

## JASPER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting – November 9, 2022

The Jasper City Council of the City of Jasper met in-person in said city on Tuesday, October 11, 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: Tim Houg, Dr. Joseph Yoon, Sandy Moose and many other community members;

Mayor Baustian then called the Public Hearing regarding Variance request from Jim Baustian to order at 7:00 p.m. Baustian is requesting a variance to allow the construction of a deck and ramp 18' (eighteen feet) by 15' (fifteen feet). It is requested that the deck and ramp abut the sidewalk, which represents a change in the performance standards, Section 603.5 of the City of Jasper Zoning Ordinance. A variance needs to be issued to allow the proposed construction. No complaints or issues came forward regarding the request from Baustian from area neighbors. Motion by Lape, seconded by Arp to approve the variance request from Jim Baustian to construct a deck and ramp 18' (eighteen feet) by 15' (fifteen feet), all ayes, motion carried. Mayor Baustian closed the Public Hearing;

Mayor Baustian then opened the Regular Meeting followed by the Pledge of Allegiance;

The Canvassing of Votes from the recent State General Election held on November 8, 2022 will occur at a Special meeting on Tuesday, November 15 @ 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers;

### Community Concerns:

Dr. Joseph Yoon was present regarding Adina Place Residency. Dr. Yoon would like to let people know about their presence in the community. Adina Place opened up for independent senior living on October 1, 2022. Dr. Yoon is looking into diversifying their services such as adding short term stay options or an Air BNB which would allow housing for construction workers, etc. The lunches offered at Adina Place are a hit in the community. Bingo is also going very well. Adina Place Eatery is opening in small increments. Some weeks they run out of food while other weeks they have to throw items out. The Chef was on Food Network TV and offers a lot of international flavor. The Council also learned that Dr. Yoon's nephew is offering tutoring classes out of the facility;

Sandy Moose was present to address the Council regarding mail-in voting. Moose read a letter to the Council discussing the past, present and future methods of voting. Moose is fearful that a majority of residents threw their ballots away thinking it was junk mail. Moose also stated that residents may hand deliver their ballots to the Pipestone County Courthouse but some residents may not have that option. According to Moose, a number of things could go wrong with mail-in ballots. Confusion regarding having a witness sign the completed ballot was also discussed. Moose and many other residents in the community sent off their ballots before the Pipestone County Star newspaper wrote an article detailing which each candidate proposed for their time in office. If one person would volunteer to be an election judge, many others would follow suit. Kounkel explained that the City of Jasper opted to choose mail-in ballots during the Covid-19 Health Pandemic. Kounkel was an election judge for the City of Pipestone and detailed how much cleaning and disinfecting had to be done after each person voted. Kounkel has been in contact with the Pipestone

The aforementioned minutes have been drafted for approval.

County Auditor and Jasper would have the option to have a designated, in-person polling place during the next election in 2024;

Motion by Lape, second by Arp to approve the minutes from the October 11, 2022 Council Meeting, all ayes, carried;

Review and approve the October claims to date: Cortney Kounkel, Insurance Payout March – September 2022, \$2,253.93; Nordic Solar HoldCo, Geronimo Energy Contract, \$1,691.06; Midwest Boring LLC, Dust Control at Ballfield and West Jasper, \$500.00; TriTech Software Systems, Asyst Billing Annual Maintenance Fee, \$1,227.02; Midwest Alarm, QCC Fire Alarm Monitoring/Annual Inspection, \$765.74; VanDyke Sanitation, Fall Clean Up Day Expense, \$625.00; Rock County Transfer Station, Fall Clean Up Day Expense, \$410.75; Core & Main, Handheld Reader, \$3,200.00; Core & Main, Sensus Support, \$2,650.00; Motion by Lape, seconded by Leslie to approve the October claims to date, all ayes, carried;

Receipts noted in October: Ludolph Bus Service, Oct, Nov, Dec 2022 Rent, \$900.00; Pipestone Co. Treasurer, 2022 Police Aid, \$9,680.74;

#### DELINQUENT SEWER/WATER/GARBAGE:

A brief discussion regarding the delinquent Sewer/Water/Garbage accounts occurred. Motion by Lape, seconded by Arp to approve Resolution 22-313A Rock County assessing all delinquent sewer, water, garbage, property maintenance to the 2023 Payable Taxes, all ayes, carried. Motion by Lape, seconded by Sievert to approve Resolution 22-313B Pipestone County assessing all delinquent sewer, water, garbage, property maintenance to the 2023 Payable Taxes, all ayes, carried. The new meter reader will be installed on November 22, 2022;

Wellness Center/QCC: The new equipment has been delivered to the Wellness Center. The old equipment is still there. Garcia does have the equipment posted online;

#### NEW BUSINESS:

The Water System Results from Lead and Copper Monitoring Report was presented for the Council for informational purposes;

The Stonewall Bar & Grill 2023 Liquor License was discussed. The structural assessment for the building deemed it safe until May 2023. Questions were raised whether the liquor license should be issued for the year or only until May 2023 and whether another architectural assessment should be obtained. Kounkel will invite Stonewall Bar & Grill owner, Kiley Mills, to the December Council Meeting to discuss the options;

#### OLD BUSINESS:

The Luverne Area Community Foundation – Max Your Community was again discussed. Ideas received at the City Office were as follows:

- Daktronics Sign;
- Ballfield Park Equipment;
- Ballfield Benches;

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- Lighting for Basketball/Volleyball Court at City Park;
- Splash Pad on East Side of Park;

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: No land use permits were issued during the month of October;

Thode informed the Council that he has not dumped the ponds due to the recent drought over the summer/fall. His main task has been picking up leaves from the streets;

ITEMS ANYONE WANTS TO ADD TO THE AGENDA:

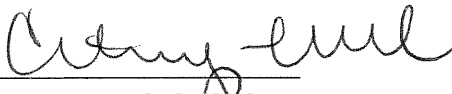
Keith Eitrem, Quarry Apartment Owner, drafted a letter to the Council requesting to cost share the replacement of the asphalt as the City uses his lot to enter the campground area. Eitrem has also requested that the City remove snow from his lot. Thode stated that the campground is not used during the winter months so snow removal is never completed in this area. As far as the asphalt, Thode did measure out the property and get bids on the replacement. Eitrem never followed through with the City regarding this request. The City will again obtain bids next spring for the cost sharing of the asphalt replacement, however, the snow removal request has been denied as this is a private lot with the City having an easement on the property;

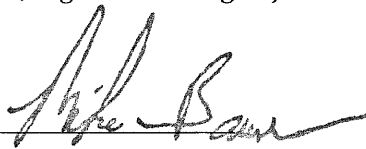
Leslie mentioned that Angel Garcia's public works chase needs to be replaced. The floor is rusted out. The box has been switched twice to new trucks in the past. More discussion regarding this will occur in future meetings;

Upcoming Meetings:

Council Meeting & Final Levy: Tuesday, December 13, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.

Arp motioned to adjourn, Sievert seconded. All ayes, regular meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.;

  
Cortney Kounkel, Clerk-Treasurer

  
Mike Baustian, Mayor

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Special Meeting – November 15, 2022

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Mayor Baustian opened the Special Meeting followed by the Pledge of Allegiance;

The purpose of this Special Meeting was to Canvass of Votes from the recent State General Election held on November 8, 2022;

Mayor:

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Council Members:

Brian Sievert 118

Christopher Johnson 39

Deborah Plahn 73

Christopher Hoogland 41

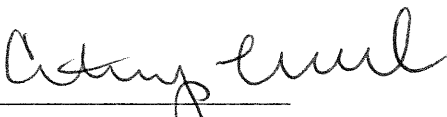
Tim Houg 87


Jeffrey Leslie 64

Cynthia Jamison 25

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Motion by Lape, seconded by Arp to approve the abstract of votes casted in the Precincts of the City of Jasper at the State General Election held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, all ayes, carried;

  
Cortney Kounkel, Clerk-Treasurer

  
Mike Baustian, Mayor