

## JASPER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting – May 10, 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: Lisa & Lauren Houg, Dakota Erickson, Brady Jandl, Lexi DeGroot;

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

Community Concerns: A resident whom contacted the City Office will complaints regarding the way Spring Clean-Up will be handled was to be in attendance, however, the resident was not in attendance;

Lexi DeGroot was present to ask the Council permission to use the ballfields for her wedding on August 27, 2022. DeGroot will set up the morning of the wedding and take down the following morning. DeGroot is already renting Memorial Hall for the reception and dance. The Council opted to allow DeGroot to use the ballfields for her wedding at no charge due to her renting the other facilities;

Brady Jandl and Dakota Erickson were present to ask the Council if they would be able to obtain memberships to the Wellness Center. Jandl and Erickson are each 14 years old. The Wellness Center's permits 16 year olds and over. Jandl and Erickson were permitted memberships despite their age and were warned that if they misbehave in any way, their memberships will be cancelled. If other younger members would like to join, they will have to petition to the Council on an individual basis as these boys have;

Motion by Lape, second by Arp to approve the minutes from the April 12, 2022 Council Meeting, all ayes, carried;

Review and approve the April claims to date: Ashley Kurtz-Rock Co Auditor, Tax Forfeited Property Conveyance – 16-0045-200, \$73.68; ODB, Sweeper Brooms, \$1,261.77; Jasper Fire Dept. Relief Association, 2022 Supplemental Fire Aid/State Aid, \$18,278.12; Heiman, Inc., Fire-3 Pants & Coats, \$6,402.00; Erik Skogquist, Local Assessing Contract, \$1,300.00; Ashley Kurtz – Rock Co. Auditor, Property Taxes 2022, \$1,033.00; Fire Safety USA, Inc., Fire-Rescue Augers, \$2,050.00. The invoice for ODB was paid twice so the City was issued a credit refund. Motion by Dee, second by Leslie to approve the April claims to date, all ayes, carried;

Receipts noted in March: Xcel Energy, Solar Refund, \$3,741.60; Ludolph Bus, Inc., April-June 2022 Rent, \$900.00; Peoples Charitable Foundation, Charitable Foundation, \$5,000.00; Jasper Lions Club, Bench Reimbursement, \$581.00; Dakota Superior Gilts, Amb Call Income, \$670.00;

### DELINQUENT SEWER/WATER/GARBAGE:

A brief discussion regarding the delinquent Sewer/Water/Garbage accounts occurred;

Wellness Center/QCC: Lisa & Lauren Houg were present to discuss their daycare fence options with the City. The fence will be placed on the west side of the QCC. Three proposed fence options were

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presented. The first fence option extends from the southwest corner of the building, extends 50 feet to the west, 70 feet to the north and 50 feet to the east. The second fence options extends from the back door on the south side of the building (daycare entrance) extend 5 feet to the south, 70 feet to the west, 70 feet to the north and 50 feet to the east. The third option is a 50 foot by 50 foot fenced in area located on the west side of the QCC. The fence will be located near the kitchen door. Based on the options, the Council denied option 2 and held a discussion regarding options 1 and 3. The Council would like to see option 3, the 50' by 50' fenced in area. The Council also informed Houg to contact Michaels Fencing, Darl's Lawn Care or Mike LaRock for fencing options;

Thode would like to add a parking lot to the west side of the QCC. Six inches of soil will be removed and saved for future city use. Double D Gravel gave the city a bid to remove all the soil and placed gravel in the area. The bid was for \$5,500.00. The Council would like to see if Houg's place a fence in the area before they make any decision on whether to place a parking lot on the west side of the QCC;

#### NEW BUSINESS:

The inspection report for Stonewall Bar & Grill was presented for the Council to review as 1 year has passed. Per the architecture assessment, the buildings lifespan in its current condition was 1-2 years. Kounkel will invite Kyley Mills, owner of Stonewall Bar & Grill, to the June Council meeting so an update on the building can be obtained;

Insurance claims for recent hail damage was turned into the League of MN Cities. We are currently waiting for the insurance assessor to visit the community and inspect all city owned buildings;

#### OLD BUSINESS:

The City is still waiting for the Deed to the property located in Rock County that was recently obtained due to fax forfeiture. Once the Deed is received, a sealed bid notice will go into the newspaper for the sale of the garage;

The Public Hearing regarding the Sewer Service Charge will be scheduled for June 14, 2022. Notice will be given to all residents in their SWG bill and posted in the Pipestone Star;

#### PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

The following land use permits were issued in April: CHS, Hwy. 23, Demo Grain Bin; Carmen Matos, 113 2<sup>nd</sup> Street East, Install Wooden Fence; Andrew Hanson, 300 6<sup>th</sup> Street East, Move-In Utility Shed; Shelby Mickey, 312 4<sup>th</sup> Street East, Install Chain link Fence;

The volleyball court located at Marilyn DeBates Park is not used much and has been a garden for weeds. The court is not maintained as volleyball players typically use the court located at the City Park. The volleyball court at Marilyn DeBates will be removed and grass planted in the area;

The current street signs within the City of Jasper are in dire need of replacement. The City has not replaced the signs for over 30 years ago. Approximately 234 street signs will be purchased. Back to back options, which we currently have, are available. 468 signs will be required then. The signs range from \$65-\$80 each. After a brief discussion it was decided to switch the current brackets that hold 2 signs to a

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bracket that will hold one sign. This will eliminate having to purchase back to back signs. Motion by Lape, seconded by Arp to purchase all required street signs for the City of Jasper, double sided, all ayes, carried;

ITEMS ANYONE WANTS TO ADD TO THE AGENDA:

The Cleanup Day Flyer was presented to the Council for informational purposes. The wood dumpster will be available in town on Thursday, a couple days prior to clean-up days;

The Summer Lunch Program will be offered at the City Park from June 13- August 4;

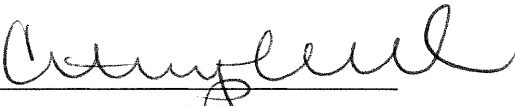
Swimming Lessons will be offered again in Luverne from July 11-21, 2022;

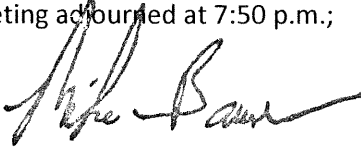
Softball games begin at the ballfields on Tuesday, May 17. No tournament will be held this year;

Upcoming Meetings:

Council Meeting: Tuesday, June 14 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.;

Lape motioned to adjourn, Arp seconded. All ayes, regular meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.;

  
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Cortney Kounkel, Clerk-Treasurer

  
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Mike Baustian, Mayor