

JASPER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting – April 12, 2022;

The Jasper City Council of the City of Jasper met in-person in said city on Tuesday, April 12, 2022. Council members present: Mayor Mike Baustian, Kim Lape, Dee Arp, Brian Sievert and Jeff Leslie; Employees present: Clerk-Treasurer Cortney Kounkel, Assistant Clerk-Treasurer Maggie Erickson; Public Works Superintendent Brian Thode; Pipestone Star's Kyle Kuphal; Community Members: NA

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

Community Concerns: No community members were in attendance;

Kim Drew, Jasper Community Ambulance President, planned on attending the Council Meeting to receive permission to purchase a LUCAS 3 for the Ambulance. However the Jasper Community Ambulance applied for the grant through Prairie Rose Windfarm and was granted;

The City Office received a complaint regarding stray cats. Unfortunately this is an issue out of the cities scope;

With the warmer weather quickly approaching, requests to place dog waste receptacles around town, primarily in the park areas has increased. Motion by Lape, second by Arp to approve the purchase of 3 dog waste receptacles to be placed at the Jasper City Park, Marilyn DeBates Park and the ballfields, all ayes, carried;

Motion by Lape, second by Leslie to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2022 Council Meeting, all ayes, carried;

Review and approve the March claims to date: Erik Skogquist, Assessing Services, \$4,000.00. Motion by Lape, second by Arp to approve the March claims to date, all ayes, carried;

Receipts noted in March: State of MN, Fire Aid, \$18,278.12; State of MN, Ambulance EMS, \$3,025.00; Logan Township, 2022 Ambulance Contract, \$150.00; Stonewall Bar & Grill, 2022 Liquor License, \$1,000.00; Vast Broadband, Cable TV Franchise, \$1,972.05; Highland Township, 2022 Ambulance Contact, \$2,500.00; Mavis Holt Living Trust, Fire Department Donation, \$200.00;

DELINQUENT SEWER/WATER/GARBAGE:

A brief discussion regarding the delinquent Sewer/Water/Garbage accounts occurred. A brief discussion regarding the report was held;

Wellness Center/QCC: Lisa Houg will be looking into additional grants for the purchase and installation of a fence on the west side of the QCC;

Angel Garcia, Public Works Assistant, cleaned out the second classroom at the QCC which was being used as a library. All books from the second classroom have been moved to the narthex area directly outside of the Wellness Center. This was moved to allow residents the opportunity to utilize the library without disrupting the daycare. Garcia also cleaned out the furnace room off of the dining hall;

The aforementioned minutes have been drafted for approval.

NEW BUSINESS:

The 2021 Drinking Water Report for the City of Jasper was presented to the Council for informational purposes. All residents will receive a copy of the report with April's SWG bill;

The Sanitary Survey Report was presented to the Council for informational purposes;

Brian Thode has once again received the Wastewater Treatment Facility Operational Award for the City of Jasper;

The Solar Rewards Community Annual Report was presented to the Council for informational purposes;

The City of Jasper Assessment Report was presented to the Council for informational purposes;

OLD BUSINESS:

As discussed in previous meetings, the City of Jasper is required to appoint new Planning Commission Members. The City Office placed an ad in the newsletter for interested individuals to contact the office. Four residents have shown interest. Kim Drew, Tim Houg, Trinidad Garcia & Jo McClure. Council Members individually voted. Based off the ballots, Kim Drew, Trinidad Garcia & Jo McClure were elected to sit on the Planning Commission. Motion by Lape, second by Dee to appoint Kim Drew, Trinidad Garcia and Jo McClure to the City of Jasper Planning Commission, all ayes, carried;

The City of Jasper received bids from Fluit Excavating and Double D Gravel for the removal of the tax forfeited property located in Rock County. Fluit submitted a bid of \$2,500.00 which includes the cost of roll-offs. Double D Gravel submitted a bid for \$4,900.00 plus the cost of roll-offs. Motion by Leslie, seconded by Sievert to approve the bid submitted by Fluit Excavating in the amount of \$2,500.00 which includes the cost of roll-offs, for the demolition of the trailer house located in Rock County, all ayes, carried;

The diesel fuel surcharge from VanDyke Sanitation will remain the same as fuel prices have been constituent;

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

No land use permits issued in the month of March;

Sewer Relining was then discussed. A contractor is needed first to get the ball rolling;

Different options for trash cans were presented to the Council. Two 50-gallon trash cans will be purchased. One will be placed on Wall Street near Peoples Bank. The other one will be placed at the City Park near the basketball court;

Thode mentioned that the Public Works Department is up to trade off a lawnmower as it has been 3 years. Thode received bids as options. Each was discussed regarding what would be best for the city. After a long discussion, motion by Lape, second by Sievert to purchase the 2022 Grasshopper 900 DL Lawnmower, all ayes, carried;

Al Pederson contacted the city about mowing during the summer. Pederson will start this spring;

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Arp mentioned that there are chunks of asphalt in the grass area near the truck parking. This may have been caused from snow removal and placing the snow in this area. Arp wanted to the city to be aware to prevent damage to the mowers;

Thode presented a cemetery issue to the city. An individual, R.N., passed away last fall. This burial was cremains with one cremains already being buried in the grave site. Thode was recently contact by R.N.'s wife who would also like to be buried in the same grave; however, there is not room. The City allows 2 cremains per grave. Thode mentioned that the only option would be to be buried to the north of her husband in the 10' walkway. The \$100.00 grave fee plus \$100.00 perpetual care is still required. Thode will speak with the wife about this option;

ITEMS ANYONE WANTS TO ADD TO THE AGENDA:

The Cleanup Day Flyer was presented to the Council for informational purposes. The city will schedule another clean up in the fall. Thode will request roll-offs a couple days prior to May 14;

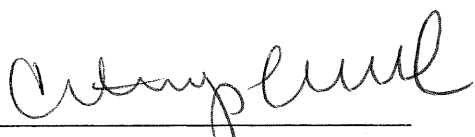
The Council Drive-Thru was scheduled for Tuesday, April 19 at 6 p.m. Thode mentioned a couple of trees down on properties that need to be removed as they have been sitting there for over a year;

The rocks near the bandstand will be removed to prevent kids from throwing them into the grass. Concrete will be placed where the rocks were;

Upcoming Meetings:

Council Meeting: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.;

Lape motioned to adjourn, Arp seconded. All ayes, regular meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.;

  
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Cortney Kounkel, Clerk-Treasurer

  
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Mike Baustian, Mayor