

BRIEFS

Retiring firefighter was always there

Steve Kochlin, Jordan fire chief, made a special mention of Ken Jabs during the July 18 Jordan City Council meeting.

Jabs served 34 years on the Jordan Fire Department before recently retiring.

"He was there for everything," Kochlin said.

In a memorandum to the council, Kochlin wrote of Jabs: "He has contributed numerous hours of time and talent to the department and will be greatly missed. A recognition ceremony will be held later this year."

Kochlin talked about the retirement of two daytime firefighters and how hard they are to replace "with no industry in Jordan" from which to draw firefighters.

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Number of reported crimes leaps 17%

In Jordan, the number of reported crimes, calls for service and citations all increased in the first six months of 2011.

"Basically, everything is up," Jordan Police Chief Bob Malz told the Jordan City Council on July 18.

Malz noted that:

- reported crimes are up 17 percent;
- calls for service increased 9 percent;
- and citations were up 25 percent.

Councilmember Jeremy Goebel asked if the crime statistics increases are directly related to the loss of a school resource officer.

Yes, some of the increases are, but that is strictly his opinion, Malz said.

City officials, including City Administrator Ed Shukle, had been holding out hope that Jordan Public Schools would be reinstating its share of funding for a school resource officer, but more recently, Malz said it is unlikely to happen.

The school resource officer position could be reinstated if the city could rekindle a deal for Minnesota River Valley Special Education Cooperative, the city and the school board to each fund one-third of the officer's salary, Shukle said.

"It was the school district that discontinued their funding," Malz reminded the council.

Most of MRVSEC's member schools, on the other hand, have school resource officers, he added. "They've always been willing."

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Second time's a charm for one lawn

As the city continued its crackdown on lawns that are not adequately mowed, the one that started it all - "the jungle," as Jordan Police Chief Bob Malz called it - was left undone.

Jordan pays a contractor to mow unkempt yards and then charges the offending homeowner for the service.

"Somehow, the lawn on (Highway) 282 slipped through

the cracks," Malz said. "I wasn't very happy about that."

The second time around, it got mowed.

Most homeowners have only been charged once for the lawn-mowing service before they begin to comply with the city ordinance requiring shortened grass.

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Constant Contact goes over well

The Jordan City Council voted to re-up its contract with Constant Contact, an e-mail service the city uses for getting out public information.

As of July 18, the e-mail list included 27 people who are not on city staff, Jordan Finance Director Tom Nikunen said.

Nikunen mainly sends out city council and commission agendas via e-mail, and residents tend to call the city hall when the agenda isn't clear enough.

Nikunen also sent out coupons for residents who wanted to automatically pay their water bills.

The service costs \$12.50 a month, if the city purchases a year at a time.

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Residents avert water shutoffs

Many Jordan residents who were delinquent on their water bills averted water shutoffs.

"But I'm sure they didn't like it," Jordan Finance Director Tom Nikunen said.

The residents had to pay their bills or negotiate a payment plan for their water service to continue, according to a new policy enacted this summer by the Jordan City Council.

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City prepared for building inspection

Had the state government shutdown continued too long, the city of Jordan would've been prepared to issue electrical permits anyway.

The Jordan City Council took steps toward being able to inspect properties that include newly finished basements, remodels, homes or other buildings.

Without an ordinance, which would sunset when the state became operational, those seeking electrical permits would've been left in limbo.

Councilmember Thom Boncher said he'd like the city to secede from the state.

"I think this is an excellent first step," he said of the first reading of the ordinance.

Boncher said he expects another shutdown in two years. In preparation, the city should permanently take over electrical inspections, he said.

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Fire calls increase in first half of 2011

Jordan Fire Chief Steve Kochlin made his half-year report to the Jordan City Council on July 18. It compares 2010 and 2011 January-to-June statistics.

The report showed the following:

- Fire calls are up, with 57 in the first half of 2011, compared to 49 in the first half of 2010.

■ The average turnout per incident is down to 17, from 19.

■ The fire department is seeing more calls in regard to rescue or emergency medical services, hazardous conditions (no fires), good intentions.

■ Firefighters responded to 12 fires in the first half of 2010 but only 11 in the same time period for 2011.

■ Thirty-seven calls came from Jordan this year, as opposed to 25 in the first half of 2010.

■ Sand Creek Township generated the second-most calls - 14 in the first half of 2010, 13 in 2011.

■ So far this year, Sunday (12 incidents) is the most likely day for a call to the fire department, with Tuesday (10), Wednesday (10), and Thursday (nine) not far behind.

■ So far this year, the most common time for a call is 2 p.m.

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JORDAN PLANNING COMMISSION
Submitted by:
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CITY OF JORDAN COUNTY OF SCOTT STATE OF MINNESOTA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED VARIANCE REQUEST AT 210 ELDORADOR DRIVE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Jordan will hold a public hearing during their September 13, 2011 meeting on at approximately 6:30 pm or soon after at the Jordan High School located at 600 Sunset Drive Jordan, MN 55352.

The purpose of this hearing is to accept public input on the proposed variance request to split one lot into two at 210 Eldorado Drive. This variance request would be allow for the two lots to have 115.21 feet and 120.14 feet vs. 150 feet as front footage. A copy of the proposed variance is on file at City Hall, 210 East First Street, and may be viewed during the regular business hours of 8:30 am to 5:00 pm Monday-Friday.

All interested parties are invited to attend the meeting and be heard on the matter. If you cannot attend the hearing but would like to provide comment, please do so in person or in writing to the Senior Planner no later than 5:00 on Friday, September 9, 2011.

JORDAN PLANNING COMMISSION
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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JORDAN IN THE COUNTY OF SCOTT AUGUST 1, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Present: Acting Mayor Shaw, Velishek, Schultz, Boncher, Goebel, and Thill. Absent: Mayor Pete Ewals. Also Present: Administrator Shukle, Police Chief Malz, Administrative Assistant Dault, Senior Planner Janish, Finance Director Nikunen, Engineer Loose, and Attorney Margarit. Absent: Public Works Director Bendzick.

Motion Velishek second Goebel to approve the July 18, 2011 regular session minutes as amended. Motion approved.

Motion Thill second Velishek to set the agenda as amended to add Item 7 © Pension Increase Request from Fire Relief Association, Possible Closed Session, and Item 12 © Recent publication in the paper and pending restraining order. Motion approved.

Dawn Buhain commented on "Beyond the Yellow Ribbon South of the River" which is a community effort to honor, serve and support all military families both past and present.

Robert Envall of 933 Hope Avenue commented on first amendment rights and the pending allegations against the Mayor and suggested an immediate resignation of the Mayor.

Michelle Bisek of 101 1st Street W. read a letter about her thoughts on the crematory.

Richard Thom of 211 Varner Street read a letter regarding his feelings that residents with electrophysensitivity be allowed to have options with regards to what type of water meter is installed in their homes.

Kathy Mattson of 208 Crestview Circle commented on freedom of speech and the effect that speech has.

Christa Oldsberg of 204 W. 1st Street commented that zoning is an important tool and it is used for the purpose of promoting health, safety, and the welfare of the public.

Henry Aretz of 113 2nd Street E. stated there is pollution and noise everywhere and if you don't like it grow up or move.

Julie Bischke of 205 East Street commented on insurance, loss history, litigation, dropped coverage, and keeping the best interest of the taxpayers in mind.

Jim Pensyl of 756 O'Day Drive stated there can be a compromise in any situation and that compromise should be sought.

Jim Fink of 204 E. 1st Street passed a fact sheet of test results on crematories.

Kathy Lopic of 102 Sawmill Road was disappointed that Mayor Ewals was not at the meeting and that he is innocent until proven guilty.

Motion Goebel second Schultz to approve the road closures for National Night Out on August 2,

Motion approved.
Finance Director Nikunen provided Council with the legal bill breakdowns for 2011 and the projects associated with them. Mr. Goebel wanted the Council to be aware of how much it costs for the attorney to research frivolous items.

Motion Schultz second Thill to approve the purchase of the 2007 LT9500 Sterling Chassis from Stat Truck Center for \$75,000. Abstain Goebel. Motion approved.

Finance Director Nikunen stated the Jordan Fire Relief Association is requesting a pension increase to the per-year of service pay for retirement. Motion Velishek second Boncher to approve the proposed 3-year pension plan as presented above. Abstain Goebel. Motion carried.

Motion Boncher second Goebel to adopt the Park and Recreation Commission's recommendation to approve the appointment of Lance Schmitt and Nancy Murray to the Park and Recreation Commission. Motion approved.

Motion Thill second Goebel to recommend to the Planning Commission to amend the City Code to utilize Option 1 which is to designate the crematory as an accessory use of funeral home. Oppose Boncher. Motion carried.

Motion Goebel second Boncher to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2011-11 an ordinance amending Section 11.85 of the Storm Water Management Ordinance. Abstain Thill. Motion approved.

Motion Velishek second Boncher to approve Resolution 8-22-2011 authorizing the summary publication of Ordinance No. 2011-11 regarding Storm Water Management. Abstain Thill. Motion approved.

Motion Thill second Velishek to approve the final pay estimate to Chard Tiling and Excavating for \$47,869.77. Motion approved.

Motion Thill second Velishek to move to a Closed Session for Attorney Client Privilege. Motion approved.

Motion Velishek second Thill to not enact any enforcement action at this time against Ballard Sunder Funeral Home due to the cost of initiating a lawsuit, and that the Council will defer to the State of Minnesota who has the authority to pull Ballard Sunder's license. Motion approved. Oppose Boncher.

Motion Velishek second Schultz to approve the three revisions to the City Council Meeting Protocol as presented and to table discussion on the bylaws. Motion approved.

Motion Thill second Velishek to approve the EDA's recommendation to reappoint Ron Jabs to the EDA for a 5 year term beginning August 1, 2011 through July 31, 2016. Motion approved.

Motion Velishek second Thill to make a motion of no confidence concerning Mayor Pete Ewals and not to condone his current arbitrary actions/behaviors, because he acted solely by trying to enforce the judge's order concerning the crematory when the City Council had not taken an action or made a vote as a whole. Oppose Boncher. Motion carried.

Motion Velishek second Schultz to approve Consent Agenda item A:

Bills
Motion approved.

Mr. Shaw reminded the public of the upcoming work session on the Library scheduled for Wednesday, August 3rd at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Councilmember Goebel asked about the status of the Planning Commission appointments. Councilmember Schultz asked if there was going to be a plaque or something on the cannon detailing the history of it. Councilmember Velishek stated the liaison for the Chamber would like an entire Planning Commission packet. Ms. Velishek also commented on the flyer that was distributed around town. Ms. Velishek stated she was unhappy with the recent Star Tribune article that indicated that the Council was contacted about the crematory but did not want to comment. She and four other members of the Council were never contacted by the paper.

Motion Boncher second Velishek to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m. Motion approved.

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CITY OF JORDAN, MINNESOTA
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL WORKSHOP

AUGUST 3, 2011
A special City Council Workshop to discuss public library planning was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Mike Shaw. Also Present from the City Council: Boncher, Goebel, Schultz and Velishek. Absent: Mayor Ewals and Councilmember Thill. Also Present: Gary Shelton, Scott County Administrator; Bill Jaffa, Scott County Community Development Agency (SCCDA); Steve Dunbar, Dunbar Development; Frank Dunbar, Dunbar Development; Kevin Ellsworth, Scott County Chief Financial Officer; Mike Baumgartner, President, St. Francis Hospital; Dan Wilson, Wilson Development Services; Nikunen, Finance Director; and Shukle, City Administrator.

Shukle explained the purpose of the meeting and provided background on the study of municipal facilities since 2003

Earlier this year, the SCCDA and Scott County approached the city about the feasibility of building a joint project which would consist of an independent housing/public library with the possibility of including a medical clinic and pharmacy, all in the same building, on what is known as the Vig site. The SCCDA and Scott County met with the city council in a work session in March 2011 and presented a concept of this type of project. Scott County floated the idea of financing the city's portion of the project similar to what they are doing with a housing/public library project in Elko New Market. The council seemed interested in pursuing this and took the matter under advisement.

Scott County then came back and announced that the SCCDA had purchased the Vig site for purposes of constructing a housing facility and wanted to know if the city would be interested in joining in the project with a public library. The county and SCCDA reached out to St. Francis Hospital to encourage them to be part of the project either locating a medical clinic and pharmacy in the same building or locating the clinic and pharmacy on the same site but as a stand-alone project. St. Francis has not committed to being a part of the same building or having their own building but they are still committed to having their medical clinic and, hopefully, a pharmacy, in Jordan. Again, he stated that the purpose of the workshop meeting this evening was to discuss the background regarding the municipal facilities and more specifically, the public library but also to discuss the feasibility of pursuing a joint project with Scott County and the SCCDA.

Following Shukle's presentation, Gary Shelton, Scott County Administrator, presented the concept of a Jordan Mixed Use Development - St. Francis Clinic and Pharmacy, Scott County Library at Jordan and Senior Housing Apartments.

Mr. Shelton provided a general overview of the project - location, senior housing, clinic/pharmacy and library. This included the clinic and pharmacy and what the options were in terms of a shared facility, separate facility and separate contractors. He reviewed the library option regarding size and future expansion, funding and fiscal impacts and analysis.

Following some questions from the city council, the consensus was to move the project forward for formal approval at the August 15, 2011 regular city council meeting. Shukle stated that it would be appropriate for the council to approve a resolution and memorandum of understanding regarding the cooperative effort of the city, county and CDA to carry out the project and enter into a joint powers agreement with the county and CDA for the project.

The special workshop meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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