

**Lanesboro City Council**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Monday, October 5, 2020**  
**Meeting held via Zoom**

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

**Absent:** None

**Visitors:** Lester Dunn, Hannah Wingert, Darla Taylor, Brian Malm, Drue Ferguson, Andrzej Zalasinski, Chris Goodwin, John Dahle, Mitchel Walbridge, Pat Shanahan, Kate O'Neary, Robert Petzer, Steve Sobieniak, Anne Flynn, Bill ?, David Haugen, Deane Benson, Katen Heimdahl, Alissa Sindelar, Cathay Enerson, Kara Maloney, Joe Goetzke, Brooke Pfeffer, Attorney Joe O'Koren.

**Public Hearing:** Mayor Resseman opened the public hearing at 6:00 p.m., he shared the hearing was to hear input on a petition to vacate a portion of Fillmore Avenue North. Administrator Peterson noted receiving input that was shared via email with the Council opposing the vacation. No other input was received. Mayor Resseman closed the hearing at 6:02 p.m.

**Regular Meeting:**

Mayor Resseman called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

A. **Agenda:** Member Harvey motioned to approve the agenda with the additions of: Resolution 2020-34 to New Business item 5 WWTF; Food Trucks, Banners, and Property Discussion to Miscellaneous, as well moving MHP to the November agenda. 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, September 8, 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.
2. Minutes of the Special Meeting, September 22, 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. Zoning Set-back Amendment - Dybing
3. 2021 Liquor Licenses

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

**D. Committee Reports:**

- a. **EDA - Cathy Enerson:** Director Enerson introduced herself and provided a brief review of the EDA's goals and accomplishments.
  - i. **Lanesboro Entrepreneurial Action Network Resolution:** Member Smith motioned to approve the creation of the subgroup. Member Harvey seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried.
  - ii. **Stay Safe Resource Grant:** Member Harvey motioned to approve the \$10,000 grant funds from the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation for grants to businesses within the 55949 zip code for Personal Protective Equipment. Member Smith seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried.
- b. **Public Works - Street Department:** David Haugen reported that the City had been awarded a safety grant through MN OSHA. Last fall the City had participated in a study for the effects of sweeping and the dust particles that the staff were subjected to. Through the grant the City has been able to purchase a sweeper attachment for the tractor, which provides an enclosure, so that staff members are protected from the dust particles. Haugen and Steve Majerus installed the unit and it is ready to go. A special thank you was shared to Haugen, Darla Taylor, and Mark Hottel with Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association for their work on applying for and receiving this grant funding.
- c. **Library:**
  - i. **Member Resignation:** Member Smith motioned to approve the resignation from the Board for Nancy Martinson. Mayor Resseman seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried.
  - ii. **Resolution 2020-32 Accepting a Donation:** Member Harvey motioned to accept the \$1500 donation from the Friends of the Library. Member Bakke seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried.
- d. **Ambulance:**
  - i. **Consortium Training Pay:** Director Benson requested that the pay for the five consortium training nights in a year be increased from \$10 to \$20 for volunteers. Mayor Resseman motioned to approve the request. Member Bakke seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried.
  - ii. **Donation:** Director Benson also noted that a donation in the amount of \$1300 was received by the Ambulance Association from Cheryl's Apparel.

**E. Continued Business:**

- a. **Dam Project:** Engineer Chris Goodwin noted that much of the construction is now complete, however the City staff did notice that the bar screen was hitting the gate structure and therefore adjustments will need to be made. Goodwin also noted that the video of the construction process is now complete, and will be shared with the City. Mayor Resseman then thanked Ayers Associates and ICON Construction for their work on the Dam Renovation project.
  - i. **Change Order #6:** Member Smith motioned to table the discussion. Mayor Resseman seconded the motion. Discussion was had regarding the breakdown of costs, which was not available. Council also discussed having the City staff take a look at installing the steps and the gate themselves. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried.
  - ii. **Amendment to Agreement:** Mayor Resseman motioned to table the request until the final invoices for the project have been received and the overall budget for the project can be analyzed. Member Harvey seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried.

- b. **Council Member Appointment:** Mayor Resseman noted that two letters of interest had been received by the deadline posted for remittance. Member Harvey motioned to appoint Mindy Albrecht-Benson to the vacant Council seat with the term expiring 2022. Member Bakke seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried.
- c. **COVID19 Response:**
  - i. **Public Facility - School Events:** Mayor Resseman motioned to follow the guidance from the State High School League and not to allow any non essential visitors to the Volleyball games in the gymnasium. Member Bakke seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried.
  - ii. **Funding Disbursement Allocation:** No further updates at this time, the Daycare facilities have been notified of the grant opportunity. Discussion to be continued.

**F. New Business:**

- a. **Sylvan Brewery - Use of Public Right of Way, Five Parking spaces:** Member Harvey motioned to allow the use of five parking spaces during the month of October to allow for additional seating options to ensure proper distancing. Member Bakke seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with Mayor Resseman and Members Harvey and Bakke voting in favor, Member Smith voted no. Motion carried.
- b. **92.18 Suggested Amendment:** Administrator Peterson noted that a suggestion was received to amend the noise ordinance to reflect a requirement for decibel level enforcement. The Lanesboro City Attorney was requested to review the amendment and offer an opinion to the Council. Attorney O’Koren stated the amendment was not recommended and noted concern for other events such as Buffalo Bill Days. Chief Sass also did not recommend the amendment and voiced concern for equipment that would need to be purchased in order to enforce the ordinance. No further action was taken.
- c. **Vacation of Fillmore Avenue North - Resolution 2020-33:** Mayor Resseman reviewed the petition for the request. Kate O’Neary stated her opposition to the vacation request. Member Smith motioned to not vacate a portion of Fillmore Avenue North. Member Bakke seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll call with all in favor. Motion carried.
- d. **Rural Taxing District:** Mayor Resseman provided the background, noting the desire to create a rural taxing district for those properties without access to all services. Member Smith noted concern for the properties that have access, although are not using the services. A hearing will be held next month, with discussion to follow during the November meeting.
- e. **WWTF Bolton & Menk:**
  - i. **Work Order:** Brian Malm noted that this is a work order to cover the construction portion of the engineering fees associated with the project. Member Harvey motioned to approve. Member Bakke seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried.
  - ii. **Resolution 2020-34:** Mayor Resseman read the resolution committing to certain financial obligations in conjunction with federal and state funding for the 2020 Wastewater Treatment Plant Project. Mayor Resseman motioned to approve the resolution 2020-34. Member Harvey seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with Mayor Resseman and Members Bakke and Harvey in favor, Member Smith voted no. Motion carried.

**G. Miscellaneous:**

- a. **Street Closure Request:** Pat Shanahan requested the closure of Coffee Street East on October 17th for an all day music performance. Social distancing would be encouraged, with pool noodles given out to space people apart, as well as providing a large gathering space, and no

touch surfaces. Member Harvey motioned to not support the event and not approve the street closing. Mayor Resseman seconded the motion. Discussion was had that all other events in town had been cancelled so far this year due to the pandemic. Due to the infection rate rising the Council felt they should continue following the precedent. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried.

- b. Food Trucks:** Member Harvey noted that she had received requests to allow food trucks in town. Harvey will reach out to other communities for input, and share this information with the Planning & Zoning Commission for their review.
- c. Banners:** Member Bakke motioned to approve the 15 banners from the 150th celebration be given out to the community members that expressed interest, with one per household. Member Harvey seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried.
- d. Property Discussion:** A property previously considered for the Ambulance department was recently listed for sale. Council members expressed desire to discuss the option to purchase the property. Mayor Resseman state that the meeting would be closed to the public for the consideration for the purchase of property: Closed Meeting: Consider offers for the purchase of real property pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.05, Subd. 3 (b)(3). Parcel ID 190289000 at 7:24 p.m. Member Bakke motioned to reopen the meeting to the public at 7:44 p.m. Mayor Resseman seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried. No action was taken.

**Next Meeting: Monday, November 2, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.**

**ADJOURN:** Member Harvey moved to adjourn at 7:46 p.m. Motion seconded by Member Smith. Motion Carried all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Peterson  
City Administrator/Clerk