

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF JANESVILLE, WASECA COUNTY, MINNESOTA
SEPTEMBER 14, 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; Mike Santo called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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

Council Absent: John Sprengeler, Council Member

Staff Present: Clinton Rogers, City Administrator
 Andrea Moen, Deputy Clerk
 Dillon Petrowitz, Intern
 Jason Femrite, Engineer
 Nate Zimmerman, Utility General Manager
 Tom Ewert, Public Works Director

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. JOINT FIRE BOARD MEETING

See separate notes.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

V. OLD HIGHWAY 14 TURNBACK -2016 UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS

Grisim asked Femrite when they will be contacting residents. Femrite replied temporary easements need to be completed then they will notify the residents. There is about 50 that will need to be completed.

Resident Ron Bruegger asked about the detour for the project. Femrite stated construction will start on the West end and move to the East with traffic being directed to new Hwy. 14. There is not a local detour yet.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of last Regular Meeting on August 24, 2015
2. Accept Accounts Receivable
3. Audit City Bills for Payment
4. PRGC Financials

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

VII. PUBLIC FORUM

VIII. NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

IX. COUNCIL REPORTS

X. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

Rogers gave his report.

- There is still an opening on HRA board.
- Parking changes have been made at JWP with signage.
- Looking into Safe Route program this fall.

XI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Proposed RFP for PRGC

Santo started out by saying early spring Council was looking over finances for Golf Course and agreed something needed to change. We weighed all options chose not to sell and now considering leasing; therefore, asking public input on this.

Resident Pam Novak expressed concern that this was just brought up in early June and now already asking to send out RFP's. She stated this is not much time to think on such a huge amenity that largely affects our community. In addition, she asked if the lessee would have management background and if the two current positions of Pro and Groundskeeper would be the same. Council replied there are factors listed out in the RFP such as experience and lessee would be in charge of hiring employees. She also questioned why the \$1.9 million is always blamed on the golf course because those lots in that addition were supposed to cover the land. Resident Russ Wiebold replied there was no money made from those lots it was a wash – money left went to infrastructure. He added when they conducted the flat

rate study over 20 years ago they stated there would be a 10% increase in golfers each year, this just wasn't the case.

A few other residents agreed strongly with Pam Novak and are in town because of that golf course and view it as an asset for the community.

Resident Mark Novak expressed his feeling that he wants council to make the best decision possible for the community and would rather almost see the residents vote on this matter. He also added council needs to be realistic with the budget increase to maintain things in this community because the last few years it has been about the same. Resident Darwin Lochner followed up with this golf course was voted by the residents in the first place.

President of J.A.G.A., Josh Berndt, was present with a letter for Council stating their organization has given over \$350,000.00 to the Golf Course and feel it is an asset to our community with a numerous amount of organizations that benefit from it; such as, the Fire Department, JWP School, etc.

Nate Zimmerman, Utility General Manager, added he was impartial on the Golf Course; however, wanted to express importance of the fact Utilities are broke because we have had to offset their deficit. Santo added this is the problem we have had to rob Peter to pay Paul – pulling money from capital reserve funds.

Resident Russ Wiebold asked how leasing would pay back the \$1.9 million. Council stated it won't but it stops the bleeding with allowing it to stay a golf course.

Council came to conclusion to table the RFP and research on putting this to a city wide vote – referendum.

Motion by Bartelt, seconded by Blaisdell to table RFP and research referendum vote. Voting in favor: Bartelt, Grisim, Blaisdell, and Santo; voting against: none; absent: Sprengeler. Motion carried.

2. Holly Lane Extension

Rogers explained last week they signed off paperwork with the Staples & Roozen purchase of land. Femrite was present with a schedule and cost estimate of \$271,000.00. He stated pricing didn't fluctuate much with reduction of pond construction due to Staples & Roozen installing it. If timeline is followed we start opening bids beginning of October with substantial completion June of 2016. This motion is approval to send out RFP.

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

XII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Snow Pusher Quote

Ewert was present to give two quotes on a new snow plow pusher – one from Smiths Mill Implement and other John Deere. Both are 12 foot with Smiths Mill being \$2,000.00 cheaper with cost of \$17,500.00. Ewert added this would replace all three they currently have and be more versatile, but we would keep others for backup. Rogers explained the street reserve does have money to cover this.

Motion by Bartelt, seconded by Blaisdell to approve purchase of Smiths Mill quote. Voting in favor: Bartelt, Grisim, Blaisdell, and Santo; voting against: none; absent: Sprengeler. Motion carried.

2. Premise Permit – Janesville Bowl

A. Resolution 2015-24

Rogers explained the Janesville Bowl would like to have Waseca Sleigh & Cutter for pull tabs. Bartelt asked if we have receive the reports from them yet on the current places in town. Rogers replied no. Bartelt said he would like to see that soon to make sure money is going back into the community.

Motion by Bartelt, seconded by Blaisdell to approve Resolution 2015-24. Voting in favor: Bartelt, Grisim, Blaisdell, and Santo; voting against: none; absent: Sprengeler. Motion carried.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Blaisdell made motion to adjourn, seconded by Grisim at 8:22pm. Voting in favor: Bartelt, Grisim, Blaisdell, and Santo; voting against: none; absent: Sprengeler. Motion carried.

Respectively signed by

/s/ Andrea Moen Date 09/28/2015

Andrea Moen
Deputy Clerk
City of Janesville