with the upcoming expenses;
- Jetter truck from Pipestone, Thode explained to the council that Pipestone might just part the truck out;
- 1st day of yard waste pickup will be April 21, 2014, Ryan to put a notice in the Jasper Journal & hang signs out in town;
- Yearly Van Dyke Spring Cleanup Day will be Friday, May 9th; will be the same as last year with 2 ea. roll-offs in town, recycling is still on Thursday May 8th;
- Update on the new meter system: Thode informed the council that all items needed where here & just waiting for the sales rep to come to do training;
- A resident called the city office about a tree branch that Xcel Energy cut down in the alley, the tree had cracked & fell on the lines, someone took the good wood & left all the twigs, Ryan to send Xcel a letter;
- Thode explained to the council Veva had her sewer opened by Stout & Evink then did her laundry & it backed up into Thode's basement, Thode took time off from work & put the sewer snake down his drain 100' many times & did not get to the problem, Thode had Pipestone jet the main & the jetter froze up. Thode had Stout & Evink come to his home the sewer snake went 115' & let go, the sewer camera goes 107'. Thode provided the sewer book which showed the main as being dirty. Thode had Pipestone jet the sewer line & the Stout & Evink bill should go to the city as it was the main the council directed Thode to put a bill together along with Veva. Public works to dig up this summer. Roots must be the problem.
- Nath discussed with the council the 6th St. water main break, the water tower went empty & could not keep up. The cast iron main froze, Nath & Public Works unthawed the line & added a valve, whole block froze up, and it was 4' of solid ice. So far the city has 2 homes on the north side of the street that had frozen lines.
- Bolkema stated that a lot of gravel on the boulevard & by the alley's. Thode will check it out.
- Rodman discussed the soft road by the ball fields/park. Thode to rope off the area.
- Ryan informed the council that part-time public works employee Lyman Brown Jr. 6 month evaluation is May 5, 2014.

Reminder 2014 Local Board of Appeal & Equalization hearing is this Thursday night at 7 pm.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Bolkema to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried.


Terri Ryan-Clerk-Treasurer


Les Nath, Mayor

JASPER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Special Meeting for the Board of Appeal and Equalization Public Hearing – April 10, 2014

The Jasper City Council met in special session in said City on Thursday, April 10, 2014, in the Jasper City Council room at 7 pm. Members present were: Mayor Les Nath, Council members: Lisa Rodman, Pete Johnson & Glenn Bolkema. Absent: Mike Baustian. Employees present: Terri Ryan, City Clerk-Treasurer. Also present were Assessor from Pipestone Joyce Schmidt; Rock County Tom Houselog; and the City of Jasper Assessors: Robert Pazdernik & Erik Skogquist. Also present was resident Kurt Jandl. *Jasper Journals*: Mavis Fodness.

Mayor Nath called the meeting to order and opened the Board of Appeal and Equalization public hearing at 7:00 PM with the aforementioned assessors. The purpose of the hearing was to review and correct any assessment for taxes owed in 2013 for property owned in the City of Jasper for residents. The Assessment Notice was posted on the City Hall office window, discussed in the April newsletter, published in the *Pipestone County Star* and the *Rock County Star Herald*, and a notice was added to the City Facebook page.

Eric informed the council of 1 sale this year at 309 8th St. E. sold for \$33,000.

Eric also informed the council no small city changes this year they were left flat. Acreage sales were strong.

Kurt Jandl, parcel #16-0005-000, was present to question why his taxes were pretty high when mostly pastureland & his house value dropped, Eric explained in 2012-2013 Jasper was raised up & now in 2014 made adjustment to where the taxes/value should be.

The acres in the county were going up, levies were the same. Jasper tax rate down to 10.6%. Eric stated hopefully taxes will go down next year, Houselog stated depends if township or not.

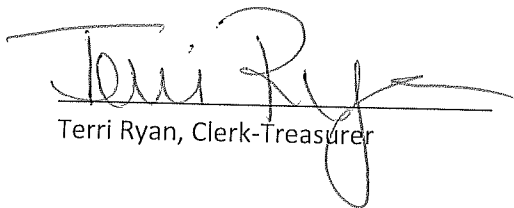
Eric received a letter & phoned Toth, parcel #17-400-0010, as the house they purchased was not a functioning house & did not know what the future holds. Eric to keep on call back list for fixes to the house.

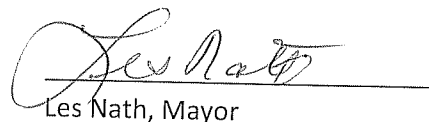
Eric received a phone call from Ryan Tollefson, parcel #1701-7600-2689, no changes.

Tom Houselog discussed the board training for the council: Nath & Johnson expires July 2015; Pipestone training is November 20, 2014. Rodman & Ryan informed Houselog that Rodman did receive training in Luverne, Tom to check into, Rodman would then be good until 7-1-2017.

Eric will need to look at the Verizon tower lease.

There being no further business, motion by Rodman, seconded by Johnson to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried.


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COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

-Ron & Carol Dengler received the City of Jasper's attorney Ben Denton's letter regarding the steel posts that their neighbor is adding the posts to mark his property again & were not satisfied with the letter. The Dengler's would like the council to make an ordinance to only mark the property line 4 corners, the council believes that the post's that currently mark the property would be grandfathered in. The Dengler's have been called names, the posts started showing up after the dumpster was mistakenly placed on the other residents property. Ryan to contact city attorney on this issue.

Motion by Johnson & seconded by Rodman to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting April 8, 2014, all ayes, motion carried; Motion by Johnson, seconded by Rodman to approve the Special Meeting Board of Appeal & Equalization Public Hearing on April 10, 2014. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Baustian, seconded by Johnson to approve the April claims to date: Double D Gravel, \$1949.46, repair water lines; Ben Denton, \$622.65, legal fees; Pazdernik & Skogquist, \$950 ea., 1/2/Partial payment assessment fee; League of MN Cities, \$123, Volunteer Accident Plan;

DELINQUENT SEWER/GARBAGE/WATER REPORT: Lingen reported to the council that there were 3 residents; the council agreed that hanging signs on their doors & giving the 3 residents until Thursday or their water will be shut off probably until Monday. Motion by Baustian, seconded by Bolkema. All ayes, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

-Sign & pass RESOLUTION 14-133 Rock Co. MN Joint Power Agreements & paperwork. Ryan informed the council that city attorney Denton approved signing the paperwork; Motion by Bolkema, seconded by Baustian. All ayes, motion carried;

-Approve R. Haase permanent disconnection request, Haase wants to disconnect because he does not want to pay the monthly bill, motion by Bolkema, seconded by Baustian to approve the disconnect, Thode brought to the attention to the council that Haase has scratched out the word permanent on the letter part of the form. Bolkema rescinded his motion to approve, Ryan to contact Denton & send another form;

-Notice of rate increase from Lincoln-Pipestone Rural water effective June 1, 2014 from \$2.10/per 1,000 gallons to \$2.20 per/thousand gallons;

- Matt Taubert from Meulebroeck, Talbert & Co. will be here next council meeting June 10 @ 7:15 pm to present the council with the 2013 city audit;
- Residents of Jasper have been meeting weekdays in Memorial Hall meeting room since the closure of Jasper Lanes for a coffee group from 7:30 am-10:30 am, Dick Lingen is in charge of the key. Lingen informed the council that she is in charge of the funds collected & the group could in the future give the city some funds to cover the electricity. Nath stated that this was not forever;
- The Jasper Volunteer Fire Dept. requested approval from the council to add Mark Raymond to the roster; Mark's training is current as to a transfer. Motion by Bolkema, seconded by Baustian to approve the request to add Mark, Johnson abstained from the vote as to being on the fire department & that 2 more firefighters are needed. All ayes, motion carried;
- Cathy Rogers from the Pipestone Area Schools would like to use the park this summer, Monday through Friday from June 9-August 15 to deliver meals to the kids in Jasper 9 (under 18) from 11:30 am- 12:30 pm;
- The City website was discussed, Nath questioned Rodman if the website was ready, Rodman informed the council that it was not very far in the makings. Nath explained to the council that Sunrise Village is working on their new website with Pipestone Publishing as it was close to Jasper if any problems would need to be fixed, etc. Motion by Rodman, seconded by Johnson for Ryan to get prices from Pipestone Publishing on a city website;
- FYI-Ryan would like to distribute the Consumer Confidence Water report the water bills at the end of this month instead of waiting until the July 1 newsletter for the resident's;

OLD BUSINESS:

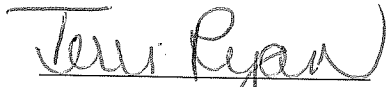
- Letter from the City Attorney Benjamin Denton to resident regarding the steel fence posts on his property line, which was discussed in community concerns;
- Ryan attended her third year at MN Municipal Clerks Institute, April 28-May 2, 2014; the presentation of the attendance plaque will be in Redwing, MN in March of 2015;
- Clean up letters were mailed to the residents from the city council drive through. Ryan questioned the council on one property to have the Sheriff's office deliver a letter to clean up the property as has not been done in past years, the council agreed;

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

- a) Wipf permit to add a fence to their property;
- b) Cleanup Days: Thode explained to the council that the white goods dealer needs to be licensed in the State of Minnesota & questioned the council if residents should take their white goods to Pipestone Recycling on Wednesday's. The council would like a copy of the white goods ad from Pipestone to be added to the water bills;
- c) Thode informed the council that he received the new mower last week;
- d) Meter upgrade update: Thode informed the council that they were here last Thursday & he is waiting for the other guy to show up & this has been dragging out;
- e) Items Brian wants to add to the agenda; 1) Thode stated that the De-Icer was here last week;

- 2) Thode received bids for electricity at the park for the pole down to the caisson building. Motion by Baustian, seconded by Rodman to finish the caisson building with electricity with Olsen Electric from Ihlen for \$2,050. All ayes, motion carried;
- 3) Ryan & Thode received a phone call from a resident's adult child regarding the street by the park, Thode informed the council that it was discussed with a different council & was too expensive to dig the street & add to the residents' street assessment. The street has the springs underneath; the person would not identify himself & was using offensive language;
- 4) Thode informed the council that a resident took a yard waste key & tried to make a copy of the key. The council agreed to change the lock on the gate, also the council would like for the residents to sign for the key along with their phone number with the information that they agree not to duplicate, share & that it was for yard waste only. If a resident is caught with any of the 3 items they will have their privileges to the yard waste site provoked for a year.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Rodman to adjourn the regular meeting. All ayes, motion carried.


Terri Ryan, Clerk-Treasurer


Les Nath, Mayor

Closed Session was opened after the Regular Meeting on May 13, 2014.

Mayor Nath opened the closed session for the purpose of making a sealed bid on the City of Pipestone's 1990 F-800 5.9 Cummins, 4 speed automatic SRECO Sewer Jetter Truck with approximately 23 hours & 6200 miles. Thode informed the council the truck would be stored in the heated old ambulance building; Thode would remove and get rid of the old trash pump & old jetter. The pump on this truck was rebuilt in the last month or so. Thode stated that the city budget for jetting the streets for the years 2011-2014 the money has not been used to jet the streets (approx.. \$10,000); the last time the streets were jetted was in 2010.

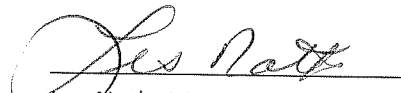
Friday, May 16th @ 5 pm was the deadline for the sealed bids.

Thode discussed that if the city does not win the bid for the jetter truck that the City of Pipestone just bought a new one, the only bad part is that we have to wait for Pipestone employee & our public works can do the jetting when needed.

Each council member wrote down their thoughts for the bids & was divided by the 5 totals. The sealed bid to the City of Pipestone for the jetter truck was \$12,537.17. Ryan to deliver the bid to the City of Pipestone on Wednesday, May 14, 2014.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Rodman to adjourn the closed session.


Terri Ryan, Clerk-Treasurer


Les Nath, Mayor