

Lanesboro City Council

Monday, February 4, 2013

Council Chambers at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Steve Rahn, Joe O'Connor, Tom Dybing and Tom Smith

Absent: Keith Eide

Visitors: Robert Thompson, Jade Sexton and Jim Kochie of Davy Engineering

REGULAR MEETING:

Rahn called the regular meeting to order.

Dybing made a motion to approve the agenda with adding Robert Thompson in regards to special assessments, on call pay for ambulance and township meeting for ambulance and fire, second by O'Connor, motion carried.

The Regular Meeting Minutes of January 7, 2013 were approved with a motion by O'Connor, second Dybing, motion carried.

The Special Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2013 were approved with a motion by Smith, second Rahn, motion carried.

PERSONS WITH BUSINESS BEFORE THE COUNCIL:

- A. Jim Kochie – Davy Engineering – Water Radium Issues:** O'Connor noted that Davy was selected to provide the preliminary study and water quality report for the Lanesboro Public Utilities. He noted that the Department of Health required Lanesboro to have a preliminary study to be done due to the high radium levels in testing done by the Department of Health. O'Connor noted that the Public Utilities interviewed four firms and selected Davy due to their experience. Kochie reviewed the report provided noting that currently the City is required to come into compliance by August 2014. Kochie noted also that wells 1 and 2 based on the study should be abandoned. It was noted that well 3 could stay in place but the water must be treated due to the 2012 testing done by the state. It was suggested that a new well be installed near well 3, and be called well 4 and would have the capacity to generate 500gpm. Davy outlined in the document provided the three priorities that they have suggested, however at this point they felt that we needed to start with three objectives: 1) a request for a new timeline from the Minnesota Department of Health based on the schedule provided in the report 2) seek out land for the well and treatment plant, near the existing tower would be the best location so that both wells can be treated efficiently and 3) start getting our names into the funding sources for future funding. O'Connor made a motion to move forward with the three objectives as recommended by the engineer and the Lanesboro Public Utilities, second Dybing, motion carried.

- B. Robert Thompson:** Thompson noted that he has read that other communities have very old water mains, he noted that most cities are not assessing for the replacement cost of those utilities, that the charges are put into the water rates. He asked the Council to not do any more special assessments for utilities for projects as he feels it is not fair. He asked the Council to review their assessment policy and to consider what is right and fair.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION MEETINGS:

- A. Public Utilities: December 17 – O’Connor:** O’Connor noted that the dam bill has been put in by our legislators in hopes to have 1.1 million from the next bonding bill. He noted that the Public Utilities also recommended to continue to move forward for the land acquisition, the schedule change and funding for the water treatment plant and well, and to pursue all three priorities.
- B. Library: January 15th - Eide:** There was nothing to report at this time.
- C. HPC: January 14th – Vickerman:** It was noted that the HPC reviewed the project requests for the Small Cities funds.
- D. P&Z: January 14th – Dybing:** Dybing noted that the P&Z approved a B&B permit for Joe and Lydia O’Connor and also reviewed the small cities projects.
- E. Chamber:** No report
- F. Fire Department:** It was noted that the Ice Fishing tournament would be held February 16th and Vickerman would be attending the rural fire board meeting next week.
- G. Ambulance:** Smith made a motion for the Lanesboro Ambulance service to meet with persons having a vested interest in the service such as the City of Lanesboro, Lanesboro Fire Department and contributing townships, to continue to develop a comprehensive plan for the future of the ambulance service and if needed the Council may appoint a sub-committee to assist them, second O’Connor motion carried. Rahn made a motion to pay on call pay for \$1/hour for two ambulance members retro to the citation date from the state, second Dybing, motion carried. Rahn made a motion to appoint Lee Peterson as the Assistant Director, second O’Connor, motion carried.

HOUSEKEEPING:

- A. Paying of the Bills:** Dybing made a motion to approve the bills as presented, the extra bills listed by Vickerman and any additional ordinary bills until the next meeting, second O’Connor, motion carried.
- B. Administrator Report:** Vickerman reported that the Pay Equity, Annual Budget and two grants have been submitted in January.

- C. Playful City Application/Grant:** O'Connor made a motion for Vickerman to apply to be a Playful City again in 2013 and also to apply for the grant for new equipment, second Smith, motion carried.
- D. Pay Equity Report:** Vickerman noted that she fulfilled the pay equity requirement and submitted the pay scales from before her time here. Rahn made a motion to approve the pay equity report, second Smith, motion carried.
- E. Lodging Tax Ordinance Public Hearing:** Dybing made a motion to have the public hearing at 5:30pm, March 4th at the beginning of the regular scheduled meeting, second O'Connor, motion carried.
- F. Ambulance Policies and Directions:** This took place under committees and commissions.
- G. Miscellaneous:** None

ADJOURN:

O'Connor made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:52pm, second Smith, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobbie Vickerman
City Administrator/Clerk