

JASPER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting – November 9, 2021;

The Jasper City Council of the City of Jasper met in-person in said city on Tuesday, November 9, 2021. Council members present: Acting Mayor Jeff Leslie, Trinidad Garcia and Dee Arp; Employees present: Clerk-Treasurer Cortney Kounkel; Assistant Clerk-Treasurer Maggie Erickson; Public Works Superintendent Brian Thode; Pipestone Star's Kyle Kuphal; Community Members: Don & Emily Madetzke; Absent: Mayor Mike Baustian & Council member Kim Lape;

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

Community Concerns:

The Public Participation and Comment at City Council Meeting sheet was provided. Community Concerns were as follows:

Emily Madetzke: No comment;

Don Madetzke: No comment;

Motion by Arp, second by Garcia to approve the minutes from the October 12, 2021 Council Meeting, all ayes, carried;

Review and approve the October claims to date: Houg's Service, Fire-Tanker, Mule Repairs, \$1,992.58; Olsen Electric, Inc., Fire-Install 3 PH Drive for New Air Compressor, \$2,082.35; League of MN Cities, Membership Dues, \$823.00; Scarcely, LTD, Lead Assessments, \$1,800.00; League of MN Cities, 2021-2022 Workers Comp Policy, \$2,187.00; City of Jasper, SWG Deposits put on Accts, \$1,465.52; TriTech Software Systems, Asyst Billing Annual Maintenance Fee, \$1,168.50;; Motion Garcia, second by Arp to approve the October claims to date, all ayes, carried;

Receipts noted in October: Ludolph Bus Service, Oct, Nov, Dec 2021 Rent, \$900.00; Pipestone County Treasurer, 2021 Police State Aid, \$8,188.87; Jasper Development Corporation, Property Transaction Reversal, \$30,000.00;

DELINQUENT SEWER/WATER/GARBAGE:

A brief discussion regarding the delinquent Sewer/Water/Garbage accounts occurred. No disconnection notices will be sent this month. Resolutions 21-313A (Rock County) and Resolution 21-313B (Pipestone County) assessing delinquent Sewer, Water, Garbage & Property Maintenance Bills to taxable properties in the City of Jasper were presented to the council. Resolution 21-313A only lists a property maintenance bill for the tax forfeited property located within Rock County. Resolution 21-313B lists eighteen accounts with delinquent Sewer, Water, Garbage and Property Maintenance. All current delinquent accounts are listed. They will be removed from the list if they pay the delinquent amount by November 29, 2021. Motion by Arp, second by Garcia to approve Resolution 21-313A Rock County assessing delinquent Sewer, Water, Garbage and Property Maintenance Bills to taxable properties in the City of Jasper, all ayes, carried. Motion by Garcia, second by Arp to approve Resolution 21-314B Pipestone County assessing delinquent Sewer, Water, Garbage and Property Maintenance Bills to

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taxable properties in the City of Jasper, all ayes, carried. The resolutions will be sent to the County Auditors on November 30, 2021;

Wellness Center/QCC: Thode mentioned that the windows on the south end of the dining hall are leaking due to the recent rains and south wind. The wood is rotting around the windows. Jandl Construction placed plastic over the windows as a temporary fix. The Public Works Department has caulked the windows previously but it is not lasting. Jandl received a bid of \$450-\$500 for the replacement of each window. This project will be completed next spring;

NEW BUSINESS:

The renewal application for the off-sale liquor license for Stonewall Bar & Grill for 2022 was presented. Motion by Garcia, second by Arp to approve the off-sale liquor license application for Stonewall Bar & Grill effective February 1, 2022 to January 31, 2023, all ayes, carried;

Stonewall Bar & Grill is also requesting to hold the sole liquor license in the City of Jasper for five years. Kounkel informed the council that when the city sold the liquor store to Sanow's, Sanow's was allowed to be the sole license for 5 years. Once Sanow's sold to Lange, the city again offered the 5 year sole license. This was again renewed in 2015. The council will revisit this request at the December council meeting when more members of the council are present;

Benjamin Denton, Jasper City Attorney, proposed changes in his compensation structure beginning January 1, 2022. Denton is requesting an annual payment in the amount of \$5,101.00. This will make him eligible for PERA benefits. Denton has not contacted the PERA administration to determine if he is even eligible for PERA benefits. If the city was to not accept this new contract and needed Denton in the future, \$5,101 would be payable up front plus the hourly rate of \$120.00 taken from the \$5,101 and any unearned part of the \$5,101 is non-refundable. Denton understands if the city would choose to contract with another law firm. Eisma & Eisma out of Luverne, MN currently has a couple municipal clients. They are willing to take on the city of Jasper if requested. The council will revisit the 2022 Legal Services for the City of Jasper at the December council meeting when more members of the council are present;

OLD BUSINESS:

The permanent disconnection request for the property located at 109 3rd Street East has been rescinded;

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

No land use permits were issued in the month of October;

The Plow Truck underwent the Department of Transportation Inspection and Maintenance Annual Checklist. The air pressures in the brakes were low and it was overheating when going up the hills. A new radiator was installed;

The street light near the intersection of Dean Avenue and 4th Street in West Jasper was reinstalled recently;

ITEMS ANYONE WANTS TO ADD TO THE AGENDA:

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American Tower is requesting the extension of the lease for the Verizon Wireless cellphone tower property located near the south end of the town on Highway 23. The current lease expires in 2038. American Tower is requesting an additional six (6) five (5) year renewals with a new expiration date of 2068. Kounkel will research what other municipalities are receiving for lease amounts. This request will be revisited at the December Council Meeting when more members of the council are present;

A request to place gravel at the truck parking area and on the road leading to the yard waste site was voiced;

Upcoming Meetings:

Council Meeting, Tuesday, December 14 @ 7:00 p.m.;

Arp motioned to adjourn, Garcia second. All ayes, regular meeting adjourned @ 7:25 p.m.;

Cortney Kounkel, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Baustian, Mayor

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