

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CITY OF JANESVILLE, WASECA COUNTY, MINNESOTA

MARCH 23, 2015 CITY HALL 7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Janesville City Council met in regular session pursuant to due call and notice thereof; Mayor Mike Santo called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Council present: Mike Santo, Mayor
Cliff Blaisdell, Council Member
Kari Grisim, Council Member
Jeff Bartelt, Council Member
John Sprengeler, Council Member

Council Absent: None

Staff Present: Clinton Rogers, City Administrator
Andrea Preston, Deputy Clerk
Brandon McCabe, City Planner
Jason Femrite, City Engineer

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City Council and everyone present stood and recited the pledge of allegiance.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Blaisdell, seconded by Sprengeler to approve the agenda. Voting in favor: Grisim, Blaisdell, Bartelt, Sprengeler, and Santo; voting against: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING = PARKING OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

Opened at 7:00 PM

Rogers explained that our current Ordinance allows recreational vehicles to be parked on city right-of-ways and city property. After a few residents requested they not be, an Ordinance was drafted to get insight of the amendment. The amendment would call for no recreational vehicle on any street, alley or parking lot owned by the city. Santo stated there have been many complaints in regards mainly to campers. Bartelt asked if this was a timeframe thing or not allowed at all because sometimes people go on vacations and need to park on the street while getting ready. McCabe added after research of ten (10) other city policies most have restrictions in regards to this issue. Chief Ulmen chose to choose one that explicitly is clear within the ordinance. Resident Lori Prail sees it as a

safety hazard; especially in regards to the larger motor homes parked for months. Blaisdell stated he understands the concern; however, other recreational vehicles aren't as large in size. Blaisdell asked McCabe in his research if he found one specific policy dealing with campers/motor homes or is it more general. McCabe answered most of the time it wasn't really defined. Resident Shannon Possin brought an ordinance from City of Shakopee which defined the size, weight, etc. for such vehicles that are prohibited.

Blaisdell made a motion to table this Public Hearing for re-open at next meeting, Sprengeler seconded the motion. Voting in favor: Grisim, Blaisdell, Bartelt, Sprengeler, and Santo; voting against: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Closed at 7:13PM.

V. PUBLIC HEARING = CENTERPOINT ENERGY FRANCHISE

Opened at 7:13 PM

Rogers stated back in 1994 the City passed a franchise agreement with CenterPoint which has expired. Need to re-approve an agreement, which recommended models were sent from the Minnesota Public Utility Commission and MN Department of Commerce. Ordinance B grants CenterPoint the franchise for gas. Ordinance C gives the City the authority to charge franchise fees to CenterPoint. In addition, Rogers explained that in 1994 the ordinance allowing to charge CenterPoint was never passed and this is the reason we did not receive franchise fees from them.

A. Ordinance 2015-B

Motion by Sprengeler, seconded by Blaisdell to approve Ordinance 2015-B. Voting in favor: Grisim, Blaisdell, Bartelt, Sprengeler, and Santo; voting against: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

B. Ordinance 2015-C

Motion by Sprengeler, seconded by Blaisdell to approve Ordinance 2015-C. Voting in favor: Grisim, Blaisdell, Bartelt, Sprengeler, and Santo; voting against: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Closed at 7:19PM.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of last Regular Meeting on March 09, 2015
2. Accept Accounts Receivable
3. Audit City Bills for Payment

Blaisdell made a motion, seconded by Sprengeler to approve the consent agenda. Voting in favor: Grisim, Blaisdell, Bartelt, Sprengeler, and Santo; voting against: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

VII. PUBLIC FORUM

VIII. NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

IX. COUNCIL REPORTS

Santo stated the Nursing Home finished their audit with few adjustments but nothing out of the ordinary.

Blaisdell stated the EDA meeting covered the pamphlet McCabe put together for the Housing Abatement program and did a very good job. In addition the SCDP grant is almost fulfilled, just waiting on two more residential housing projects yet.

X. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

Rogers gave his reports:

- Annual Township Banquet is scheduled for April 9th
- Prairie Ridge Golf Course opened
- First open house meeting for Old Hwy 14 is April 2nd 4:00 PM at JWP

XI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Pay Equity Report

Rick Almich, senior advisor for Minnesota Valley Council of Governments, was present to go over this report. Rogers stated this report is done every three years. Almich stated this law has been in place since 1984. The report shows the City is in compliance and is based on the structure of compensation not the pay method.

Bartelt made a motion, seconded by Grisim to approve Pay Equity Report. Voting in favor: Grisim, Blaisdell, Bartelt, Sprengeler, and Santo; voting against: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Infrastructure Research

Rogers stated this was asked to be put on the agenda in regards to N Market St. He added every year we go through our capital improvement/timelines of priorities. Old Hwy 14 was on horizon and ended up being sooner (2016) along with Front/Short having to be put first. The plan states N Market St. is high on the priority list. Femrite added currently we've started the sanitary televised process to help understand issues with the system and

to bring knowledge to a list of priorities. On top of that when it comes to street improvement projects, you might want to consider a pavement maintenance plan which is based on a rating system from one (1) to ten (10). This involves reviewing everything within the right-of-way sections. Santo asked the cost for this plan in conjunction with capital improvement plans. Femrite gave an estimate of \$6,500-\$8,500.

Resident Tim Oelke then expressed his concerns in regards the N Market St. He has lived there for fifteen (15) years and since had water come back up in the basement floors four (4) times; three (3) after putting in a water valve. In addition the surface is in poor shape along with no curb or gutter. He just would like a timeframe because every year the cost keeps going up and is going to cost him and other residents of the street. Council agreed that street is on the priority list; however, could not give a definite answer to when it will be completed. They appreciated him bringing the issue to their attention again and hopefully can get an answer to him soon.

2. Mosquito Control Proposal

Rogers stated everything is the same from last year in regards to the proposal which involves eight sprays throughout the summer. Council also agreed to approve yearly due to possibility of 5% increase per year if signed a three year contract.

Sprengeler made a motion, seconded by Bartelt to approve the Mosquito Control Contract. Voting in favor: Grisim, Blaisdell, Bartelt, Sprengeler, and Santo; voting against: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Blaisdell made motion to adjourn, seconded by Grisim. Voting in favor: Grisim, Blaisdell, Bartelt, Sprengeler, and Santo; voting against: none; absent: none. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectively signed by

/s/ Andrea Preston Date 04/13/2015
Andrea Preston
Deputy Clerk
City of Janesville