

JASPER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting-November 18, 2025

The Jasper City Council of the City of Jasper met in-person on **Tuesday, November 18, 2025**.

Members present:

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

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

Pipestone Star: Kyle Kupal;

Convergint: Cole Campbell

Community members: Angelica Rieck, Kurt Jandl, Amy Hamman, Aaron Hein, Nick Madtson, Larry Evink, David Bryan, Cynthia Jamison.

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

Agenda Approval:

Motioned by: Plahn 1st/Houg 2nd. All ayes followed

Removed: N/A

Added:

- Angelica Rieck
- Kurt Jandl

Community Input:

Cole started with saying he is still waiting to hear back on a grant opportunity. He asked Renae if she had heard anything back about it and Renae said that she hadn't, but also that the city would unlikely qualify. Cole presented a second proposal removing the truck stop and landfill cameras. Cole said the city would have to create a system that makes those 2 cameras not touch their system. He said that other than that, there was no changes from the previous proposal. Smith asked how long the work would take. Cole said about 2-4 days with 2 people. Plahn asked if they would show Renae and Maggie how to run it. He said training is part of the proposal. Plahn said that we would "be better off going with this than taking the risk with the Chinese or whatever". Cole said he had new news on that. The FCC is contemplating a further ban. Plahn said that solves the problem right there. Cole said it was still in the thought processes and joked about how fast the federal government works. Smith said our cameras have been a problem long enough. Plahn agreed and Houg said it

would be nice for them to work. Plahn said it will be nice to go back and look at thing and not say it was there but disappeared. Kounkel asked if it was something we could table and have a private meeting about, pointing out that the city has a lot going on and doesn't think we need cameras right now. Smith asked "how long have a lot of the issues in the city been because we don't have cameras". She continued saying "you're starting to affect the community when kids are being called out at the park for doing something and then being talked about in the community and there's no proof of anything and that is just bad for everyone involved, city and residents." Plahn asked if there was a possibility of paying it in installments. Such as paying half now and half in 6 months. Cole said he is not authorized to approve that. He said right now they require 50% payment within 30 days of signing. That is a mobilization payment to allow them to purchase the material, at that point they then move forward in the progress billing. Based on the completion of the project, that is how much they bill for. Smith then said that we are in budget season, so it was prime time to look at these things and that it wasn't something we would want to talk about in 4 months. Lape said we could add it in to the budget and Smith said "right, and we will just have to make adjustments where we can." She continued suggesting the rental of the hall might have to increase a little bit and that there has got to be some off set. Lape said there is more activity on main street. Smith said that is just it, and said we have the splashpad now and more cars and more people. Lape said she wished the grant was an option. Renae mentioned that there was someone who stopped by the office today who provides camera systems as well. She continued to say she had never heard of MVTV, but that the lady also wanted to talk to the council about security systems. Renae said that would have been great about a month ago, but then said the lady did want to come talk to them about what they have to offer. Renae said they offer a free quote, but that budget meeting is on Thursday and she didn't know anything about them to say if they would be worth looking into or not. Lape said she didn't know anything about them either. Smith said that the other part of this is, understanding it is a lot up front, but how long is the system going to be good for. She said that this company (Convergint) has been around for a long time. Cole said he can speak to the validity of the system and that we wouldn't have to change anything for the first 5-10 years. Cole said the way it works, is if it makes it past the 1st year, it will make it 10. Everything within that first year is covered under warranty. He said it was one of those operations where you able to make that investment and it should stick with you for a while. Lape verified the 1-year warranty and Cole said the cameras come with a 3-year warranty as well, but it may even be 5. Renae said that IntelliPro also provided a quote for the secure system and that she had a copy of it but was not sure if they wanted to stick with them because they are the company we have been having so many problems with. Plahn said no. Smith also said no and that they had plenty of chances. Lape asked if they wanted to move forward with it. Plahn said it is a lot of money but that she thinks we should do it and that in the long run we will be happier with it than we are right now. Smith agreed and said it should stop a

lot of the drama in town. Houg said it is a lot of help (referring to the cameras). Lape asked for the motion. **Motioned by: Plahn 1st/Smith 2nd. Houg – aye, Kounkel – Nay** Lape signed the document required by Cole, as the authorized signer. Cole reassured that he has been working with his service coordinator to ensure we get the best service.

Aaron Hein said he bought a house in 2020, 204 4th Street W. There was a little 9x9 garden shed in his back yard. Said this summer he was going to move it and put another one because something was broken on it. Same exact size, put it on a concrete slab that was already there with a bush in it. Took the bush out, filled the hole with sand and set the shed there. He said that now people are saying he did something wrong. Smith asked when he put it up. Said it was right before Sturgis, end of July. Smith asked what people are saying is wrong with it. He did not know. Thode said it was too close to the street. Plahn asked how the original one got passed if he tore that one down. Aaron and Thode both said the original shed was on the other side of his house. Aaron said it's the triangle cement slab, about 9 ft from the curb. Said there was a bush in it about 5-6 ft tall when he moved there. Said he had a swing set there for a long time. Said he would do the building permit. Said there is no floor. Smith asked if there was cement down, he said yes, but it was already there and that is why he assumed it was fine. He said there was something like a bench and the big bush, and the circle the bush was in was about man-hole size. Said he cut it down, removed the roots, filled it in with dirt and sand and left it be for the swing set. Smith asked what the ongoing issue was. Thode said the property line starts at 17ft behind the curb. The shed right now is only 12ft and in the road right of way. To meet ordinances and set back, it should be 25 ft. Aaron said his house was closer than that. Smith asked if there would be issues if it remained. Plahn said that there is already a cement pad there and that she didn't see it any different that setting a play house there. Smith said she is just wondering if it would cause issues for the road. Thode said no. Aaron said he asked his neighbors behind him and they have no problem. Smith said she does like the shed and that she wanted the same one. Thode did remind that he just has to enforce what is in the book. Smith agreed and said she just wanted to know if it would cause an issue for them. Thode said it isn't a problem. Plahn said we just basically have to make a motion to allow him to have it. Thode said that if he was within his property, to move it closer, he would have to do a variance to have it closer than the 25ft mark. Kounkel said it isn't hurting anyone and others agreed. Reminiscing ensued about trying to remember what was there many years ago, even before the former resident lived there. Smith said she does not see an issue with the shed. Aaron was requested to at least complete the permit form for it. He agreed. **Motioned by: Plahn 1st/Smith 2nd.** More reminiscing ensued with Kurt Jandl, Lape and Thode trying to figure out what was there.

Lape asked Stacie what she was presenting for Brittany Baustian. Stacie asked that it be tabled until next month.

Kounkel said council never approved it and said that they made the motion, but it wasn't approved (Aaron Hein shed). **Motioned by: Plahn 1st/Smith 2nd. All eyes followed.**

Lape said we will table the Brittany Baustian and move on, since Maggie was busy doing the permit for Aaron Hein, to Amy Hamman about snow and alcohol at the hall. Amy said she was just there to listen for updates.

Angelica Rieck then began talking about the parade of lights. She said that now that they have a business in town, they would really like to host a parade of lights in Jasper and needs permission to block streets for it. Lape asked if she had a date in mind yet and she said December 19th at 6:30pm, a Friday evening. Lape said it was a good idea. Smith agreed and said Pipestone was doing it. Lape said it was a go then and gave Angelica the approval. Houg asked if there needed to be a motion for it. Lape said we should just to be safe. **Motioned by: Houg 1st/Smith 2nd.** Plahn said good, because she already knew what the Lions are going to do for it. **All eyes followed.**

Maggie then presented for Keith Eitrim. Maggie said he was just wondering about the apartment driveway. Maggie reminded council he had asked if council would do half of the cost to tar it. Plahn asked if he had gotten a quote. Lape said he never seems to get a quote. Maggie said he was waiting for us to see when we were doing our alleys. Kounkel asked if Dustin Fuller came and gave a quote for that. Thode said he did and another one did, but they weren't comparing apples to apples, saying one was going to tear out and the other didn't and now it is probably too late to do it and that it is a pretty spendy project. Plahn said Keith should have know that November was too late to do it and asked why he waited. Maggie said he isn't demanding it now. Plahn asked why he waited until now to bring it up again and not in the spring. Kounkel said he was here and he did bring it up. Plahn said he was, but he was supposed to get a quote. Lape said we will have to table until spring. Maggie said that since he is getting the quote, are we paying half of it. Kounkel said the city should pay half. Everyone said they already did agree on the city paying half. Maggie said he was wondering if 2 companies are doing the work. Kounkel said we have to wait for spring. Maggie asked if Keith is getting the quote, or if Brian (Thode) is getting the quote. Lape suggested Thode. Smith suggested getting 2 quotes and recommended Cody Ihlen because he was doing it now. Maggie said she will tell Keith we are waiting until spring to do the quotes.

Review and approve minutes from:

- Regular Meeting on Tuesday, October 14, 2025

Motioned by: Smith 1st/Houg 2nd. All eyes followed

Review/Approve receipts and claims to date. Houg asked to get them earlier so they can have more time to check them out. Renae said she did not realize she didn't need to enter

claims before sending it out because it was just for October and that she should have included them with the council packet. Kounkel said the laptop bill was outrageous. Lape asked what page, he said 2. Renae said that was from the 2nd day she started.

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

Delinquent Sewer/Water/Garbage:

- Maggie said the second page is what is getting assessed to people's property taxes. There's sewer, water garbage and moving delinquents too.

Wellness Center/QCC:

- Cable TV has been removed.

New Business:

JCF cost for dumpster. Renae said that for the rummage items we had ended up filling an entire dumpster and wondered if the city was going to pay for it or if it was going to them. Lape said they think they need to pay it. Renae said the rummage went really well and things went fast. She said the dumpster use was because of water damage to things, so it had to get tossed. Lape asked for a motion for it. **Motioned by: Smith 1st/Plahn 2nd. All ayes followed**

Memorial Hall in need of blinds – Renae said that many were torn and ripped and not in good repair. Maggie said that you can't even shut half of them. Lape asked what we were thinking in type of blinds. Maggie suggested the type on out windows at the office. Lape asked who did them for us. Maggie said they were bought at Menards. Lape asked to get a cost on it. Plahn said that while we are talking about the Memorial Hall, asked if there was some way to make the west railing a little more stable. She continued that if you go up there (saying she has done it and that she uses a railing and Don uses a railing), and that the top moves and it is not stable. Asked if it can be reinforced. Gum asked it was the ramp or the stairs. Plahn said the railing.

Kim Lape closed the Jasper City Council Meeting at 6:30 PM to move into the Special Open Public Hearing for the conditional use for the JDC at 100 6th St. E and 102 6th St. E.

Special Open Public Hearing – JDC Conditional Use

Lape asked if there was anyone from the city who would like to speak or has concerns about the townhomes being built. Thode explained that the reason it is a conditional use is because it is a multi-family and not an accessory use. Kounkel asked how many there would be. Cynthia Jamison asked where it would be again. Lape said 100 6th St. E and 102 6th St. E. Lape asked Nick and Butch if they had any concerns. Nick said he just wanted to know if it would be income based rental or purchase. Kurt Jandl said they are purchase and that they are looking for retired couples. Lape said she just had to ask the question "why was it being built before this meeting". Kurt said they didn't have the money right away, but when they sold the bar, they got the money and were trying to squeeze it in yet this year. Lape said she was just worried because if someone would have come in and shut it down, they would have been at a standstill. Smith asked why the zoning committee "didn't stop them or Thode". Thode responded "he was told not

to start". Smith claimed they had made phone calls to Thode but he did not call them back. Thode asked who, Smith said Kurt and JJ. Thode said he did talk to Kurt. Kurt said he was calling about measurements. Smith said there is fault on the city side saying that we as a committee knew, but you (Thode) didn't go there. Thode said that Kurt was told that if he does start, he was not giving the permission. Thode then said he reminded Kurt of what happened east of town by the cemetery and that if it gets shut down, they are wasting money doing it. Kurt said they took their chance and didn't see a reason why it didn't work. Plahn said she didn't see why anyone would complain about the fact that we are bringing something that is going to bring tax revenue to town. Lape agreed and said we just have to follow the rules. Kounkel said there is always one person to complain. Smith said it was the same thing with Aaron Hein and that he didn't have a permit. Lape said she just wanted to ask the questions. David Bryan said in the future they consult before they build. Kounkel said you do not need a permit to pour concrete. Kurt said it was just concrete. Lape said it was a wonderful addition to town and joked that she should get her own mom to buy one. Kurt said they have done the 3 homes in west Jasper and that they have brought a lot of revenue to the city. Kounkel asked when they would be built/completed. Kurt said they wanted to come Tuesday to pour the floor, weather permitting. Plahn asked about prospects, Kurt said he has only heard of one. Lape said that she thinks they will be beautiful. Kurt said they would have heated floors. Try to keep them reasonably priced. 2 stall garages, 2 baths, 2 bedrooms, dining, kitchen laundry, 1200sq/ft. Said they wanted to keep them under \$250k. Kurt then said when they built the houses in West Jasper, he was 99.99% sure that the city took care of the sewer and water from the street to the house and is asking the city to do the same again for these townhomes. Thode said he didn't think they did and that we have never done that. Kurt said he can pretty much guarantee it and they were never billed for it. He also said he thinks Mike (former mayor and member of the JDC), took care of it through the council. Kurt said they are still asking the city to cover the cost from street to the house and reminded that they have brought a lot of revenue to town. Cynthia Jamison asked if water and sewer were there when Hunstad lived there. Kurt said yes but it needs new. Smith said she has to refrain from voting because she is a member of the JDC. Lape said she would like to have it looked into; Plahn agreed. Renae will dig into the history and find out by next meeting. Kounkel asked when the spec homes were built. Stacie said she would get Renae the dates. Kurt said 2021 or something. Kurt also said the JDC did the 4plex's. Thode reminded council they needed zoning commission approval on it. Lape asked Butch and David what their consensus was. Butch said it was a good idea and the town can use the revenue. David said he is fine with it as long as setbacks are good. Reminiscing about who had the property and the big homes that were there. David asked if there were multiple entrances to the alley or do both garages come in through the alley. Kurt said the garages will come in from the south to the north. Thode said David Foster didn't have any problems with it either, but he is gone. Kounkel asked if they were pouring garages last and if they were cutting the curbs in. Kurt confirmed. Kurt also asked about the sidewalk and who pays. Plahn asked if there was a sidewalk there. Thode reminded of the sidewalk program and Maggie said they just have to fill out the form, before they do the work. Kurt said Austin would do that. Kurt wasn't sure how much of the sidewalk would be done.

David asked if they had to make it zero-entry, if they would also have a zero-entry curb. Smith said it already was. **Motioned by: Plahn 1st/Houg 2nd. All eyes followed.**

Lape asked for a motion to adjourn the public hearing. **Motioned by: Plahn 1st/Houg 2nd. All eyes followed.**

New Business Continued:

Plahn continued to speak about the railing at the hall, saying the railing is not stable. It was confirmed it was the west side of the steps. Thode asked Kurt if that is what they had looked at before. Thode said it was a post that was loose on the bottom. Kurt could not remember. Thode said it could be repaired. It was confirmed that it was the step part. It was suggested something else may have broken on it. Gum said he would look at it tomorrow. Lape asked Renae and Maggie to get the cost on the blinds.

Renae then spoke about auditor/payroll outsourcing. She was concerned about outsourcing auditing because she is so new and not familiar with the process and having a new auditor who is not familiar with it would be a bit scary. She asked to get through at least one audit with the current company because they know what they are looking for and what to ask for. She worries about two blind people going in. Plahn asked who to ask for outsourcing payroll. She also said she had not heard back from one of them that she had reached out to already. Lape said it can not be the same as the auditing company. Plahn said there was someone in Slayton but could not remember the name. Kounkel asked if there was one in Luverne. Plahn said she did not know who could do payroll in Luverne. Renae asked if it had to be someone local and suggested she could look into other companies if they are not local. Lape said it would likely cause the checks to be direct deposit or mailed to employees. Smith said she didn't know why you wouldn't want direct deposit. Renae agreed with Smith. Renae said there are multiple payroll companies, but if council wanted it to be local, she could look into that as well. Maggie said that Scott Blom did suggest someone as well. Lape said her company uses ADP and suggested to start looking and if it isn't local, that is fine.

Snow removal and how it works. Maggie said that on Saturday when she went to work at the bar, the sidewalks were not done yet and she was just wondering how snow removal works and if they come out on the weekends. Thode said if it was a heavy snow then yes. Maggie said it was a heavy snow. Thode said nobody shoveled their sidewalks because it was going to melt in a couple of hours. Maggie said Angelica was doing breakfast and the bar opens at 11. Amy Hamman said Angelica can't wait for snow to melt. Thode said they won't run up and down the sidewalk every hour because it is not feasible based on the little amount the business pays. Maggie asked what they were paying for, which is what she needs to relay to the businesses. Thode said they need to keep a shovel because we won't be there right when it snows. Lape asked how much snow has to fall before the city goes out. Thode said there is a limit and the program was that they did it before the plows come through so it goes onto the street and not sit

on the curb line. He continued to say that to pay overtime if it snows all day on a Saturday to go out every hour, it not feasible. He said the old bar cleared their own when it would snow. Amy H said that she doesn't think that is the issue, she said it was just one sweep through. She wants to know what is enough snow to get them out and asked if it is 3 inches or 7 inches (hypothetically). Thode said it depends on the temperatures and that on that day, it was melted off within about 2 hours, same as the streets. He said it is a tough guideline and that everyone would have thought he was stupid if he went out to plow when it would have been melted before he was done and said it would have been a waste of money. Smith said that on Fridays, one of them (Thode and Gum) get a half day under the condition that they may have to go in on a Saturday. Smith said there was a lot of snow and there were cars in the ditch, and said Zack saw that as well. Thode said they usually do but the temperature was warm, saying the ground temp was around 40 degrees so it would just melt. Smith said it is hard when they get a half day on Friday with the thought of you may have to do a little work on Saturday. Smith said even just to get the heavy stuff off it and the business can maintain it, and said that is what the bank does. Amy said she was thinking mostly for the Café because they open earlier. Smith said she also understands about the temperatures and that it is hard because when you think of it on a business aspect, you are paying for it and you guys are compensated for it on Fridays, so is it that big of a deal to go in for an hour or is it not. Plahn said that for the bar, you open at three (Lape and Amy said it is 11 on Saturdays), but if it was 7 at night, it rains, you guys can be open until midnight – 1 o'clock, is the city going to have to go (corrected herself to say snow instead of rain), say it's a hard snow with a couple 2 - 3 inches, are you going to expect the city to come at 10 or 11 o'clock to clear the sidewalk. Amy said absolutely not and that her understanding is it is in the morning. Plahn said she didn't know what to say, Lape agreed. Lape said that we make criteria that if it is 3 inches or more you have to do one swoop though. Kounkel said he thinks Thode uses discretion and watches the weather. Thode said that is true. Houg said it has been warm and hasn't gotten cold yet. Kounkel said every business has shovels, Lape and Houg agreed. Smith said she does think that there needs to be an expectation that if it is 4 inches, they need to be out there. Thode agreed and said they are. Smith said the business people that are paying for the service need to know that, such as if there is 2 inches today, they know it is on them and they can plan to get out there early to get it done. Kounkel said it depends on the wind too because it could snow and inch, but wind makes it look like a foot. Plahn said when we come down to it, how many business people are going to pay for it. She asked if they pay for sidewalk clearing in front of the Baptist church. Maggie said they did. Plahn said "oh they do". Maggie said all of the businesses pay except Skyberg, who does his own. Plahn confirmed it would be the entire way. Lape asked if we just say 4 inches of snow or more, you come through. Lape asked if that was feasible. Kounkel said he thinks Sioux Falls is 3 inches, but he could be wrong. Cynthia said she thought it was 2 inches for their emergency snow route, according to the signs anyway. Thode said it is hard to judge. He also said Jasper is one of the best ones in terms of clearing the snow from main street, so there shouldn't really be any complaints. He said if you go to Edgerton, each individual has to have that space cleaned out by 4am (specified businesses). Also said Garretson doesn't do it and when they come at 10 o'clock, it gets thrown

right in the curb. Thode said we are one of the smallest towns around for downtown, and with that service, we get to them for the little amount we get. Amy said she wanted to be clear that she wasn't here to complain, she just wanted to know how it works. Maggie said she also wanted to be sure they knew it wasn't a complaint. Smith said she thinks it is a good thing to review. Lape said 4 inches or at the city's digression. Maggie asked if it is once a day or if it keeps snowing does the city do it again. Thode said it all depends. Smith said she had seen them go down multiple times a day. Thode said during work hours they go multiple times a day, but weekends no. Saying that they will have to shovel their own on the weekends. Amy said they will. Kounkel said that is how the old bar would do it. Thode said they also don't take care of the ice. Maggie said that was in the letter.

Health insurance renewal – Lape said the single went from \$963.88 to \$1,104.36. Renae corrects that it was \$983.88. Lape said family went from \$2,600 to almost \$2,900. Renae said it was a 12.24 increase. Smith asked if they could look at different options. Renae said that they did ask about that and that Blue Cross, which is another one, had 18-24% increases this year. Lape confirmed this was Medica, Renae said yes. Kounkel said it is all insurance companies though. Multiple people agreed. Lape asked if there was an increase in vision as well. Plahn said it wasn't terrible. Lape said there in no way around it. Lape asked if there was any concerns or questions. Plahn said "it is what it is". Kounkel agreed. Lape asked for a motion for it.

Motioned by: Houg 1st/Smith 2nd. All eyes followed.

Old Business:

Emergency Plan – Safety Data Sheets – Lape and Renae said it was ongoing.

Truck/Camper storage and parking - Renae said that if people want to use it, we have the form. Kounkel asked if there was interest yet. Renae said there was none. Lape said she was surprised.

Fire Department Statue – Lape asked for it to be tabled as they have a new plan. Lape said her and Smith met down there and that they just need to get approval for a plaque that is going to go on a flag pole in memory of Joanne Veldkamp. Because it was bought with the money when she passed away. Lape asked for approval for the plaque. **Motioned by: Houg 1st/Plahn 2nd.**

All eyes followed.

Lape said they also visited with the group down there on the east side of the EMS building. Where the new cement pad with the rock and the flag pole, now there is a great big area that is back there that is completely unfinished. Lape said they are thinking of finishing it and getting it leveled and no weeds, and possibly 3in red rock. Plahn asked if that is strictly the cities and asked where Zach (Bootsma) property line is. Thode said it is right to the edge of the building. Lape said it is ours and we have to do something for run off there. Said it is tiled now and should have good drainage and make it look nice. Thode said red rock is large at 3in. Gum said that is like baseball size. Smith said Jim Veldkamp looked at it and said it would look nice and keep weeds out. Lape said they just wanted to bring it up but we can table it. Asked for maybe getting samples. Smith said if you use pea rocks it will wash out. Thode suggested 1 ½ in rock. Gum

said it is called drainage rocks and explained that it is most commonly used because when you use larger rocks, you get space between them and space is where mud can get into and that is where you get the weeds. He continued to say drainage rock is specifically used because water can flow through, but mud, dirt and whatnot sits on the top, so it is easier to clean away and won't embed itself into it. Smith said we should look at using drainage rock there. Lape said she would talk to Jim.

Serving Alcohol at the Hall – updated information – Renae said she just wanted to keep it on the agenda because we will have to make a change to the Hall Rental Agreement, as that is where it states a catering license is required. Lape asked if the attorney needs to re-write that or if we can. Renae said she would re-write it and send it to him for approval. Maggie said that is what Trinidad did last time.

New MN paid leave law – effective January 1st, 2026 – Unemployment will send us our premium rates. Renae said they are sending them out in December and they set those rates.

Conflict of Interest Policy – Resolution required – Lape asked Renae if she had one for it and she did. Renae also gave a copy of the policy for signature as well. Lape asked for a motion to approve the resolution 25-322. **Motioned by: Plahn 1st/Houg 2nd. All ayes followed.**

Property Letters final round – Renae said she created a sheet that council received in their packets, that showed what it would cost the residents to pay the city if we did get on their properties. Renae said it is miniscule and likely would not be worth going to court over. Renae told them the amounts were at the bottom of the page so they could see the cost for each property. Renae said having to take each of them to court would be a lot more, also the probability of a judge approving it would be very slim. She continued to say the homes are not falling over and not so dilapidated. Thode said there is likely only 1 the judge would approve. He said he has been down this road for 3 in town now and 2 or 3 of them, it won't take much to do it. Renae said with the snow coming, you won't be able to see any of it anyways. Lape said to address it in the spring and said we are looking at big money with legal fees. Lape asked if others agreed. Plahn said we will just have to keep plugging along.

Budget Meeting –Lape said it is scheduled for Thursday night at 6:30 PM, asked if anyone has any conflicts with that. Maggie said she won't be there.

IT Supports – Lape said Renae was getting quotes and asked if she got anymore. Renae said she had a rough quote from Computer Man out of Marshall who charges \$100/hr. and is similar to the one we have now where it is just one hourly fee. Renae also said she had a meeting this week with another company. Lape said to reach out to other towns and see how things are going for them.

Property/Casualty Insurance Renewal – Require inventory list – Lape asked how we were doing with that. Maggie said it has to be in by the end of the year. Lape asked if we had gotten any yet and Maggie said none. Lape said she spoke with Kim Drew but wonders if it fell off her radar, along with Kip. Maggie said our own as well. Maggie said we can just video tape.

Geronimo Power – Expand Our Community Solar Subscription – Email sent to them since last meeting. Renae said there still in no response.

Public Works & Building/Grounds Report:

Thode said the JDC, the bar is demoed. Lape asked Thode about some of the rock that went the other way and hit the sidewalk and the driveway of the rental unit, she asked what will happen there because it is likely damaged. She asked if we would have to pay for all of that or the JDC. Maggie said she spoke to Mike Hunstad earlier in the day (who owns the rentals), and he has a deal with Fluit (the demo company) to where they could take rock as an even trade if there was any damage. Maggie said she is not sure about in front of the bar. Thode said when they did the hardware store, they put gravel all around and they didn't do it this time and that he didn't even know they were doing it Monday. Kounkel asked Smith if any hit the bank. Smith said no. Kounkel said he saw one and he thought for sure it was hitting one of the windows. Smith said they will have to check with Fluit or the JDC because it may be under Fluit. Maggie said that is what it sounded like when talking to Mike. Smith said they were supposed to have it all pulled in and nothing was supposed to fall out, so it may be on him. Kounkel said he literally had guys up there pushing the rocks in and that one that fell off was completely by accident. Lape expressed you could see the men had a panicked look when it happened as well. Smith said they asked Fluit if rocks fell on the rental or the bank, who would be liable and Fluit said it was him. Thode said we will look at the sidewalk when it was done. Thode said some of it was already torn up when they replaced the water line, but there is some between there and bank, but that is from when it fell 2-3 years ago.

Thode said Hillfers is waiting to do his deck until next spring. Lyle, west jasper, was just for a storage/utility shed. Leaf pick-up, Thode said they have been doing it the last 3-4 Mondays. Plahn asked how it worked on Hill Ave. S. by her old house, where there's 3 trailers. Thode said he does move the trailers out when he piles them. Plahn asked how long the trailers will be there. Thode said he didn't know. Plahn asked if it will hinder snow removal. Lape said if we have to call a snow emergency, he will get a ticket. Kounkel asked if the trailer was like a camper, Plahn said no. Lape asked if they are like utility trailers, Plahn said one had electric company painted on the side and then they painted over it. Plahn said there is 2 on the east side and one on the west and they are like the trailers that Kurt uses. Kounkel asked if she was talking about in front of her old place, Plahn said yes, between Wall street and county line. Kounkel said he has a construction outfit. Plahn asked which one he was talking about, the one who bought her house. Kounkel said no, the one across road, Plahn said to the east, Kounkel said yep and he knows he builds houses. Plahn said the one that bought her old house is construction too, supposedly. Lape asked if the trailers are ever moved. Kounkel said they have

been sitting a while and that he will get the hint when it snows and if he doesn't move them and they get plowed in. Plahn said she was just curious, and the same thing with Johnsons on the corner. When she went before leaf pick up was started on Monday, their cars were right up there and their leaves were almost on the cars and that she had commented to herself that they would get vacuumed up easily (sarcasm). She did say they must have moved them. Thode said there was one on 4th street that didn't move their car. Kounkel said Pipestones last day of leaf pick up is today. Lape and Thode said "really". Thode said Pipestone only did it twice as well.

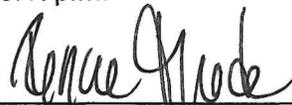
Thode asked Stacie to check for permission form the JDC to put the Santa house to out it on the corner lot again. Smith agreed and said she would let him know via text and that it did look nice there last year. Thode said it is next weeks agenda. Leaf pick-up will delay it a day, but Tuesday they will start. Thode said for the last 50 years, you always do it on Thanksgiving week and turn them on Thanksgiving night. Smith asked when Christmas lights are getting put up. Maggie said that is what he was just talking about. Smith laughed and said she thought it was just the house. Thode said that was it for Public Works.

Upcoming Meetings:

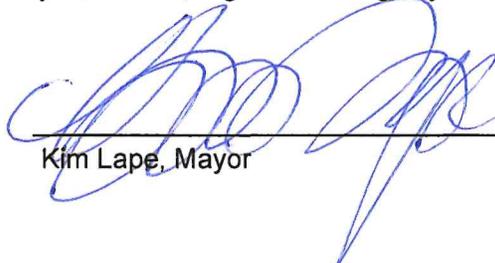
Budget meeting on Thursday

Council Meeting: December 09, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Plahn motioned to adjourn, Houg seconded, all ayes, carried; regular meeting adjourned at 8:17p.m.

 12/9/25

Renae Thode Clerk/Treasurer Date

 12-9-25

Kim Lape, Mayor Date