

**Lanesboro City Council
Regular Meeting
Monday, August 3, 2020**

Meeting held via Zoom and at the Lanesboro Community Center Gymnasium

Present: Jason Resseman, Bridget Harvey, Tom Smith, Tom Dybing, and Chase Bakke

Absent: None

Visitors: Bonita Underbakke, Michael Seiler, Lester & Dianne Dunn, Hannah Wingert, Ron Amdahl, Pauline and Jereme Suckow, Officer Gideon Prudoehl, David Haugen, Darla Taylor, Don Lukkason, Brian Malm, Drue Ferguson, Andrzej Zalasinski, Chris Goodwin, Denise Dahle, Mindy Albrecht-Benson, Mimi Abel, Dan and Maureen Anderson, Andy and Karen Heimdahl, Attorney Joseph O’Koren, and Jamie Stangohr.

Regular Meeting:

Mayor Resseman called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

A. **Agenda:** Member Dybing motioned to approve the agenda with the additions of: Hwy 250 Project, Liquor License for Sylvan Brewing, Resolution 2020-28, and Resolution 2020-29. Member Bakke seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all members in favor. Motion carried.

B. Approval of Minutes:

1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting, July 6th, 2020: Member Harvey motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. Member Smith seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Minutes of the Regular Meeting, July 21st, 2020: Member Bakke motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. Member Harvey seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried.

C. Consent Agenda:

1. Accounts Payable
2. Resolution 2020-23 Vacating a portion of Auburn Street
3. Lodging License – Parkway
4. Resolution 2020-27 Denying Petition to Vacate Hillside Avenue

Member Bakke motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. Member Dybing seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all members in favor. Motion carried.

D. Committee Reports:

1. Fire
 - a) Hazard Pay: Administrator Peterson requested \$10 per call Hazard Pay on behalf of the Fire Chief for all call’s March 1 – December 31, 2020. Member Harvey motioned to approve the Hazard Pay. Member Bakke seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll call with all in favor. Motion carried.
 - b) Appointment: Mayor Resseman motioned to appoint Jeff Norby to the Fire Department. Member Harvey seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll call with all in favor. Motion carried.
 - c) Retirement Benefit Level: It was previously discussed to review the retirement benefit level at this time. However, given the current condition of the economy, the fire department would like to again postpone this discussion until next year.

E. Continued Business:

1. Dam Project: Project Engineer Chris Goodwin provided the Council with an update and reviewed concerns regarding the change order requests.
 - a) Change Orders #5: Member Harvey motioned to approve Change Order #5. Member Dybing seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll call with all in favor. Motion carried.
 - b) Request for Payment #2: Mayor Resseman motioned to approve Payment Request #2 for ICON Construction. Member Bakke seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll call with all in favor. Motion carried.
2. COVID19 Response for Public Facilities Discussion – Mayor Resseman again noted that this is an ongoing discussion item, and that the Council is very concerned with the health of the community.
 - a) Community Center: Options were discussed regarding the requirement of a waiver, as well as concerns for sanitizing the facility. Member Smith motioned no private rentals of the community center through December 31, 2020. Member Harvey seconded the motion. Members noted that the decision could be reevaluated sooner if appropriate. Vote was done by roll call with all in favor. Motion carried.
3. Amdahl Petition for Detachment: The validity of the application had been verified, as a corner of Mr. Amdahl’s property is adjacent to a Holt Township property. Mr. Amdahl discussed concerns of taxing as well as control of his land. He felt that the ordinances for the City of Lanesboro were too restrictive for the farming that we would like to do. Member Harvey stated an understanding for his position although was concerned for the ramifications of supporting the detachment request. Member Harvey motioned to deny the petition to detach from the City of Lanesboro. Mayor Resseman seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll call with Mayor Resseman and Members Harvey and Bakke in favor. Members Smith and Dybing voted no. Motion carried.

F. New Business:

1. 30.111 City of Lanesboro Fee Schedule: A new late fee has been established for building permit applications. Members will review the updated ordinance, and a vote will be done at the next meeting.
2. Fillmore Avenue N – One Way Consideration: Administrator Peterson noted concern for visibility when trying to access Coffee Street going North. Member Bakke motioned to table the discussion. Member Harvey seconded the motion. Discussion was had regarding the possibility of changing parking spaces on Coffee Street. Vote was done by roll call with all in favor. Motion carried.
3. Infrastructure Concerns: Discussion began with the concern of debris being deposited onto Whittier Street. Member Harvey motioned to ask the City Attorney to send a letter to the property owners to repair the drainage issues. Attorney O’Koren then noted that the City Engineer should review the site prior to sending the letter to the homeowners. Mayor Resseman then amended to include having the engineer review both properties. Member Harvey seconded the amendment. Member Bakke seconded the amended motion. Vote was done by roll call with all in favor. Motion carried.

The alley between Pleasant and Sheridan was also noted as an area of great concern. City Engineer Brian Malm noted that he did not feel there was any way to do a partial repair in order to help improve the area. Public Works staff David Haugen noted that they have been cleaning out the ditch to try and help every 30-45 days.

Drainage concerns were noted at the corner of Pleasant and Parkway as well. Unfortunately, with a complete road project there is also no way to improve the drainage in this area.

The alley behind the Legion, as well as the alley behind the Red Hotel were also discussed. Minor repairs have been completed to try and help divert the water, in an attempt to maintain the current pavement condition. Public Works has been working diligently to make repairs, to try and prevent further breakdowns in the pavement throughout town.

Finally, the City of Lanesboro will be partnering with MNDOT for the reconstruction of Hwy 250 through town in 2026. Planning for this project will begin in the next year.

4. **Sylvan Brewing Liquor License:** Mayor Resseman motioned to approve the Liquor License for Sylvan Brewing, Andy and Karen Heimdahl. Member Harvey seconded the motion. The vote was done by roll call with all members in favor. Motion carried.
5. **Resolution 2020-28 Declaring a vacancy of a Council Member Position:** Mayor Resseman read the resignation letter aloud from Member Autumn Johnson effective immediately. Member Johnson has accepted a position out of state; and will be moving within the month. Mayor Resseman thanked Johnson for her dedication and commitment to the community by serving as a Council Member, the City's first female Mayor, as well as volunteering on the Ambulance crew for many years – noting that she will be missed. Member Harvey motioned to approve Resolution 2020-28. Member Bakke seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll call with all in favor. Motion carried.
6. **Resolution 2020-29 Appointing Council Member During a Vacancy:** Mayor Resseman noted that in previous times when there has been a vacancy, the previous election results have been used to help determine an appointee. Mayor Resseman then provided the 2018 election results, noting that Mr. Baker had declined an offer to fill the vacant seat. Ms. O'Neary was willing to fill the seat. For this reason, Mayor Resseman motioned to approve Resolution 2020-29 appointing Kate O'Neary as a Council Member to fulfill the vacant seat. The motion failed with no second. Discussion was had about the concern for transparency. Members felt that the vacancy should be advertised so that all members of the community were aware. Member Smith motioned that the vacancy be posted with a request for interested candidates to send a letter of interest to the City Office. Letters should be submitted no later than September 9th, with candidates to be reviewed at the October 5th meeting. Member Harvey seconded the motion. Members asked Member Dybing to remain through the September meeting, to which he did agree. Vote was done by roll call with all in favor. Motion carried.

G. Miscellaneous:

1. **Opioid Proof of Claim:** The City Attorney's office filed a claim on behalf of the City of Lanesboro for the Purdue Pharmacy litigations.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 8th, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURN: Member Harvey moved to adjourn at 7:31 p.m. Motion seconded by Member Bakke. Motion Carried all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Peterson
City Administrator/Clerk