

**Minutes of the Jasper Community Arts Commission  
City of Jasper, Indiana  
July 1, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Jasper Community Arts Commission was held at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 1, 2014, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Roll call was held with the following **Commission Members Present:** Mike Jones, Robin Norris, Pat Thyen, Selena Vonderheide, Linda Kahle, Becky Beckman and Beth Seidl. **Commission Members Absent:** Becky Hickman, Kyle Rupert, Sherry Monesmith and Gary Moeller. **Staff Members Present:** Kit Miracle, Doreen Lechner, Karen Grewe, Corina Mack, Emily Colucci and Donna Schepers. **Guests in attendance:** Candy Neal, Jim O'Neal and Matt Crane. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Becky Beckman** moved to approve the minutes of the June meeting. **Selena Vonderheide** seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

**City Financial Statement**

**Pat Thyen** moved to approve the claims and financial statement as presented. **Selena Vonderheide** seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

**PUBLIC BUSINESS**

None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Director's Report/Performing Arts**

Kit reported.

- Kit presented the proposed budget for 2015. There are a few additional costs figured into the budget for some aging items: computer replacements and file transfers, media projector needs to be upgraded, the kiln at the SAS needs to be replaced, a new lighting console is needed, and additional money for repairs. The City has a Tech consultant looking at phone needs. The phones at the Arts Center need to be replaced and the new phones will tie in with City Hall. The Mural is anticipated to be completed next year and will possibly need funding so as not to be totally dependent on donations. Discussion followed. **Robin Norris** moved to add \$3,500 to the budget for the Mural project. **Selena Vonderheide** seconded. Motion passed 7-0. The employee salaries are current with the 2014 Ordinance. If raises are given next year, the City will determine the dollar amount. The final proposed budget is \$638,171. **Pat Thyen** moved to approve the budget. **Beth Seidl** seconded. Motion passed 7-0. The budget will be presented to the City Council for approval.
- June was a very busy month with three Dance Central Recitals and the Country Showdown. Beer sales went very well at the Showdown.
- Steven Nelson has been hired as the new Technical Assistant.
- Kit asked for approval to attend the APAP conference in January. The early bird registration deadline is approaching. The cost for the conference, airfare, and hotel will be approximately \$2400. This is in the budget. **Linda Kahle** moved to allow Kit to attend the APAP conference. **Robin Norris** seconded. Motion passed 7-0.
- Dr. Johnson with VUJC wants to replace the VUJC/JAC sign on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. He also wants to add a smaller sign on Meridian Road for both the JAC and VUJC. He offered to have VUJC pay for the sign on 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. and is asking the Arts Center to pay for the sign on Meridian Road. After some discussion, Kit will get back with Dr. Johnson regarding some clarification on the signs.
- Season Guides for 2014/2015 have been mailed. Posters have been distributed throughout the community as well. The Evansville Courier had a nice article on the upcoming season as did the local media.
- Kit is completing a business plan for the Astra Theatre. A rough draft was distributed for review.

- Prosperity Consulting has an agreement with the City of Jasper and has submitted a proposal, at a cost of \$3,000, to the JCAC for services to research, write, and submit a grant proposal to the NEA. The grant could range between \$20,000 and \$50,000 and could be used for programming at the Astra in 2015. After some discussion, **Linda Kahle** moved to approve the contract fee of \$3,000 with Prosperity Consulting. **Selena Vonderheide** seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

### **Building and Structure Report**

Doreen reported.

- There had been problems with the chiller in June. It appears to be fixed now.
- The drainage work behind the building has begun.
- Quote sheets for replacing Doreen's computer were distributed. Replacement cost for the computer is in the current budget. **Selena Vonderheide** moved to allow Doreen to purchase Pro Quad Core Desktop from B&H for \$3,148.98. **Pat Thyen** seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

### **Education Report**

Donna reported.

- Pop-Up Art Class sign up is going nicely. Flyers for the class were distributed to the board. Andrea Fleck will be the Art instructor for the class.

### **Visual Arts Report**

Emily reported.

- Abby Laux's gallery exhibit for June was great. She sold 6 paintings.
- Dubois County Art Guild exhibit will be on display in July and August. FIRST THURSDAY reception will be July 10<sup>th</sup>.
- The Juried Art Show submission deadline was June 27<sup>th</sup>. There are 55 applicants.
- Bill Borden will be conducting a plein air workshop during Strassenfest on Saturday, Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Cost is \$40.

### **Project Coordinator Report**

Corina reported.

- Strassenfest planning is going well. The float is coming along nicely. ACT will be providing a workshop for youth ages 8 -18 on August 1<sup>st</sup> from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at no cost. Stand-ins from the Chalk Walk will be placed around the square during the Strassenfest for photo ops. All activities will be in the Strassenfest booklet.
- Birthday parties are going well. They appear to be trending toward art parties and away from glamour parties.

### **Old Business**

### **New Business**

### **Adjournment**

**Selena Vonderheide** moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 pm. **Becky Beckman** seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

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Mike Jones

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Attested