

JASPER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting-April 11, 2023

The Jasper City Council of the City of Jasper met in-person on Tuesday, April 11, 2023.

Members present: Mayor Mike Baustian; Council members: Kim Lape, Deb Plahn, Brian Sievert, Tim Houg; Employees present: Trinidad Garcia Clerk/Treasurer, Asst. Clerk/Treasurer: Maggie Erickson; Public Works Superintendent: Brian Thode, Asst Public Works: Angel Garcia; Pipestone Star: Kyle Kupal; Community members:

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

Community Concerns:

- **Kim Drew** –Address and share Award given to the Ambulance- No show
- **Don Kneip** –Not present, requesting to have \$71.98 forgiven from with sewer bill charges due to a leak in his home. Brian addressed that the leak was from the toilet and the water is disposed into the sewer. Unless the water did not drain into the ground charges have been forgive for this in the past. Council made a motion not to forgive charges as this is the responsibility of the homeowner. Lape first / Sievert second.
- **Maria Ophien** – Burial wishes to have remains buried in the same plot as parents. It was discussed that a vault is needed for a cremation. As the parent's plot will not have enough space between the dirt and the vault. Council discussed finding a different plot.
- **Erikka Mosier (15) and Miley Jensen (14)** – Requested approval from Council for individual gym memberships. Erikka would like for personal exercise use and Miley is involved in track/volleyball. Council approved; Parents must sign for approval and pay monthly gym fee of \$15.
- **Justin Olsen** - Present at the meeting to discuss bid to change lights in the Firehall and QCC to led lights. Brian let Justin know that a bid request was being reviewed. Justin brought a sample ballast to the meeting for Council to review. Justin reviewed his bid detail and he addresses how he has done work for the City of Jasper. He will donate lights to the City and his time if it takes more than a day of work. Daycare can be changed out on a Saturday to not disrupt the business. Justin will remove of all the ballasts and bulbs, along with disposing of them. He will also take care of the rebate form for Xcel Energy. Council received another bid from Houselog Electric to review.

Review and approve the March 2023 claims to date. Motion by: Lape first to approve claims with the exception of check #65200 & #65202, second by Houg to approve claims to date with the exception of check #65200 & #65202, all ayes, carried;

Receipts noted in March 2023.

Delinquent Sewer/Water/Garbage:

A brief discussion regarding the delinquent Sewer/Water/Garbage accounts occurred; Deb Plahn did not receive for bill and identified the zip code was wrong and it has since been corrected. On 04/15/2023 shutoffs may occur and the City will move forward with placing shutoff notices and performing shutoffs for nonpayment. #252 - probably moved out, #39 – working with SMOC, #81 water leak, #103 moved out.

Wellness Center/QCC:

Angel Garcia is looking for mirrors for QCC; Walmart is cheaper than others. Angel Garcia requested from Council to no longer take book donations; a sign will be placed on the door. Books are being donated that are not in good condition to reuse. Council and employee members discussed the lack of use of the library since the room is not accessible to the community due to the Daycare and security purposes. The open area by the gym doors that contain books is not used often, discussions were made to downsize the library. Trinidad Garcia brought to Council's attention the use of a website (Better World Books) to sell, donate, and recycle any books that the City will not keep.

New Business:

- Food Shelf is currently not being used and people are placing old food items that are not good anymore. Council agreed to take the food shelf down.
- Ride a-longs are scheduled for Wednesday, April 26, 2023. Council will review the community and properties that have misc. debris, expired vehicles, etc. Letters to properties will follow requesting the property owner to clean up their property.
- Clean-up days scheduled for Saturday, May 13, 2023.
- City Letters will be updated to include full City Staff and an excel tracking sheet will be used to track letters that have been sent out to property home owners going forward.

Old Business

- Review in the spring; Truck parking, 4-way stop at 2nd & Poorbaugh intersection, Dust Control; Brian reviewed dust control for last fall and recommends removing the gate to open up a straight shot to yard waste
- Discussed adding signs to state "No thru traffic".

Public works Report:

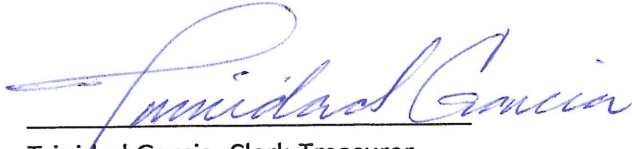
- No land permits
- Received second bid for ballast replacements from Houselog. Plahn suggested going with Olsen. Plahn first / Tim second.
- Sievert requested adding gravel behind Mini Mall alley to build up street for through traffic. Brian is going to talk to DD for a quote.

Closed Meeting to discuss personnel matters.

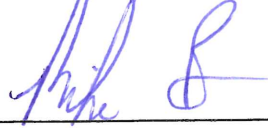
Upcoming Meetings:

Council Meeting: Tuesday, June 13, @ 7:00 p.m.

Lape motioned to adjourn, Plahn seconded all ayes, carried; regular meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

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Trinidad Garcia, Clerk-Treasurer

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Mike Baustian, Mayor