

JASPER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting-February 10th

The Jasper City Council of the City of Jasper met in-person on **Tuesday, February 10th, 2026.**

Members present:

Mayor Kim Lape; Council members: Deb Plahn, Tim Houg, Stacie Smith, Zach Kounkel;

Employees present: City Clerk-Treas: Renae Jennings, Deputy Clerk/Treas.: Maggie Erickson; Public Works Superintendent: Brian Thode; Building and Grounds: Kevin Jennings

Pipestone Star: Kyle Kuphal;

Community members: Kim Drew

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

Agenda Approval: Motioned by: Houg 1st/Kounkel 2nd. All ayes followed

Removed: None

Added:

- Kevin Jennings wants to join Fire Department
- Publish Hall Rental in Bridal Insert

Community Input: None

Review and approve minutes from:

- January 13th Regular Meeting - **Motioned by: Houg 1st/Kounkel 2nd. All ayes followed**

Review/Approve receipts and claims to date. Motioned by: Plahn 1st/Kounkel 2nd. All ayes followed

Delinquent Sewer/Water/Garbage: #34 – Thode spoke to them and that it is possible the toilet was running. Maggie has not been able to get ahold of them and they are now delinquent.

Wellness Center/QCC: Request to get new kitchen supplies (pots and pans). Renters are to bring their own supplies.

New Business:

- **Bollig – Lead Service Line Replacement** – Renae presented the task order and resolution to be able to move forward with it. **Motioned to approve Task Order #4 by: Plahn 1st/Smith 2nd. All ayes followed. Motioned to approve Resolution to hold Public Hearing for on March 10th at 7:30PM by: Houg 1st/Smith 2nd. All ayes followed.**
- **LG Everest** – Public Hearing needed to Vacate Sherman Ave section – **Motioned to hold Public Hearing March 10th at 6:30PM by: Smith 1st/Kounkel 2nd. All ayes followed.**
- **PowerOn Midwest** – Renae let them know it is work they will be doing in the area, south of Jasper and going into SD. More notification about meetings to come.
- Kevin requests to join Fire Department - **Motioned to approve by: Plahn 1st/Houg 2nd. All ayes followed.**
- Bridal Insert - \$200.00 to include the hall in the bridal insert. Discussion of not enough revenue from the insert as most renters are local and the charge for renting the hall is less than the cost to post it. **Motioned to not run an ad in the bridal insert by: Plahn 1st/Kounkel 2nd. All ayes followed.**

Old Business:

- **MVTV – Locations for free service** – Would be ideal to have the Wi-Fi downstairs at the hall because it is used for meetings. **Motioned to have MVTV services installed at QCC and Memorial Hall by: Houg 1st/Smith 2nd. All ayes followed.**
- **Kim Drew** – Passed State inspection. Requested two additional doors be installed, paid for by the city at about \$1,200.00 each. **Motioned to cover cost of the 2 additional doors by: Houg 1st/Smith 2nd. All ayes followed.** Kim said Sanford will be doing training in their SIM truck on March 2nd. Mini split install may wait until spring. Compressor going on west wall and can trailer will have to move about 4 feet.
- **Fire Department wages** – Renae gave them a copy of the research Kip provided. He was not in attendance and just wanted them to have a copy for now.
- **JDC – sewer/water install cost** – Evidence presented showing city covered costs for them in 2017. Supposed to be reviewed annually. Discussed that JDC are the only ones building new homes in the last 10-20 years. **Motioned to continue with what was decided in 2017 (new build gets costs covered for water/sewer hook ups) by: Plahn 1st/Houg 2nd. All ayes followed; Smith refrained.**
- **EMS building statue** – Hold off for now.
- **DSI - Motioned to go with Owner Occupied by: Smith 1st/Plahn 2nd. All ayes followed.**
- **Open Book Meetings – Scheduled for April 6th 7:00pm**
- **Fee Schedule** – Renae updated trash prices. Discussion of upping trash tag price but we do not sell many. Renae spoke about the variance application cost not covering the cost of publications and administrative time. No changes made to fee schedule.
- **City Code update** – With so much going on, look at outsourcing the task of updating the code book. Leave on Old Business and see what summer brings. Plahn requested to have the lawyer to add Maggie's position to the code book.
- **Pay Equity Act** – Keep on agenda
- **Keith Eitrim Parking Lot** – tabled until Spring
- **Emergency Plan – Safety Data sheets** – Wrapped up
- **Property/Casualty Insurance Renewal** – Also completed
- **Geronimo Power – Expand Our Community Solar Subscription** – No updates.

Public Works & Building/Grounds Report:

- Brain said he has his trainings the first week in March. Has been doing repairs to snow equipment. Updated Santa house.

Need to reschedule Employee Evals – Scheduled for February 17th. Council meets at 6:00PM and then Evals start at 7:00PM.

Upcoming Meetings:

February 17th at 6:00PM for Employee Evals

March 10th at 6:30PM for Public Hearing for street Vacate

March 10th at 7:00PM for Regular Council Meeting

March 10th at 7:30PM for Public Hearing for Ordinance Change

Kounkel motioned to adjourn, Smith seconded all ayes, carried; regular meeting adjourned at 7:47p.m.



Renae Jennings Clerk/Treas. Date



Kim Lape, Mayor Date