

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**CITY OF JANESVILLE, WASECA COUNTY, MINNESOTA**  
**SEPTEMBER 28, 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  
                              John Sprengeler, Council Member  
                              Kari Grisim, Council Member  
Council Absent:     Jeff Bartelt, Council Member  
Staff Present:       Clinton Rogers, City Administrator  
                              Andrea Moen, 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

Santo would like to add New Item #3 Opening HRA Board and Grisim would like to add New Item #4 City Vehicles. Motion by Blaisdell, seconded by Grisim to approve the agenda with the additions. Voting in favor: Sprengeler, Grisim, Blaisdell, and Santo; voting against: none; absent: Bartelt. Motion carried.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of work session September 14, 2015
2. Minutes of last Regular Meeting on September 14, 2015
3. Accept Accounts Receivable
4. Audit City Bills for Payment
5. PRGC Financials

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

## V. PUBLIC FORUM

Resident Russ Wiebold was present to give a history on the golf course and to emphasize positivity not negativity. He struggles with community focusing on the \$1.9 million deficit when they don't focus on the growth and housing it created for the town and school. Always the liability but never how it is an asset. He strongly asked council to consider retiring the debt and to look forward with forms of management and the stakeholders.

Santo replied we are looking at any and all options because we want to correct it and would be nice to zero out the debt; however, in doing so we pull from all the capital reserve funds and what happens when they need to use those funds. Wiebold replied it will never get corrected. Sprengeler then added it won't but we want to be able to move forward with the books balancing.

Resident Ron Bruegger added he has no complaints against the golf course but maybe another option would be looking at cutting the overhead with wages and benefits.

## VI. NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. Invite from County History Center

## VII. COUNCIL REPORTS

## VIII. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

Rogers gave his reports:

- Auditors will have a debt schedule put together for us for future.
- Final FEMA cleared.
- Meeting with DOT Thursday morning to discuss cost participation
- Continually working on Easement paperwork
- We're conducting a logo contest for City of Janesville

## IX. OLD BUSINESS

1. Discuss PRGC Options

Santo suggested putting together small committee of two J.A.G.A. members and two Council members to move forward with this process. Blaisdell replied that he feels we have done this in the past and nothing seems to happen, this will continue to go on and on if we don't do something about it. Rogers added a couple of years ago a task force brought up ideas to generate more revenue and possibly Council should look over it again and see what they hadn't tried. Blaisdell, Sprengeler, and Rogers decided to look over those ideas with Kennedy for direction next meeting. Resident Jeff Schuler included that it would be nice for J.A.G.A. to be a part of that meeting based on their showed support and contributions. Rogers also added since last meeting of tabling the lease option, State Law does not allow option to lease property to be put on a special election.

2. 2016 Preliminary General Fund Budget  
A. Resolution 2015-25

Rogers stated that last meeting there was a 5.5% increase in expenses; however, since then \$15,000.00 was removed giving an overall 7.5% increase compared to last year.

He also added that the December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting would be the decision on final numbers.

Sprengeler asked about the police and street department numbers. Rogers explained Police is higher currently with the third full-time officer and the Street Dept. is higher for seal coating. Council agreed to leave it for now and they can work on it for the next two months with lowering it.

Motion by Blaisdell, seconded by Sprengeler to pass Resolution 2015-25. Voting in favor: Sprengeler, Grisim, Blaisdell, and Santo; voting against: none; absent: Bartelt. Motion carried

X. NEW BUSINESS

1. Vacancy on Planning Commission  
A. Resolution 2015-26

Rogers explained that Eugene Johnson has asked for resignation from the board. His term expires December 2018 and this resolution accepts his resignation. In addition, there is an interested party but we will advertise the opening here the next few weeks. Council thanked him for his years of service.

Motion by Sprengeler, seconded by Grisim to approve Resolution 2015-26. Voting in favor: Sprengeler, Grisim, Blaisdell, and Santo; voting against: none; absent: Bartelt. Motion carried

2. Amendment to B-1 and B-2 Zoning Districts  
A. Ordinance 2015-D

McCabe was present to discuss amendments to the two business zoning districts – B1 & B2. This amendment clears up language that could potentially be confusing: permitted uses are not all encompassing and conditional uses are not define and left open for interpretation. The new language clearly defines each district and what is allowed; the main difference is B1 allows vehicle sales along with motels as conditional use while B2 doesn't.

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

3. HRA Board

Rogers stated a few weeks ago Barb Grams resigned from the HRA Board. Judy Cohout would like to fill the vacancy and is currently a resident of HRA. Dennis Garms present stated they always like to have a resident on the board.

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

4. City Vehicles

Grisim was approached that there were City vehicles dropping off kids at the school. She was wanting this to be checked into with liability issues and concerns. Rogers stated he would look into the matter.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectively signed by

/s/Andrea Moen Date 10/13/2015

Andrea Moen  
Deputy Clerk  
City of Janesville