

Lanesboro City Council
Regular Meeting
Monday, May 4th, 2015
5:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers

Present: Jason Resseman, Autumn Johnson, Tom Dybing, Robin Krom and Tom Smith

Absent: None

Visitors: Tom Manion

Regular Meeting:

Mayor Krom called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

- A. Agenda:** Mayor Krom asked if there were any additional items to be added to the agenda. Administrator Todd advised the Council that there were "Persons of Interest" to add at this time; Mike Charlebois to address the Council regarding three issues, Sandy Kiel to address the Council regarding introductions of Shirley Mulder and a request for funds for beautification, and Andy Drake to address the Council regarding bids for roof replacement. Council Member Resseman made a motion to adopt the agenda with the additions of the aforementioned persons of interest. The motion was seconded by Council Member Dybing. Motion carried all in favor.
- B. Minutes:** Council Member Dybing moved to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting from April 6th, 2015. Motion seconded by Council Member Resseman. Motion carried all in favor.

Public Hearing: Request for Zoning Change from R-1 to R-3 in the 200 Block of Ashburn Street East

Mayor Krom closed the regular meeting at 5:35 p.m. and opened the Council Chambers for the public hearing to discuss the request.

Administrator Todd advised the Council that upon the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission, the request for the Council to consider was a zoning change from Residential -1 to Residential -3 to allow for short term rentals in the 200 block of Ashburn Street East. John Hungerholt brought forth the request and had paid the appropriate fee. Notification was sent out by Administrator Todd to each resident and business within a 350 foot radius of the 200 Block of Ashburn Street for the public hearing. Administrator Todd advised the Council that he had spoken to two homeowners, via telephone, who were in favor of the zoning change. Mrs. Kate O'Neary was on hand to oppose the zoning change stating that it was a detriment to the City in that it opposed the recruitment and retention of people moving into the area by creating too many short-term rentals.

Mayor Krom, citing no other public input, closed the public hearing at 5:45 p.m. and re-opened the regular meeting of the Lanesboro City Council.

Persons of Interest before the Council

- A. Chamber of Commerce-Sandy Kiel:** Sandy Kiel, Chamber Board President was on hand to introduce Shirley Mulder to the Council. She indicated that Mrs. Mulder will be the liaison to the City Council from the Chamber and will attend all meetings of the City Council henceforth. Mrs. Kiel also was on hand to request funds for beautification (hanging baskets). She indicated that the amount of the 26 baskets was \$998.00 and she was asking the Council to pay for half of the total. (\$499.00). Administrator Todd advised that historically, the City Council has donated \$500.00 for this purpose. Council Member Smith voiced concern, indicating that the City Employees have always hung the baskets and that just last year, there was an issue with paying overtime to Park staff to insure the baskets and flowers were watered. He indicated that these "in-kind" funds should be considered in lieu of a monetary donation towards the hanging baskets. Motion was made by Council Member Dybing to provide a monetary donation to the Chamber for hanging baskets in the amount of \$499.00. Motion was seconded by Council Member Johnson. Motion carried with Council Member Tom Smith and Council Member Resseman voting no and Council Member(s) Dybing, Johnson, and Mayor Krom voting yes.
- B. Mike Charlebois:** Mr. Charlebois was on hand to address the Council regarding the new legislation passed in Minnesota allowing Sunday Growler sales as well as 8:00 a.m. liquor sales. Mr. Charlebois was seeking Council support for the new measures and also for the adoption of an ordinance or language within current City ordinance stipulating the new laws and the dollar amount of the permit. Mr. Charlebois indicated that the current permit is very costly and he didn't believe that any additional fees should be attached to the new language. Council Member Smith made a motion to amend current City ordinance to include the new language allowing Sunday Growler sales as well as 8:00 a.m. liquor sales without any additional cost for the permit. Motion was seconded by Council Member Resseman. Motion carried all in favor. Council asked the City Attorney to amend the language or create an ordinance allowing for the new legislation.

Mr. Charlebois also addressed the Council regarding striping of Parkway Avenue in front of his business. He indicated that people have been parking in the lane designated for bicycle travel and he believes striping will alleviate the issue. Mr. Charlebois was advised that the MnDOT was responsible for striping on Parkway because it is a State Highway and he was advised to contact them.

Lastly, Mr. Charlebois asked that the Council consider providing some relief for an erosion issue that he stated was caused by having an old storm water drainage pipe located under his building. Mr. Charlebois stated that the previous Administrator advised him that the City would rip-rap the area to decrease the erosion caused by flooding. He indicated that he had contacted a contractor regarding the issue and is confident that rip-rap could be applied to the area, although it is directly under his deck. Council advised to secure some quotes and they will revisit the issue at a later meeting.

- C. Andy Drake:** Street Superintendent Drake was on hand to address the Council regarding replacing the roof on the street shop. Drake provided two estimates for the job. Motion was made by Council Member Dybing to accept the bid from Schultz Builders LLC for

replacement of the roof in the amount of \$10,442.00. Motion was seconded by Council Member Resseman. Motion carried with Council Member Johnson recusing herself.

Drake also presented a quote from Bruening Rock Products for crushed rock for City operations (see attached quote) Class 2-3/4"--\$11.80 per ton delivered and spread; 1-1-1/2" or 2" with fines--\$11.80 per ton delivered and spread; 1-1/2" Clean--\$12.80 per ton delivered and spread. Motion was made by Council Member Resseman to accept the quote as presented. Motion was seconded by Council Member Johnson. Motion carried all in favor.

Lastly, Street Superintendent Drake requested the Council look into a long-range street plan. He advised that some of the issues regarding the streets in Lanesboro will need to be addressed sooner rather than later. He indicated that some of the disrepair of the streets will need to involve an engineer. Council instructed Administrator Todd to send out a request for proposals for a street plan and the Council will decide what to do at that point. Drake also asked the Council if he could seek quotes for seal coating (2nd coat on Kenilworth). Motion was made by Council Member Johnson to seek quotes for seal coating. Motion was seconded by Council Member Resseman. Motion carried all in favor.

Committee/Commission Reports:

- A. Library:** Mayor Krom advised the Council of the Library Board meeting that took place April 15th, 2015. He indicated that circulation totals for the library were at 2,187 for the month. Mayor Krom also stated that the Friends of the Library will be donating \$1,000 for new and additional lighting for the hallway by the mural.
- B. Ambulance:** No report.
- C. Public Utilities:** LPU Commissioner Coleman briefed the Council on the April 2015 PUC meeting. Coleman stated that they had addressed a request for relief of hook-up fees for the Root River Ag building as a potential spot for the new distillery business. The PUC did not take action on this item as the building, owned by Rick Lamon, currently has water and sewer hook-ups. The responsibility for re-routing those hook-ups would be the sole responsibility of the owner/operator of the premise. Council Member Smith noted that the PUC should look into a new resident or new business incentive of waiving fees or some other option to bring new people to town. Coleman stated that the PUC's policy is rooted in equity; any incentive offered must be offered to all. Coleman stated that she had consulted with the City Administrators in other areas, including St. Charles who indicated that they do not provide incentives or waive certain fees for new businesses and residents. Coleman indicated that other municipalities charge, in some cases, more than double the amount that Lanesboro charges in hook-up fees and the fact that our fees are much less expensive should be considered an incentive in and of itself. Coleman stated the PUC is setting aside money for manhole repair in their upcoming budget and is considering a "round-up" program whereby a utility customer can round up the amount on their utility bill to a whole dollar amount. The amount would go towards funding a new ambulance facility.
- D. HPC:** Council Member Resseman advised the Council that the HPC addressed a permit for signage at Pedal Pusher's Restaurant and they also welcomed Sue Harris, proprietor of Anna V's B&B as the new member of the HPC.

- E. Planning and Zoning:** Council Member Dybing provided the Council and update for the P&Z meeting that took place in April. He advised that the Commission addressed building permits for signage at Pedal Pusher's Restaurant (Scott and Angie Taylor), Signage at Granny's Liquor (Lori Bakke), and signage for an antique store (Blake Norby). The P&Z Commission also addressed a request for zoning change for John Hungerholt in the 200 Block of Ashburn Street (public hearing for this meeting) and a request for a chicken permit.
- F. Park Board:** Council Member Johnson provided the Council with an update of the Park Board meeting. The Park Board addressed the Ga-Ga pit in Sylvan Park; the Girl Scouts have completed the task. The Bunny Trail is moving forward and the Church Hill Condo Board had agreed to lease a portion of their land to Autumn Johnson at the price of \$1.00 per year for 10 years with the project tentatively to start in July of 2015. The Chamber had requested assistance from the Park employees to help water the hanging baskets. The Park Board indicated that this task is very labor intensive and caused the City to expend overtime funds to complete it. Administrator Todd asked Park Supervisor Nordgaard if he thought he could work the watering into his morning routine and complete it on a Monday, Wednesday, Friday schedule. He stated that he could. The Park Board advised the Chamber that, observing this schedule, they would need to find an alternative means of watering the flowers on the weekends. The Chamber stated that they are looking into ways to make the baskets self-watering or means to conserve water so they wouldn't need to be watered more than thrice weekly. The Chamber also asked for \$500.00 to be donated toward the purchase of the plants and baskets.
- G. Lanesboro Chamber of Commerce:** The Chamber advised that there is a fund raiser, golf tournament at the Old Barn Resort in August for anybody wishing to participate.
- H. Fire Department:** No report.
- I. EDA:** Council Member Jason Resseman provided the update on the EDA meeting that took place April, 2015. The EDA was hosting a meeting of RAEDI-Rochester Area Economic Development Inc. at their last meeting to see if they could provide assistance in navigating the impending DMC impact on the area. Resseman advised that the meeting was very informative. Likewise, Resseman indicated that there was an outstanding balance from a loan originating from the EDA to a local business owner that had come into arrears. Council Member Johnson suggested having a collection letter drafted by the City Attorney to try and collect the debt. Motion was made by Council Member Johnson to have City Attorney Manion craft a collection letter to the business owner. Motion was seconded by Council Member Resseman. Motion carried with Council Member Smith recusing himself.

Regular Business:

- A. Accounts Payable:** Council Member Dybing made a motion to approve the payables as presented. Motion was seconded by Council Member Johnson. Motion carried all in favor.
- B. Petition for Detachment-Lanesboro Golf Course:** Lanesboro City Council addressed a petition for detachment from the Lanesboro Golf Course. The petition stated that the Golf Course requested detachment for the possibility of digging a well for irrigation purposes. Administrator Todd stated that according to ordinances in place, the Golf Course could dig a well as long as it is not for potable water and did not connect to the City water system. The Council indicated that there was no justifiable reason to support the petition for detachment.

- C. Resolution 2015-14-Responding to Request for Detachment:** Motion was made by Council Member Resseman not to support detachment based on the reason submitted as well as it not being in the best interest of the City. Motion was seconded by Council Member Johnson. Council Member(s) Dybing, Smith and Mayor Krom abstained citing their membership of the golf club. Motion failed to satisfy the quorum requirement. No action taken.
- D. Parking Committee Recommendations:** This issue was discussed at length by the Parking Committee as well as the City Council. The Council felt as though there was not a need to craft an ordinance regarding two-hour parking along Parkway Avenue. Rather, the Council supports placing signage educating people about parking in the Bass Pond Parking Lot. The Council also heard of the need to designate a few locations as motorcycle parking (one at Iron Horse Outfitters and the other at The Soap Shop). The Council thought it best to check with the DNR regarding right of way and trail access by the Soap Shop prior to striping.
- E. Draft City Ordinance-Designating Two-Hour Parking on Parkway Ave:** The Council agreed that there was not a need to further an ordinance limiting two-hour parking on Parkway Avenue. Motion was made by Council Member Smith not to further an ordinance relating to parking along Parkway Avenue designated as two-hour parking. Motion was seconded by Council Member Resseman. Motion carried all in favor. Motion was made by Council Member Resseman to attach signage along Parkway Avenue indicating that there is all day parking and trail access at the Bass Pond. Motion was seconded by Mayor Krom with the language decided by the Administrator prior to posting. Motion carried all in favor.
- F. Liquor License-On-Sale Wine License-Mrs. B's B&B:** Motion was made by Council Member Dybing to approve the liquor license request for Mrs. B's B&B. Motion was seconded by Council Member Resseman. Motion carried all in favor.
- G. Blaine and Sarah York-Chicken Permit:** Motion was made by Council Member Dybing to approve the chicken permit and conduct random inspection of the property to insure cleanliness and to insure the proper enforcement of the tenets of the ordinance. Motion was seconded by Council Member Smith. Motion carried all in favor.
- H. Lodging License-Iron Horse Outfitters:** Motion was made by Council Member Dybing to approve the lodging license predicated on the final inspection by the state health department granting approval. Motion seconded by Council Member Resseman. Motion carried all in favor.
- I. Miscellaneous:** After careful consideration by the City Council, it was determined that the change of zoning request addressed during the public hearing would not harm the growth of the City. Motion was made by Council Member Dybing to grant the zoning change for the 200 block of Ashburn Street East from R-1 to R-3 and to allow short-term rentals in that area. Motion was seconded by Council Member Resseman. Motion carried all in favor.

Next Meeting: Monday, June 1st, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURN: Council Member Resseman moved to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Motion seconded by Council Member Johnson. Motion carried all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Todd
City Administrator