

Lanesboro City Council
Monday, October 1, 2012
Council Chambers at 5:30 p.m.

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

Absent: Keith Eide

Visitors: Andy Drake, Sandy Solberg, Jim and Pam Watson, Julie Charlebois, Jan Meyer, Rick Lamon, Tom Manion, Michael Charlebois, Tom Smith, Richard Wolfgram, Dick Buggs

PUBLIC HEARING:

The public hearing was called to order by Mayor Rahn noting that members of the public can speak in regards to the petition by Rick and Cheryl Lamon to vacate a portion of Beacon Street.

Dick Buggs spoke in regards to the location as he had concerns with the lower level by the alley way. It was noted that the location would be closer to Beacon Street and as close the Stone Mill Suites as possible based on electric lines. He also asked about drainage from the construction and the property. Vickerman noted that ordinance for land use requires property owners to control the drainage from their construction and new buildings so that it does not affect other property owners.

Richard Wolfgram asked why it was necessary to vacate the portion of the street. It was noted that the actual structure would not be in the street, however due to setback requirements they would not be able to legally put the structure up without the vacation. He also questioned the historical area, hoping a duplex wouldn't ruin the integrity of the area. It was noted that the property is currently not in the historic district, however Lamon stated they would make it fit in historically, noting that he has done a lot of that type of work with the other buildings he owns.

Dick Buggs asked if the planning and zoning has reviewed the structure and it was noted that the permit did go before the planning and zoning and that without the partial vacation the structure could not go up. The Planning and Zoning will review the permit that evening. He also noted that this was the area that the snow gets pushed to, where would the snow go from there? Drake noted that the snow does get pushed there and that it would have to be pushed further to the corner and scooped out.

Tom Manion spoke about the vacation, noting that it had to be in the public's interest and the route that they were looking at was for economic development.

Bobbie Vickerman noted that she had received one public view point from Marlin Miner noting that he hoped that the historic aspect will be reviewed.

Rick Lamon noted that the house he wishes to move into the spot was his parents; he hopes to make it a commercial building or a lodging addition to the Stone Mill Suites. He stated that he has every intention of making the structure fit into the historic look of the City and that he is hoping to add tax base to the City and commercial development.

ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING: After no further comments, Dybing made a motion to adjourn the public hearing, second O'Connor, motion carried.

REGULAR MEETING:

Rahn called the regular meeting to order.

O'Connor made a motion to approve the agenda with adding request from high school to do a mock accident, add the support of the Sons of Norway for a grant and announcement of an ambulance grant received, second by Allen, motion carried.

The Regular Meeting Minutes of September 10, 2012 were approved with a motion by O'Connor, second Dybing, motion carried.

PERSONS WITH BUSINESS BEFORE THE COUNCIL:

- A. **Rick Lamon – Petition for Portion of Beacon Street East Vacation:** O'Connor made a motion to approve the resolution for a partial vacation as provided with the addition of the addendum items of the property must be used for a commercial purpose and the development must occur within a year of the vacation or the property returns to the City, second Allen, motion carried.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION MEETINGS:

- A. **Library: September 11th - Allen:** Allen noted that there would be an author presentation on the 24th.
- B. **PU: October 1st - O'Connor:** This meeting was postponed to October 15, 2012
- C. **Chamber Update: Julie Charlebois:** Julie reported that the Chamber was going to have a group look over the Sidewalk Ordinance to offer an opinion of changes. She also wanted to follow up with the speed of vehicles on the Highway 250 through town.

HOUSEKEEPING:

- A. **Paying of the Bills:** O'Connor made a motion to approve the bills as presented and any additional ordinary bills until the next meeting, second Dybing, motion carried.
- B. **Storm Sewer by Legion Line/Reroute:** It was noted that the engineer would have the feasibility study done for the November meeting.
- C. **Dam Update and Grants:** Vickerman noted that the City was awarded a \$300,000 grant through the Legacy funds, which with the \$900,000 matching grant from the DNR that was confirmed by Jason Boyle; the City stands to have 1.2 million of the 1.8 million project. She noted that she and the engineers are going to continue to seek funds.
- D. **Liquor License for Dinner Dance:** Rahn made a motion to approve the liquor license, second Dybing, motion carried.
- E. **Piano at Community Center:** It was noted that the piano did not have any big value so putting it out for bids would be the best option.

- F. League Regional Meeting, October 3rd at Lanesboro:** Allen noted that she was for sure going to attend.
- G. River/Glass Ordinance:** This item will be moved until all outfitters have the opportunity to review.
- H. Theater Liquor Special Ordinance Request:** Dybing made a motion to approve the special on sale license for the theater, second O'Connor, motion carried.
- I. Insurance Renewal:** It was noted to approve the insurance with the Does Not Waive option, motion by Rahn, second O'Connor, motion carried.
- J. Letter From Community Theater:** Vickerman read aloud the thank you letter from the Community Theater Group.
- K. Mock Crash:** Vickerman noted that City had worked with the school a few years back for the mock crash and it seemed to turn out well, the group used the Community Center and the parking lot for the event. Vickerman noted to the school that the kids should approach the ambulance, police and fire departments. Allen made a motion to approve the event, second O'Connor, motion carried.
- L. Sons of Norway – Grant Application:** The Sons of Norway is seeking a partner for applying for a grant for renovations of the building. Rahn made a motion for the City to be the partner, second O'Connor, motion carried.
- M. Ambulance Grant:** Dave Haugen applied for a grant through AGStar and received \$1000. He asked that the funds be used towards new radios. Allen made a motion to approve the use of the funds, second Dybing, motion carried.
- N. Miscellaneous Items:** None at this time.

ADJOURN:

Dybing made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second Allen, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobbie Vickerman
City Administrator/Clerk