

Lanesboro City Council
Regular Meeting
Monday, November 2nd, 2015
5:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers

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

Absent:

Visitors: Tom Manion

Regular Meeting:

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

- A. Agenda:** Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve the Agenda as submitted with the additions of: Mary Bell under Community Interest, as well as the deletion of Girls Day Out (to be presented in December). Motion seconded by Council Member Resseman. Motion carried all in favor.

- B. Minutes:** Council Member Resseman moved to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting from October 5th, 2015 as submitted. Motion seconded by Council Member Dybing. Motion carried all in favor.

Committee/Commission Reports:

- A. Library:** Mayor Krom noted that the library has exceeded its circulation goal of 2000 during the month of October. Averages of 16 children have been attending story time. The library continues to work on the idea of a Reading Garden, working with both the school and the Park Board. It was also noted that there will be a book fair held at the Community Center November 13th – 16th, 2015.
- B. Museum:** No update was available
- C. Ambulance:** Director Benson relayed that Mike Willford, Lee Peterson and Ken Graner recertified as first responders. Council member Johnson noted that the 12 lead which acquired through a grant was used this last month to save a person's life. Director Benson and First Responder Scott Strom were thanked for the efforts and service on this call.
- D. Public Utilities:** Commission member Theresa Coleman noted that Public Utilities Commission had adopted a policy for Renewable Energy which contains policy for net-metering. The PUC had also passed on a possible zoning ordinance for Renewable Energy to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Commissioner Coleman also stated that they had met with Davy Engineering with regards to possible sites for a Waste Water Treatment Plant. During this meeting three different sites were identified, to which more research will be done on the possibility of each site.
- E. HPC:** Council member Resseman stated the Heritage Preservation Commission had met at its regular meeting on October 19th, and still has an opening on the commission. He noted that Commissioner Dahle had given a presentation regarding a conference that he

had attended; he brought back several possible ideas to implement in Lanesboro. Resseman also noted that they are still working on this year's HPC award, as well as the Historic District expansion submission which is still waiting to be approved from the state. During the regular meeting two permits for the Brown property had been approved.

- F. Planning and Zoning:** Council member Dybing reported that the Planning & Zoning Commission had met on October 21st, 2015. At which time they did approve the recommendation to the council of the Renewable Energy Ordinance. Dybing then asked the council to waive the mailing requirement, and instead hold a public hearing to be held at the next Council meeting December 7th, 2015. It was noted that during the regular meeting there was also discussion regarding possible assistance with mapping, as well as permits approved for: Brown, Landro, Rogers, Banken, Grevstad, and Tindall/Bell.
- G. Park Board:** Council member Johnson stated that the Park Board is continuing to look at options for resurfacing the basketball courts next spring as well as the lighting under the County Rd 8 Bridge will be completed soon. The heating is still not functional in the Community Center building, although a ductless electric heater had been found and will be installed this week to heat the gym. Finally the skate park equipment has been paid for and will be completely removed very soon.
- H. EDA:** Council member Resseman stated the EDA had met on October 7th, 2015. Discussion was had regarding having a market analysis done, which could then entice developers to come to Lanesboro. There was also discussion regarding a staff EDA position, with attention to a job description, as well as the possibility of working with CEDA. The EDA is also planning on touring the Plainview Cooperative work station.
- I. Lanesboro Chamber of Commerce:** Business director Shirley Mulder updated the Council regarding items the Chamber is currently working on: Winona State, Marketing Analysis, Snow Flakes – bulbs getting replaced with LED bulbs, Small Business Saturday to be held November 28th, the Dinner Dance will be held December 5th – tickets are available at Granny's Liquor, Dave Harenstein will be stepping down as events coordinator – Cheryl Krage tourism director will be taking over those responsibilities, this year's Visitor Guide is in the rough draft stage, and the staffing hours of the Chamber have changed.
- J. Fire Department:** Fire Chief Jerod Wagner noted that there will be two new firemen going through required training, one of the trainings will be paid for from a grant. He also stated that the old rural pumper is currently out of service, the pump is being taken apart to find what is wrong – more than likely this will be a significant repair. City Attorney Tom Manion also updated the Council on the progress of the Fire Contract with the townships, stating that questions that the Council had had been submitted to the townships attorney. There was also discussion regarding if there was another way to look at distributing the costs, perhaps based on values. Council member Dybing volunteered to look into other possible scenarios.
- K. Street Department:** Administrator Peterson noted that she had received possible ideas for the intersection of Elmwood Street and Parkway Ave from Davy Engineering. She also submitted the proposed ideas to MNDOT, to have their traffic engineers look into and see if they had any further ideas.

Community Interest:

- A. Mary Bell:** Mary Bell approached the Council regarding recent articles written in the Star Tribune, as well as the Post Bulletin regarding the Amish being allowed to be part of the Farmers Market. She expressed her desire to have the Amish be allowed to be a part of the Farmers Market. Farmers Market Board Member Emily Funk noted that many of the guidelines for the farmers market are set by the State, they are not meant to discourage. Attorney Tom Manion also noted that the original rules of the farmers market were not set by the City Council, they were however created by the Farmers Market Board. The Board holds annual meetings, with manager Stena Lieb responsible for collecting all paperwork throughout the year. Visitor Theresa Coleman stated that the articles that were written did not discuss the history. Visitor Marlin Miner stated he was concerned that the Amish were being discriminated against because of their religion. Board Member Emily Funk read through rules from the Olmsted County Farmers Market, noting there is an Amish family that has a stand there. Mayor Krom stated that more discoveries needed to be done, and that the issue would be tabled.

Regular Business:

- A. Accounts Payable:** Council Member Smith made a motion to approve the payables as presented. Motion was seconded by Council Member Dybing. Motion carried all in favor.
- B. Park Board Position:** Administrator Peterson noted that there are still openings on the Heritage Preservation Commission, the Park Board, and the Public Utilities Commission.
- C. 2016 Budget:** Administrator Peterson noted that all departments' budgets had been reviewed by a member of the Council and herself. Final research and verification will be done during the next month. Mayor Krom asked Council members to review the budget and to discuss any concerns they may have prior to the next Council meeting.
- D. Senate Bonding Committee Tour:** Mayor Krom stated that the Senate Bonding Committee visited Lanesboro on Wednesday, October 28th, 2015. He felt that the group had a great response to the Dam. Krom also stated a special thank you to Representative Davids for attending that day. Krom noted that we need to keep moving forward and reaching out to others for their support. We also need to continue with message that the Dam is a safety issue for Lanesboro.
- E. Bass Pond Parking Lot:** Administrator Peterson had been notified that there are two pieces of property within the Bass Pond Parking Lot that belong to the estate of Norris Bothum. The family of Mr. Bothum had contacted the City and would like to clear up the situation. The Council approved Peterson to work with the family and City Attorney Tom Manion to find a suitable compromise.
- F. Sidewalk (Dale Honsey):** Mr. Honsey had asked what could be done with the sidewalk in front of his house. There is a large crack that happened over winter two years ago – at this time the sidewalk was new. When the sidewalk was poured the ground under was damp, therefore when it froze that winter the sidewalk rose up. It is then believed that a skid loader was used to clear snow in that area, to which the pressure of the skid loader then cracked the sidewalk. The council asked that Administrator Peterson submit this to insurance and report back.
- G. American Legion Post #40 Donation:** The Legion generously donated \$1000 towards the repair of the Community Center HVAC repair.
- H. Non-exclusive Franchise Agreement, Mediacom:** Administrator Peterson was asked to compare the agreements for Mediacom and Acentek to verify both were equal. Item tabled until next month.

- I. **Banking Product:** Merchants Bank had suggested that the City change the type of banking product being used, and utilize a product that would benefit the City more. They recommended a Cash Sweep account, this would provide that all money was covered under the FDIC, as well provide interest on the entire balance of the account. Council member Dybing motioned to approve the change of products with Merchants Bank and authorized Administrator Peterson to combine accounts as necessary. Council member Johnson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- J. **Resolution for Snow Removal:** A resolution for snow removal with regards to Parkway Ave (Hwy 250) was presented. Street Superintendent Andy Drake had approved of the resolution, as well as the contract amounts with the State for Snow Removal. Council member Smith motioned to approve, Mayor Krom seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- K. **Continued Business:**
 - a. **Parking Ordinance, Bass Pond:** Council Member Johnson reviewed the history of the Commercial parking in the Bass Pond with regard to the Park Board. This item has been discussed at length; a possible idea of setting up permanent parking spaces in the Ball field parking area has also been discussed. Council member Smith noted that he had visited with the different outfitters, one concern that was brought up was the issue of loading trailers in the gravel. Another was a concern over traffic, and the ability to access the trailers at all times. There was considerable discussion regarding possible signs, permits based on size of area needed for parking. It was asked that the Park Board review ideas for commercial parking at the ball field. Council member Johnson motioned to approve the ordinance regulating parking in and use of the parking lot in the City of Lanesboro known as the Bass Pond Parking Lot. Council member Dybing seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
 - b. **Golf Cart Ordinance:** Council member Resseman asked that this item be tabled until he had additional time to research the new ordinances in Spring Valley and Canton. Council member Johnson seconded, item carried all in favor.
 - c. **Ambulance Shed:** Council member Resseman asked that a plan for the new Ambulance Shed be brought before Planning & Zoning, that way more ideas could be generated.
 - d. **HVAC-Community Center Building:** Item was discussed previously in the Park Board report.
- L. **Miscellaneous:**
 - a) **Police contract:** Council Member Smith stated that the Contract with Preston Police needed to be updated with current information. He will work with Chief Schultz, Attorney Tom Manion, and Administrator Peterson to complete this task.
 - b) **Ice Skating Rink:** Council Member Johnson also let the council know the Park Board is looking into the idea of putting up a rink for this winter. Residents have sought out volunteers; as well they are going before different groups to acquire funding for this project. The council asked Administrator Peterson to look into any possible issues with this project.

Next Meeting: Monday, December 7th, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURN: Council Member Johnson moved to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. Motion seconded by Council Member Resseman. Motion carried all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Peterson
City Administrator/Clerk