

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**CITY OF JANESVILLE, WASECA COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

**JULY 27, 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  
John Sprengeler, Council Member  
Kari Grisim, Council Member  
Council Absent: Jeff Bartelt, Council Member  
Staff Present: Clinton Rogers, City Administrator  
Andrea Preston, Deputy Clerk  
Brandon McCabe, City Planner  
Dillon Petrowitz, Intern

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**IV. PUBLIC HEARING – REZONE AND VARIANCE 208 SOUTH MAIN ST.**

**A. Resolution 2015-18**

Opened at 7:01 PM

Brandon McCabe, city planner, was present to discuss a rezone and variance for property 208 S Main St. This property is currently zoned R-1 Single Family District and needs to be B-1 General Business. The City's Comprehensive Plan designates this as community/highway commercial. In addition a variance to allow an 8 foot encroachment into the 20 foot rear yard setback. The owners are selling to a private business owner who plans to construct a new commercial building. After the findings, the Planning Commission recommends approval from Council for both rezone and variance.

Closed at 7:03PM

Motion by Sprengeler, seconded by Grisim to approve Resolution 2015-18. Voting in favor: Sprengeler, Grisim, Blaisdell, and Santo; voting against: none; absent: Bartelt. Motion carried.

V. COALITION OF GREATER MN CITIES VISIT

Chris Henjum, attorney, was present to give us a legislative update for 2015. CGMC's goals are to return LGA back to 2002 funding levels, greater transportation, increase workforce housing, and deliver broadband to Midwest. Janesville's LGA will be around \$783,000.00 for 2016. Workforce housing did get attention and will provide grants to cities to assist local workforce housing projects – \$5.4 million over next biennium. Broadband infrastructure already on the move with projects in the Midwest. Transportation didn't pass; however funding for local street repair did for cities with population under 5,000.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of last Regular Meeting on July 13, 2015
2. Accept Accounts Receivable
3. Audit City Bills for Payment
4. PRGC Financials

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

VII. PUBLIC FORUM

Resident Ron Bruegger was present to ask council on status of Golf Course. Council stated there looking at other avenues because they want it to stay a golf course. Bruegger asked wouldn't it be beneficial to sell property for other use; such as residential housing or farmland for the City. Council stated they want that amenity for the town and housing is on the downfall with few homes being built the past few years. Blaisdell added there looking into lease or management options because overall he wants it to stay a golf course.

VIII. NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

IX. COUNCIL REPORTS

Santo stated the Nursing Home maintenance employee turned in his resignation and currently looking for replacement. Also, for the 50<sup>th</sup> year anniversary Senator Rosen was present along with about 300 people of the public.

X. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

Rogers gave his report.

- We received first half of LGA as well as first half of Small Cities Assistance Program money for road maintenance.
- Quarterly payroll reports will be added to council meetings.
- Joint Fire Board meeting will be held first meeting in September.

## XI. OLD BUSINESS

### 1. Liquor License – Mr. C’s Liquor

Rogers explained that Mr. C’s Liquor has renewed his license in his name but is running a management and lease agreement going forward. Chief Ulmen reviewed it. Santo asked if State allows and Rogers replied yes.

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

### 2. PRGC Mower

Rogers stated Travis Heifner approached him with a quote for a new rough mower which doesn’t work anymore. Quote is from Smiths Mill Implement for about \$10,000.00. He added J.A.G.A. is willing to pay half of the amount, but wondering if lease options were available. Council requested further information from Heifner and different options other than this one for next meeting.

## XII. NEW BUSINESS

### 1. EDA Levy Proposal A. Resolution 2015-19

McCabe was present to bring forward the idea to council of an EDA Levy. This allows EDA to operate on its own without council approval. The funding can be used for acquiring new property to demolishing/improving rundown properties. He also added that currently we deal with Small Cities Development which will no longer be around in the future. In addition, EDA will have more leeway with guidelines for projects. The maximum levy, if granted, would be .01813% of the properties estimated market value.

McCabe stated this resolution just moves forward the process and doesn’t actually adopt this levy. The next step would be public hearings on the topic. Blaisdell thinks this is a good start for properties on Main St. especially. Grisim wanted clarification on where this money would come from. It was stated it would be a separate levy from the City’s General Budget.

Motion by Blaisdell, seconded by Sprengeler to approve Resolution 2015-19. Voting in favor: Sprengeler, Grisim, Blaisdell, and Santo; voting against: none; absent: Bartelt. Motion carried

## 2. Tropics – Street Dance

Rogers stated August 15<sup>th</sup> Tropics Bar would like to have a street dance which involves a temporary liquor license from the State along with approval to shut down the road from Waseca County. Sprengeler expressed concern of clean-up and the music being done by midnight. Blaisdell asked if extra police staff would be involved as well. Rogers explained their aware of clean-up, the music time, and shouldn't require any extra staff. Council agreed to try it once and observe the outcome.

Motion by Blaisdell, seconded by Sprengeler to approve street dance pending State and County approval. Voting in favor: Sprengeler, Grisim, Blaisdell, and Santo; voting against: none; absent: Bartelt. Motion carried

## 3. 2016 General Fund Budget Ideas

Rogers stated a few notes for council that the City is looking at for 2016.

- Coalition of Greater MN Cities told us tonight our LGA will increase for next year
- Need to discuss administrative fees transferred from Utilities to General Fund on joint session night
- 5% usual tax levy that auditors suggest; council asked to not go over that number
- There is about a 10% increase in insurance premiums expected
- Health insurance is about a 5-6% increase
- Small Cities program will be no longer; therefore, decreasing budget by about \$18,000.00
- Discussion of a third full-time officer with an estimate of \$57,000.00 per year
- The library basement is in need of interior work and it is hard to get grants for such work; will look into local contractors on estimates

Rogers will work on getting these issues and more into the budget for council to consider.

## XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Sprengeler made motion to adjourn, seconded by Blaisdell at 7:56pm. Voting in favor: Sprengeler, Grisim, Blaisdell, and Santo; voting against: none; absent: Bartelt. Motion carried

Respectively signed by

/s/ Andrea Preston                      Date 08/10/15

Andrea Preston  
Deputy Clerk  
City of Janesville

