

Lanesboro City Council
Regular Meeting
Monday, July 5, 2016
5:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers

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

Absent: Jason Resseman

Visitors: Attorney Tom Manion, Bretta Grabau, Hannah Wingert, Michael and Char Brown, Kathy Kasten, Pat Gemlo, Dale Forster, Fred and Sandy Kiel, Ceil Allen, LuAnn Wilcox, Betsy Holbrook, Anna Loney, Bill Swanson, Jerod Wagner, Dona Conway, and Kjersten Peterson.

Regular Meeting:

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

- A. Agenda:** Member Johnson made a motion to approve the Agenda as submitted with the addition of: League of MN Cities announcement under miscellaneous and the deletion of item D (HPC) from Committee Reports. Motion seconded by Council Member Smith. Motion carried all in favor.
- B. Consent Agenda:**
- Minutes of the Regular Meeting, June 13, 2016
 - Accounts Payable
 - Summary Ordinance 92.03
 - Summary Ordinance 112.221

Council member Johnson asked to have the Minutes and the Accounts Payable be removed from the Consent Agenda. Member Dybing motioned to approve the remaining items on the Consent Agenda. Motion seconded by Council member Smith. Motion carried all in favor.

Member Johnson asked that a sentence be updated under the EDA Report, 4th line down, sentence should read "City funds available that had been designated for that project." Member Johnson motioned to approve the minutes with the changes.

Member Johnson questioned the amount of the bill for Harter's; Administrator Peterson will verify amount and expense. Johnson motioned to approve the payables. Member Dybing seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.

Committee/Commission Reports:

- A. Public Utilities (Tom Dybing):** The Commission at their regular meeting was informed regarding a sewer line issue, approved pavements for the Water Treatment Facility, as well will be addressing concerns associated with the project. Dybing also mentioned the Brown out that occurred on Memorial Day, the LPU will be communicating with Tri-County Electric to remedy these occurrences. Finally the commission was alerted to the need for 24 hour day coverage for generation. The LPU was notified that generation needs to be run whenever necessary, or fines could be implemented.
- B. EDA (Tom Smith):** The EDA will hold their regular meeting this Wednesday July 6. There was one application received for the open position on the EDA. Member Smith motioned to appoint Mark Gorman to the EDA. Member Dybing seconded the motion. There was additional discussion regarding the process to appointing

members to commissions. It was noted that due to the fact there was only one applicant, as well a qualified applicant, there was not a need to have the EDA make a recommendation first. Motion carried all in favor.

- C. **Fire Department (Jerod Wagner):** Chief Wagner noted there had been 4 water recreation calls recently. He stated that procedures during calls were in order and going well. The department also noted that if the rafts are used in a rescue, that the expense to recharge them would need to be billed out as part of the fire call. Wagner is also working with the Sheriff's department as well as other agencies along the Root River to find ways of providing a safe environment for those using the river.

Community Interest:

- A. **Anna Loney:** On Friday June 17th the Public Works department sprayed herbicide on certain areas in Lanesboro. Ms. Loney did receive information on the product being sprayed from the City office. She stated concern that there was no notification that the spraying would take place. Loney noted that she felt there were other ways to manage the weeds currently being sprayed with herbicide. Currently there is no written policy for spraying to be completed in Lanesboro. The Council felt that a written policy would be best. A task force will be created including Loney, Council member Dybing, and Public Works Director Drake. The group will meet and then report back to the Council with recommendations for the policy. Loney also noted that there is a class being held July 14th covering this subject.

Pat Gemlo felt that there previously had not had as much spraying in town as there is now. She felt that not all users were following the rules. Attorney Manion noted that this is a long time issue; the problem is that any rules need to be defensible. Manion will look for examples from other cities as well as from the League of MN Cities.

Regular Business:

- A. **Lanesboro Area Community Foundation:** Administrator Peterson noted that the Lanesboro Area Community Foundation is up and running, they do have a board currently consisting of 5 members. They will be looking to add additional members.
- B. **Concept Plan:** Michael Brown expressed gratitude to all involved in the creation of the Concept Plan, noting the many volunteers and donations. He felt that the Concept Plan pulled previous projects together, as well included possible future ideas. The plan notes what is special and unique to Lanesboro. The plan is currently available on the City website, as well as physical copies in the City Office and Public Library. Brown discussed the plan to hold one final meeting, topics would include ideas covering what volunteers felt worked and did not work in producing the Concept Plan. It was noted that the document is a City document, and therefore various commissions will be challenged to discuss possible projects set forth in the Concept Plan. Member Smith noted that he felt there was a lot of good information in the Concept Plan, and that a task force is needed. The planning & zoning commission will work on updating the zoning ordinances.
- C. **Continued Business:**
 - a. **Taxi Cab Ordinance:** Administrator Peterson had spoken with Chief Schultz; he did not have any insight into such an ordinance. Council requested that Peterson reach out to the interested person for their input on the proposed ordinance.
 - b. **Feasibility Study:** Member Dybing motioned to approve completing the feasibility study. Member Smith seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Concerns were brought forward regarding what exactly would be covered by the study as well as the area that would be focused on. Member Johnson noted concern if the study was a proper public purpose expenditure. Mayor Krom felt that the City was not subsidizing a business, due to the fact that the city would own the final report. Economic Development Authority member Bill Swanson was present to discuss the history of the EDA's desire to have this study completed. Swanson was able to provide information gathered from surrounding communities. Member Johnson noted the concern of the effect of the increased population would have on the ambulance service. It was stated that once the study is complete, then a business plan would be presented to the Council. Member Johnson again noted concern over the need to verify this is a proper

public expenditure. Mayor Krom, Council members Smith and Dybing voted in favor. Member Johnson voted no. Motion carried.

D. Miscellaneous:

- a) **League of MN Cities Announcement:** Administrator Peterson received notice from the League of MN Cities that Representative Greg David's is being recognized as a League of MN Cities legislature of distinction.

Closed Meeting: Mayor Krom called for a motion to adjourn the public portion of the meeting. Member Dybing motioned to close the public portion of the regular meeting at 6:47pm. Member Johnson seconded the motion. The motion was then amended to include the meeting had been closed for discussion regarding pending legal proceedings for detachment. Motion carried all in favor.

Next Meeting: Monday August 1st, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURN: Council Member Smith moved to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Motion seconded by Member Johnson. Motion carried all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Peterson
City Administrator/Clerk