

Lanesboro City Council
Regular Meeting
Monday, June 5th, 2017
5:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers

Present: Autumn Johnson, Jason Resseman, Marge Drake, Tom Smith, and Bridget Harvey

Absent: None

Visitors: Attorney Tom Manion, Bretta Grabau, Char and Michael Brown, Hannah Wingert, Alton Erickson, Jamie Sveen, Brian Malm, Drew Weber, David and Marti Gray, Ron Amdahl, Trent Olson, Jon and Barb Wilford, and Bonnie Handmacher.

Regular Meeting:

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

- A. Agenda:** Member Resseman motioned to approve the agenda as submitted with the following additions: Refuse Contract and Liquor License addition to Miscellaneous. Member Drake seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.
- B. Approval of Minutes:**
1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting, May 1st, 2017
 2. Minutes of the City Council and Lanesboro Public Utilities Meeting, May 1st, 2017
- Mayor Johnson motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. Mayor Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.
- C. Consent Agenda:**
1. Accounts Payable
 2. Ordinance 70.43 – Designating a portion of Elmwood Street as one-way
 3. Gambling Permit for Eide Golf Tournament, July 8th, 2017
 4. Ordinance 910.21 – Animal Ordinance
- Member Resseman motioned to approve the Consent agenda. Mayor Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.

Mike Bubany – Resolution 2017-19 Authorizing issuance and sale of GO Bonds: Mike Bubany presented the results of the sale of GO Bonds, and recommended that the sale be authorized to Northland Trust Services, Inc. Member Resseman motioned to approve resolution 2017-19 providing for the issuance and sale of \$1,465,000 General Obligation improvement and utility revenue bonds, series 2017A, pledging for the security thereof special assessments and net revenues and levying a tax for the payment thereof. Mayor Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.

Committee Reports:

- A. Public Works:** Public Works director Andy Drake was present and noted that the work to change Elmwood street east from Parkway to Kenilworth into a one-way street was complete. He noted that work to repair the damage from flooding last fall on the Coffee Street walking bridge started today.

Drake also stated that he had completed placing the rock in the new brush dump; the new site will be open very soon.

- B. Park:** Liaison Marge Drake provided input that the reinstallation of a drinking fountain in Sylvan Park has been completed; it is placed on the north side of the Gazebo. Drake also noted that the Park truck recently turned 100,000 miles, replacement may be needed soon. The DNR donated an aerator to the City for use in the Ponds in Sylvan, as one of the City's aerators had quit working. Drake also stated the importance and need for improving the Park Road.
- C. Public Utilities:** Liaison Tom Smith provided an update for the commission. The Commission reviewed a presentation from Phil Dybing regarding a low pressure sewer installation along Zenith Street. Costs were estimated to run \$22,000 - \$23,000 for the City, with the City completing the digging for a 2" line. Each homeowner would have an estimated expense of \$7,000 - \$8,000. Smith also noted that the Commission is currently working with Verizon Wireless for the installation of small cell towers, which should help the phone reception in Lanesboro by freeing up some of the bandwidth. The Commission also approved the trade in of the 2012 LPU truck, and the purchase of a new 2017 model.

Community Interest:

- A. Ron Amdahl – property concerns:** Administrator Peterson noted that work along North Valley Drive along with Highline work was completed between 2010 and 2011. In the process of these projects 3 large brush piles were left behind. It was the understanding of staff completing the work that this was acceptable and that no further action was necessary. Mr. Amdahl speaking on behalf of his Mother Marie Amdahl asked that the piles be removed. It was discussed and noted that burning would be an acceptable means of removal. Mr. Amdahl also stated he felt that not all of the fencing removed had been replaced. Public Works director Drake noted that all fencing that had been removed was replaced. Member Resseman motioned to approve Public Works to work with the Amdahl's for the removal of the brush piles, as well replace approximately 350 feet of barbed wire fencing. Member Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.
- B. Alton Erickson – LMCIT information:** Erickson was present to discuss the benefits of the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust. Of most significance was the fact that the LMCIT is not a business, it is in fact a trust. Erickson also noted that he recently inquired for another City the cost of liability insurance, the estimate came back twice that of what they were paying with LMCIT.

Regular Business:

- A. Resolution 2017-20 – Receiving Report and Calling for Hearing on Improvement (Park Road):** Brian Malm presented a completed Feasibility report for the Park Road. He provided an overview of the condition and improvements needed. The estimated cost is \$306,000 the school will also be participating in the total cost. Member Harvey motioned to accept the report and call for a hearing. Member Resseman seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.
- B. Resolution 2017-21 – Receiving Report and Calling for Hearing on Improvement (Pleasant and Sheridan alley):** Brian Malm presented a completed Feasibility report for the Pleasant and Sheridan Alley. He provided an overview of the condition and improvements needed. The estimated cost for the project is \$156,498. Assessments are recommended for the cost of the sanitary sewer improvements only. The time schedule should the council chose to move forward would match that of the Park Road, in order to attempt to realize some cost savings. Mayor Johnson motioned to accept the report and call for a hearing. Member Harvey seconded the motion. Resident Trent Olson voiced concern for the depth of the sanitary sewer, it was noted that it is not planned to lower the existing level of the sanitary sewer. Motion carried all in favor.

Malm also noted that the neighborhood meeting was well attended for the Auburn / Zenith road project. He also noted that work would begin this past Saturday, and digging is expected to begin on Wednesday.

C. Credit Card Acceptance Contract: Administrator Peterson discussed the desire to accept credit cards, while noting there are several individuals who ask on a regular basis. Acceptance could be used towards the following payments: Utilities, camping, permits, licenses, ambulance, fire, lodging tax, Buffalo Bill Days, and Special Assessments. Council asked to continue the discussion, and asked to have Attorney Manion review the contract.

D. Continued Business:

1. Sunday Liquor Sales Ordinance: Attorney Manion noted that in fact our current ordinance does refer to the State Statute, and therefore an updated ordinance is not needed to encompass the new Sunday liquor sales.

2. Chamber of Commerce Lease Agreement: Four questions were raised from the Chamber Board:

- #5, City staff will maintain the public restrooms, council agreed with this additional statement.
- #6, regarding payment of water, sewer, and electric – the Chamber requests only paying a half of the electric, water, and sewer used in the office and that the City pays a portion for the public use. Member Resseman motioned to have the lease read that the Chamber of Commerce and the DNR share ½ each of the water, sewer, and electric at this location. Mayor Johnson seconded the motion. Discussion was had noting that the City does share in the expense of these bathrooms in that we maintain them. Motion carried all in favor.
- #9, stated that the City will take care of structural concerns, while the Chamber will maintain any cosmetic issues. Council agreed with this adding this statement to the Lease agreement.
- #9, the Chamber board requested further clarification on the landscaping. The City Council requested the language remain as originally suggested. Member Harvey motioned to keep the language the same, having the Chamber be responsible for all of the landscaping in that area. Member Resseman seconded the motion. Discussion was had regarding the importance of this area looking nice, as well as the importance of communication. Member Harvey noted that the City would support the efforts where and when able to. Motion carried all in favor.

E. Miscellaneous:

- 1. Donation:** The Sons of the Legion donated the new flags and poles in the Council Chambers.
- 2. Tree City USA:** The DNR has approved the City's application for Tree City USA, at this point the Arbor Day Foundation is reviewing the application.
- 3. 2018 Budget:** Year to date financials are included in the packets. Next month Council will begin the 2018 budget discussions.
- 4. Fire Department Grant:** The Fire Department has recently been awarded three grants. One from the State of MN for \$5,000 towards a turnout gear washer. Another for \$12,500 from the

USDA toward new sirens for town. Finally a third for \$13,500 from the USDA towards the purchase of a boat and UTV.

5. **Dam Funding:** The Governor has signed the bonding bill, the City has been appropriated \$4,000,000 for the renovation of the Lanesboro Dam. Administrator Peterson has withdrawn the application with the USDA, as well is verifying with SHPO on the process for approval. Peterson is also in contact with the engineer Ayers & Associates to determine what needs to happen next.
6. **Police Contract:** Members Drake and Smith met with Administrator Peterson to review the current contract. A revision was then reviewed by Attorney Manion. Peterson then forwarded the proposed contract to the Joe Hoffman, with the City of Preston. Preston representatives will review the contract, and forward any comments. From there the contract will be presented to both Councils for approval.
7. **Refuse Contract:** Mayor Johnson motioned to approve the refuse contract with Advanced Disposal. Member Harvey seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.
8. **Liquor License Addition:** Member Resseman motioned to approve the strong beer authorization for the wine license for The Granary. Mayor Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.

Closed Meeting: Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.05 subdivision 3 (a) the meeting will be closed to discuss staff performance reviews of those who are subject to the Lanesboro City Council's authority. The meeting was closed at 6:45 p.m. with a 5 minute recess prior to beginning the Closed portion of the meeting.

The meeting was reopened to the public at 7:26 p.m.

The Council announced that they had discussed a performance review of the Ambulance Director, as well had reviewed input from the director.

Next Meeting: Monday, July 3rd, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Peterson
City Administrator/Clerk