

JASPER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting –November 10, 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 or were invited to attend in person;

The Jasper City Council of the City of Jasper met via in-person/phone/video conference in said city on November 10, 2020. Council members physically present: Mayor Mike Baustian, Jeff Leslie, Trinidad Garcia and Kim Lape; Council members attending via electronic means: Dee; Employees present: Clerk-Treasurer Cortney Kounkel; Assistant Clerk-Treasurer Stella Lingen; Absent: Public Works Superintendent Brian Thode; Pipestone Star's Kyle Kuphal via phone conference; Community Member: Angel Garcia, Jim Ptak, Kody Doerr and Shelly Haack;

Mayor Baustian called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance;

Community Concerns:

Jim Ptak was present regarding the bill he received for cutting the evergreen trees at the ballfields in 2019. Ptak questioned the council on who turned in him. Kounkel explained that Public Works received the complaint and notified the city office. Ptak believes the complainants name should be public knowledge. The Council invited Ptak to attend the December meeting;

Kody Doerr was present to request permission from the council to install a field fence with wood trim on his property located on 4th Street East. The reason Doerr was asked to come to the meeting is because the fence is neither constructed from chain link, lumber or vinyl. After a brief discussion about the placement of the fence and required setbacks, the Council approved the installation of the fence as requested by Doerr;

Amanda Rouzer had requested to be on the agenda to approach the Council about a rental space at the QCC to house her fitness business. Kounkel received a call from Rouzer who decided to hold off on her decision until the COVID cases diminished in the area;

Shelly Haack, West Jasper, was present expressing her concern regarding the area being zoned Agricultural. Haack has seen an increase in the amount of chickens in her neighborhood. She questioned whether there were pet limitations in the area with it being zoned Agricultural. There are no limitations on the amount of animals you can have in this area. Kounkel and Thode are determining what the proper setbacks are for a chicken coop that was recently installed next door to the Haacks. No building

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permit was completed for this chicken coop. The council will revisit this request to place a certain limitation on the amount of animals in the area in the coming year;

Motion by Leslie, second by Lape to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on October 13, 2020, all ayes, carried;

Review and approve the October Claims to date: Simplot, Sprayer, \$4,013.69; Heiman, Inc., Fire Department Washing Machine, \$7,900.00; Hydro Tech Service, Service Calls + Parts, \$2,420.00; DSI Escrow, SCDG Commitment, \$20,000.00; Midwest Fire & Security System, QCC Fire Alarm System, \$11,116.51; Heiman Brothers, Inc., Fire Dept. Supplies, \$2,550.00; Motion by Arp, second by Lape to approve the October claims to date, all ayes, carried;

Receipts noted: Jasper Lions Club, \$1,000.00, Quartziter Donation;

DELINQUENT SEWER/WATER/GARBAGE:

The delinquent sewer, water and garbage report was discussed with the Council. Kounkel provided the Council with 2 Resolutions to assess delinquent Sewer, Water, Garbage & Property Maintenance Bills to taxable properties in the City of Jasper. The resolutions will be sent to the County Auditors on November 30, 2020. Motion by Leslie to approve Resolution 20-315A assessing delinquent Sewer, Water, Garbage & Property Maintenance Bills to taxable properties in the City of Jasper to Rock Co, seconded by Garcia, all ayes carried. Motion by Lape to approve Resolution 20-315B assessing delinquent Sewer, Water, Garbage & Property Maintenance Bills to taxable properties in the City of Jasper to Pipestone Co., seconded by Arp, all ayes, carried. Three of the accounts have been paid in full and mowing charges were added to a couple of properties;

Wellness Center/QCC: No updates for the QCC. The daycare is up and running. We will need to ensure that the back alley is cleared of snow in a timely matter;

NEW BUSINESS:

As of November 10, 2020, \$781.08 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act Fund (CARES) is left over. All funds need to be disbursed by November 15, 2020 or the funds will be returned to the home county. Kounkel recommended giving the remaining \$781.08 to the Jasper Community Ambulance for use on the purchase of additional PPE gear. Motion by Lape, seconded by Arp to approve the disbursement of \$781.08 to the Jasper Community Ambulance for the purchase of additional PPE gear, all ayes, carried

Motion by Lape, second by Garcia to approve the 2021 Off-Sale Liquor License for Stonewall Bar & Grill in the amount of \$1,000.00, all ayes, carried;

Minnesota Department of Health has issued new guidance for safe celebrations and gatherings. Effective at 10 p.m. on November 13, 2020 until December 18, 2020, all gatherings whether indoor or outdoor, are limited to 10 persons with no more than 3 households present including the host. Receptions and similar events including weddings and funerals cannot have more than 50 people in attendance effective November 27, 2020. After December 11, 2020 a max of 25 people is allowed. Bars, restaurants, gyms and fitness centers are all forced to close effective November 13, 2020. It was

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determined from these restrictions that the city would not allow rentals of any kind in our facilities within the community until December 18, 2020;

An individual from Jasper has requested to place a blessings pantry on city property. The pantry can be used to store dry foods, winter gear, etc. for those in need. Kounkel will visit with the individual and get specifications on the size of the pantry;

OLD BUSINESS:

Lingen informed the Council that the Jasper United Fund has received about \$2,900.00 in donations. Our annual goal is \$3,500.00;

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Land Use permits issued during September were as followed:

- Angel Garcia, 310 Prospect Avenue S., 16' x 24' steel shed;

Thode was not present at the meeting; however, Kounkel stated that the 324L Loader that was discussed at the previous meeting holds a 2,000 hour, 2 year warranty. Thode recommends waiting on purchasing a different bucket and purchase the one that goes with the tractor. The tractor's selling price is \$130,000.00 but the city will receive the tractor for \$94,000.00. Motion by Leslie, seconded by Lape to purchase the 324L Loader from C&B out of Luverne for a purchase price of \$94,000.00, all ayes, carried;

ITEMS ANYONE WANTS TO ADD TO THE AGENDA:

Kounkel mentioned that the Board of Appeal and Equalization Training is running so Council members may complete if they chose to. Lape and Garcia are certified, however, Garcia is not listed for the City of Jasper;

Upcoming Meetings:

Council Meeting, Tuesday, December 8, 2020 @ 7:00 p.m.;

Leslie motioned to adjourn, Lape second. All ayes, regular meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Cortney Kounkel, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Baustian, Mayor

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