

## JASPER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting-March 21, 2023 (Rescheduled from March 14, 2023)

The Jasper City Council of the City of Jasper met in-person in said city on Tuesday, March 21, 2023.

Council members present: Mayor Mike Baustian, Kim Lape, Deb Plahn, Brian Sievert, Tim Houg;

Employees present: Assistant clerk –Treasurer Maggie Erickson, Public Works Superintendent Brian Thode, Assistant Public Works Angel Garcia; Pipestone Star's John Draper; Community members: Trinidad Garcia, Tate Kavanaugh, Dale McClure, Bob Quissell

Mayor Baustian called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance;

### Community Concerns:

- **Brian Persing** – No show however the council read Brian's letter, Deb Plahn questioned about west Jasper – Thode informed her that West Jasper is agriculture zoned. Kim pointed out that Persing has good points in his letter. Talked about how bigger cities are allowing chickens. Council plans on discussing it more next council meeting.
- **Bob Quissell** – Was present at the meeting to discuss the splash pad. He let the city know that they are working on a grant and with the Luverne Area Community Foundation. Once the funds get up to \$5000 with the Luverne Community Foundation will start matching the funds. The Jasper Lions and Peoples Bank donated \$1000 each to the Splash pad. Quissell asked if the city would be willing to add \$1000. Jasper already has a little over \$500 in the Foundation and if the city would put in a \$1000 we would have \$3500 in the Foundation. Trinidad is going to get a flyer/insert ready to put out to the residents in Jasper to help raise enough money to get to \$5000. Lape said that would be a great idea to explain the Luverne Community Foundation/Splash pad to the residents in Jasper. Deb Plahn suggested to get something in the paper for the other small towns to help out with funds. Trinidad stated that in Dec. they can try to apply for another grant. Plahn motion to have the city participate and give the \$1000 towards the splash pad. Sievert second.

### -Tate

- Apologized for his behavior at the last council meeting
- Showed council a video of what he replaced and what still needs to be replaced. In the video you can see tree roots that are causing the problems.
- Tate suggested he pay up to the Y and asked council if the city will pay the rest since the issue is in the main sewer line.
- Mike asked if we should jet the line, Thode noted that they jetted the line in September.
- Motion by Houg, Second by Sievert all ayes, carried; to continue with work

**Dale** – was present to ask what is going on with the new sewer line that was talked about 8 months ago. Asked if we paid down the bonds, applied for grants and stated that with the new council members maybe they can get something done now.

Motion by Lape, second by Houg to approve the minutes from the March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 council Meeting, all ayes, carried;

Review and approve the Feb. claims to date: VanDyke Sanitation \$5,005.61, Payroll, 2020 Fire Relief \$17,954.09, Jasper Mini Mall \$2,188.44, Lincoln-Pipestone Rural water \$4,240.52, Dakota Supply Group \$1582.69, Maguire Iron \$1691.25 – Total Disbursements - \$56,878.92. Motion by Lape to approve claims with the exception of check #65200 & #65202, second by Sievert to approve claims to date with the exception of check #65200 & #65202, all ayes, carried;

Receipts noted in Feb: Jan/Feb rent - \$500, Animal tags - \$35, Amb call income- \$1,014.50, Amb AED - \$2,300

Delinquent Sewer/Water/Garbage:

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

Wellness Center/QCC: Angel got two fans for the QCC. People are requesting to get dumbbells with the weight 30lb and 40lb and add a mirror up at the QCC motion by Plahn, second by Sievert all ayes, carried;

New Business:

- Close office – follow pipestone court house procedure when weather is bad. City office employees will receive full pay for the day. Public works employees will receive a full pto to use throughout the year. Motion by Plahn Second by Sievert all ayes, carried;
- Formal approval wage increase. Motion by Sievert, second by Houg all ayes, carried;
- DSI- will take over making checks out to contractors and receive payments. Motion by Lape, Second by Plahn all ayes, carried;
- Part time raise increase- original pay \$12 bump up to \$15. Motion by Lape, second by Houg all ayes, carried;
- Led lights in the EMS building- get bids and will address at next council meeting
- New locks/keys city buildings- city office re-key the office doors and asked to change the locks at the meeting room, hall and public shelter due to many keys floating around the community.

Motion by Lape, second by Plahn all ayes, carried; to replace locks at meeting room, hall and shelter.

#### Old Business

- Reminder: review in the spring; Truck parking, 4-way stop at 2<sup>nd</sup> & Poorbaugh intersection, Dust Control;
- Clean up days May 13<sup>th</sup>

#### Public works Report


- No land permits
- Asked council to bid on a pickup in Comfrey MN. Seal bid is starting at \$32,000. Motion by Lape, Second by Sievert, all ayes, carried; If the truck is in satisfactory shape Thode can put a bid in at \$33,510.


Baustian asked for a close meeting regarding personnel matters

#### Upcoming Meetings:

Council Meeting: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.

Lape motioned to adjourn, Plahn seconded all ayes, carried; regular meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

  
Maggie Erickson, Asst. Clerk-Treasurer

  
Mike Baustian, Mayor