

Lanesboro City Council
Special Meeting
Wednesday, April 15th, 2020
9:00 a.m.

Present: Mayor Resseman, Members Dybing, Smith, Bakke, and Harvey joined the zoom meeting:

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Absent: None

Visitors: Pauline Suckow, Lester and Diane Dunn, John Dahle, David Haugen, Steve Majerus, Darla Taylor, and Ardell Nordgaard.

Call to order the Special Council Meeting: (Mayor Resseman) 9:00 a.m.

Agenda: Member Harvey motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Member Bakke seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor. Vote was done by roll-call with all members in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion:

- A. COVID19 Staffing Concerns: Mayor Resseman began by explaining that all staff have been paid their regular wages, while flexing their time at work. Resseman explained that there were three options to be considered: Remain the same, Reduce wages, or Furlough.
 1. Library: Member Smith motioned to recommend to the Library Board to discontinue payroll for the two part-time staff members, as well as the Library Director until they are able to provide services while taking appropriate safety precautions. Member Harvey seconded the motion.
Member Smith then amended his motion to state the part-time staff members and the Library Director should be furloughed. Member Bakke seconded the amendment. The amended motion was voted on by roll-call vote. All member voted in favor of the recommendation. Motion carried.
 2. City Staff: Member Harvey motioned to continue with current staffing and wages and reassess the recommendation at the May 4th City Council Meeting. Member Dybing seconded the motion. Mayor Resseman suggested staff members look into the benefits that they could be eligible for if furloughed. Council requested that staff members complete tasks that can be done while providing appropriate distancing. Vote was done by roll-call vote with all members voting in favor. Motion carried.
 3. Future Projects: City Engineer Brian Malm suggested that the Council consider completing the engineering for two projects that grant applications had been submitted for. Member Harvey motioned to request a cost estimate for the projects and submit them for the May 4th City Council meeting. Member Bakke seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call vote with all members voting in favor. Motion carried.
 4. Budget Projects: The Council expressed the opinion of continuing on with projects that were a part of the 2020 budget.

5. Minimize Spending: Mayor Resseman motioned to minimize any non-essential spending for the budget year 2020. Member Harvey seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call vote with all members voting in favor. Motion carried.
6. Bathrooms: Member Smith noted concern for damage to the portapotties, Deputy Clerk Darla Taylor with call the contractor. Member Smith motioned to open the bathrooms at the visitor center and have staff clean the bathrooms several times a day. Motion failed without a second.

Adjourn: Member Harvey motioned to adjourn the special meeting at 9:49 a.m. Council member Dybing seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Peterson
City Administrator/Clerk