

JASPER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting – May 12, 2020;

In accordance with the requirements of Minn. Stat, Section 13D.021, Mike Baustian, the Mayor, has determined that an in person meeting is not practical or prudent because of a health pandemic or an emergency declared under Chapter 12 of the Minnesota Statutes;

Because of the emergency declaration it has been determined that attendance at the regular meeting location by members of the public is not feasible. Therefore, some or all of the City Council members may be participating by telephone or other electronic means;

Members of the public were invited to monitor the meeting via invitation;

The Jasper City Council of the City of Jasper met via phone/video conference in said city on May 12, 2020. Council members present via phone/video conference: Mayor Mike Baustian, Kim Lape, Dee Arp, Trinidad Garcia & Jeff Leslie; Employees present at physical location: Clerk-Treasurer Cortney Kounkel; Assistant Clerk-Treasurer Stella Lingen; Public Works Superintendent Brian Thode; Pipestone Star's Kyle Kuphal; Community Members: Lisa Houg, Cathy Bryan;

Mayor Baustian called the regular meeting to order 7:00 p.m. followed by Council Roll-Call;

Community Concerns:

Lisa Houg joined the meeting via teleconference to inform the Council that she would be interested in establishing a daycare at the QCC. Houg missed the last meeting about daycare but wished that the Council would reconsider. Houg stated that herself, along with her daughter would run the daycare. Houg would obtain the daycare license and required liability insurance. Houg would like to cook her own meals so she can take part in the food program offered through the county. Houg would like to open the daycare as soon as possible. The council will revisit at a later date and provide as much support as they can to make this happen;

Cathy Bryan was in attendance via teleconference at 7:19 p.m. regarding the closure of the Wellness Center. Per Governor Walz orders, we are not allowed to open up until May 18th;

An individual that reserved Memorial Hall for her wedding in September, has requested to block off a portion of Wall Street for a street dance if she cannot have Memorial Hall due to the Covid-19 Health Pandemic. The Council will revisit this request at a later date;

Rico's Tacos has completed a peddler's license to sell meals out of his food truck on Thursdays;

Motion by Lape, second by Arp to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on April 14, 2020, all ayes, carried;

Review and approve the April Claims to date: Erik Skogquist, Local Assessing Services (2 of 2), \$1,000.00; G&S Body Shop Inc., Sandblasting and Painting of Servicemen's Memorial Crosses, \$1,000.00; Motion by Lape, second by Arp to approve the April claims to date, all ayes, carried;

The aforementioned minutes have been drafted for approval.

Receipts noted: Ludolph Bus, Inc., April, May, June Rent, \$900.00; Xcel Energy, Credit Balance Refund, \$230.42; Pipestone County Treasurer, Fire 2020 Appropriation, \$780.00; Pipestone County Treasurer, Amb 2020 Appropriation, \$4,000.00;

DELINQUENT SEWER/WATER/GARBAGE:

The delinquent sewer, water and garbage report was discussed with the Council. One account has paid a portion of their bill, the rest of the accounts stand as printed. Due to the global Health Pandemic, Thode has not been able to fix 4 meters due to having to enter resident's homes. According to Thode, the rest of the meters have been working so maybe it is an issue on the computer end;

Wellness Center/QCC: The Wellness Center/QCC is closed until May 18, 2020;

NEW BUSINESS:

The State Primary Election will be held in August. Kounkel visited with Tyler Riesch, Pipestone County Auditor regarding holding in-house elections due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. According to Riesch, the State is adamant that we need to hold the election despite the uncertainty with the pandemic. However, we would have the option to go to mail in voting BUT we will have to continue this for at least 4 years. If we decide to conduct the election as we have in previous years, the City will have to supply protective shields, gloves, masks, hand sanitizer and wipes. This topic will be revisited at the June Council Meeting;

The League of MN Cities Appraisal Report was presented to the Council for review;

OLD BUSINESS:

Clean-Up Days has been rescheduled to Saturday, June 6, 2020;

The campground remains closed at this time;

The Unsung Heroes Dedication Plaque was discussed. It was mentioned to place it by the Casson building in the City Park;

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

No land use permits were issued during April;

Thode obtained bids for trees to be placed at the City Park from Sunnyside Gardens;

Sunny Side Nursery: Mixture of 2 trees, Autumn Blaze and Green Linden to stagger around the boulevard;

- ❖ Autumn Blaze (Slow Growing Maple)
- ❖ #10, 8' with 1" trunk, \$130.00;
- ❖ #25, 10' with 1-1/4" trunk, \$179.00;

- ❖ Green Linden
- ❖ #10, 8' with 1" trunk, \$140.00;

The aforementioned minutes have been drafted for approval.

❖ #25, 8'+ with 1"+ trunk, \$189.00;

Motion by Lape, second by Leslie to approve the purchase of the larger trees; Five Autumn Blaze #25, 10' with 1-1/4" trunk at \$179.00 each; Five Green Linden #25, 8'+ with 1"+ trunk at \$189.00; all ayes, carried;

Thode obtained bids for the replacement of shingles at the QCC. Ricky's Professional Maintenance and Hawes Construction both placed bids. The bids were as follows:

Hawes Construction (2 separate bids);

- ❖ Materials for laying steel on roof: \$11,151.39;
- ❖ Labor: \$15,500.00;
- ❖ Lift Rental: \$3,000.00
- ❖ Total: \$29,651.39;

- ❖ Shingles and Accessories: \$9,350.28;
- ❖ Labor (Tearing off old and re-shingling): \$15,000.00;
- ❖ Lift Rental: \$3,000.00;
- ❖ Roll Off: \$400.00;
- ❖ Total: \$27,750.28;

Ricky's Professional Maintenance;

- ❖ Shingle Overlay
- ❖ Materials: \$6,914.81;
- ❖ Labor: \$8,125.00;
- ❖ Total: \$15,039.81;

- ❖ Steel Roofing (Church/Chapel)
- ❖ Materials: \$5,478.97;
- ❖ Labor: \$5,443.20;
- ❖ Steel Roofing (Gym/Cafeteria)
- ❖ Materials: \$4,250.40;
- ❖ Labor: \$4,224.00;
- ❖ Total: \$19,396.57;

After much discussion, the Council agreed that steel is the way to go given its longevity. Questions were raised about what type of steel would be used. The fear is that the building will look like a barn. Thode will talk with the contractors and get more information for the next council meeting;

ITEMS ANYONE WANTS TO ADD TO THE AGENDA:

FYI: Prairie Rose Community Fund Grant deadline is May 15, 2020. The Jasper Fire Department and Ambulance are applying;

The aforementioned minutes have been drafted for approval.

Council members will individually complete the council drive-through. Any concerns may be presented to Kounkel;

The Small Cities Development Grant has been awarded to the City of Jasper. Kounkel planned on visiting with DSI on the next steps;

Quartziter Days is still scheduled for July. However, the Quarter Craze auction will have to take place first;

Upcoming Meetings:

Council Meeting, Tuesday, June 9, 2020 @ 7:00 p.m.;

Open Book Board of Appeal and Equalization Hearings for Pipestone & Rock County Residents;

Leslie motioned to adjourn, Lape second. All ayes, regular meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Cortney Kounkel, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Baustian, Mayor