

Lanesboro Public Utilities
Regular Meeting, City Council Chambers
Tuesday, July 16th, 2019 5:30 p.m.

Present: Tom Dybing, Jon Pieper, and Don Bell
Absent: None
Staff Present: Jerod Wagner
Visitors: Bonita Underbakke

Regular Meeting:

Commissioner Dybing called the regular meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

- A. Agenda:** The agenda was approved by consensus with the additions of: Meeting Schedule, Dupont Electric, Resolution 2019-01, and Sewer smell on Auburn.
- B. Consent Agenda:** Member Dybing motioned to approve the Consent agenda as submitted. Member Bell seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.
 - Minutes of the Regular Meeting, June 18th, 2019
 - Accounts Payable
- C. Meeting Schedule:** Member Pieper motioned to move the regular monthly Public Utilities meetings to the third Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. Member Bell seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.
- D. Council Liaison Update:** No update was given.
- E. Staff Update:** Director Jerod Wagner along with Administrator Peterson met with school officials regarding their upcoming building project. Items of concern are the storm sewer and electrical, specifically the location and number of transformers and utility poles. The school is also proposing a 200kW solar roof mounted solar installation. Wagner went on to discuss the need for updating our rate structure for electric and sewer. This will be further discussed along with the 2020 budget.

Regular Business

- A. Rushford Waste Agreement:** Director Wagner provided background information as to why this agreement is necessary. Wagner has identified a company to haul for us as well. Member Dybing motioned to approve the agreement with the City of Rushford. Member Bell seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.
- B. Work Session:** Administrator Peterson will discuss with the City Council if additional staff time can be spent looking into additional locations for the Waste Water Treatment Facility. If they are okay with it the commission would like to hold additional work sessions to further investigate. Discussion to be continued.
- C. Continued Business:**
 - 1. MN Energy Pole Attachment Agreement:** Administrator Peterson noted that letters were sent to the two homeowners, and no concerns were brought forward. Member Dying motioned to approve the agreement with MN Energy. Member Bell seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.
 - 2. Cecko Waterline:** Director Wagner provided background information on the concern of freezing water lines. Administrator Peterson will verify where the street ends, and a private drive begins. Discussion to be continued.

3. **Incentive Discussion:** Administrator Peterson noted that area communities had been contacted, and none of which offer utility incentives. There are some incentives offered through the Harmony EDA. Peterson noted that incentives could be considered on a case by case basis.

A. Miscellaneous:

1. **Dupont Electric:** A unpermitted addition was built on a home; the result was that an electrical line was touching the roof. The homeowner was contacted that a meeting needed to be scheduled immediately. However, the contractor has since put up some sort of structure to lift the line off of the roof. Attorney Manion will be contacted to send a letter to the property owners.
2. **Resolution 2019-01:** Member Dybing motioned to approve Resolution 2019-01, transferring funds from the debt service to the operating fund. Member Bell seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.
3. **Sewer Smell, Auburn Avenue:** Residents along Auburn Avenue are concerned with a sewer gas smell that comes and goes. No determination has been made as to what the cause of it is. Director Wagner reached out to MN Rural Water Association, and they will work with us to complete a smoke test on the lines to see if we can determine where the smell is coming from. The commission noted it would be ideal if they could do the entire town, to identify potential concerns.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 20th, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Adjourn Regular Meeting: Motion was made by Commissioner Dybing to adjourn the regular meeting of the Public Utilities Commission at 6:07 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bell. Motion carried all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Peterson
City Administrator/Clerk