

JASPER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting – January 17, 2023 (Rescheduled from January 10 due to Employee Illness)

The Jasper City Council of the City of Jasper met in-person in said city on Tuesday, January 17, 2023. Council members present: Mayor Mike Baustian, Kim Lape and Brian Sievert; Newly Elected Members Tim Houg & Deb Plahn; Employees present: Clerk-Treasurer Cortney Kounkel, Assistant Clerk-Treasurer Maggie Erickson, Public Works Superintendent Brian Thode; Assistant Public Works Angel Garcia; 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; Kounkel administered the Official Oath of Office to newly elected Council Members Deb Plahn and Tim Houg;

Motion by Lape, seconded by Plahn to appoint Brian Sievert as Acting Mayor for 2023 for times when Mayor Baustian is not present, all ayes, carried;

Community Concerns:

No members from the community were in attendance during this meeting;

Motion by Lape, second by Sievert to approve the minutes from the TNT Public Hearing and Regular Council Meeting on December 21, 2022, all ayes, carried;

Review and approve the December claims to date: Pipestone Co. Sheriff, 2023 Contracted Services, 38,840.00; Motion by Lape, seconded by Sievert to approve the December claims to date, all ayes, carried;

Receipts noted in November: CHS, Fire Call, \$3,150.00; Pipestone United Way, Fire Dept Contribution, \$1,000.00; Prairie Rose Community Fund, Amb Lucas Reimb, \$14,200.00; Rock Co. Auditor, 11/22 Distribution, \$36,023.18; Pipestone Co. Auditor, 11/22, \$56,922.80; State of MN, LGA ½, \$114,503.95;

DELINQUENT SEWER/WATER/GARBAGE:

Four accounts were listed on the delinquent Sewer/Water/Garbage report provided by Erickson. One resident has agreed to pay tomorrow (January 18);

Wellness Center/QCC: Garcia mentioned to the Council that he would like to add an additional machine to the Wellness Center that is used for your lower back and bi-ceps. The machine is \$250.00 on Amazon. The old equipment was sold for \$300.00 so this would not affect the Wellness Center budget. Motion by Lape, second by Plahn to purchase the ER KANG Adjustable Weight Bench from Amazon, all ayes, carried;

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Lape, second by Houg to approve the Council Committees for 2023, all ayes, carried;

The aforementioned minutes have been drafted for approval.

Motion by Lape, second by Plahn to appoint Pipestone County Star as our official newspaper, all ayes, carried;

Motion by Plahn, second by Houg to designate Peoples Bank as the official depositor, all ayes, carried;

Motion by Lape, second by Plahn to approve the 2023 IRS rate for mileage reimbursement at \$0.655/mile, up 3 cents from 2022 rate, all ayes, carried;

A calendar of the 2023 Council Meetings was presented to Council as follows:

Tuesday, January 10 (Rescheduled to January 17 due to staff illness)

Tuesday, February 14

Tuesday, March 14

Tuesday, April 11

Tuesday, May 9

Tuesday, June 3

Tuesday, July 11

Tuesday, August 8

Tuesday, September 12

Tuesday, October 10

Tuesday, November 14

Tuesday, December 12

Notice will be posted on the front door of the City Office regarding the 2023 Council Meeting dates;

The Southwest Regional Safety Group Training Calendar was provided to the Council. All members of the Council are invited to attend the meetings if they choose;

The SCDP Payment Request Calendar was provided for the Council for informational purposes;

OLD BUSINESS:

The request to place an additional drive into the truck parking area will be discussed at the April 11, 2023 Council Meeting;

The request to place a 4-way stop at the 2nd Street and Poorbaugh Avenue intersection will be revisited in the spring when the snow has melted;

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

The aforementioned minutes have been drafted for approval.

The Public Works Department has been extremely busy with snow removal this winter. Councilmember Lape thanked the Public Works Employees for doing an efficient job on removing the massive amount of snow we received this winter;

ITEMS ANYONE WANTS TO ADD TO THE AGENDA:

Employee Reviews will be scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 14, 2023. The Council will sit down with employees on Tuesday, February 21, 2023 beginning at 5:30 p.m.;

Upcoming Meetings:

Regular Council Meeting Tuesday, February 14, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.

Lape motioned to adjourn, Houg seconded. All ayes, regular meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.;

Cortney Kounkel, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Baustian, Mayor

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