Lanesboro City Council  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, April 5, 2021  
Meeting held in the Lanesboro Community Center Meeting Room and via Zoom

Present: Jason Resseman, Joe Goetzke, Mitchell Walbridge, Mindy Albrecht-Benson, and Chase Bakke  
Absent: None  
Visitors: John Dahle, Andrzej Zalasinski, Lester Dunn, Don Luukason, Ron Amdahl, Mr. Amdahl, Jereme and Pauline Suckow, Hannah Wingert, David Haugen, Chris Goodwin, Anne Flynn, Bonnie Handmacher, and Darla Taylor.

Regular Meeting:

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

A. Agenda: Member Albrecht-Benson motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of Amendment to DNR Contract to Miscellaneous. Member Goetzke 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, March 1, 2021: Member Walbridge motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. Member Bakke seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried.

C. Consent Agenda:

1. Accounts Payable  
2. Gambling Permit - LACC, Buffalo Bill Days  
3. Lodging License - Guest Hus Motel  
4. Lodging License - Joel and Doreen Goodman 104 Coffee Street, Apt 102A

It was noted that the Gambling Permit for the Lanesboro Area Chamber of Commerce is for the raffle tickets for Buffalo Bill Days, however the City does complete all of the necessary paperwork for the permit. Member Bakke motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. Member Albrecht-Benson seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all members in favor. Motion carried.

D. Staff Retirement: Mayor Resseman noted a special thank you to Ardell (Ardie) Nordgaard for his 14 years of service to the City of Lanesboro.

E. Project Reports:

   a. Dam Project
i. **Pay Request #5:** Chris Goodwin noted approval of the submitted pay request. Mayor Resseman motioned to approve pay request #5 in the amount of $368,427.20. Member Goetzke seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried.

b. **Wastewater Treatment Facility**

i. **Pay Request #4:** Brian Malm reviewed the pay request, and recommended it for payment. Mayor Resseman motioned to approve pay request #4 in the amount of $237,151.35. Member Albrecht-Benson seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried. Additionally Malm reviewed the offer to purchase the section of land currently owned by the DNR. Member Walbridge motioned to approve the purchase of the land in the amount of $7,177.71. Member Bakke seconded the motion. Discussion was had regarding the importance of acquiring this parcel of land in order to accommodate the layout of the Wastewater Treatment Facility. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried. Malm also noted an additional section of land currently owned by the DNR that lays west of the facility, near the Beacon Street right of way - he felt the Council may want to consider acquiring that land in the future.

F. **Department Reports**

a. **Chamber of Commerce:** Member Goetzke noted that the Chamber is currently preparing for the upcoming season by distributing maps and guides. Various promotional and marketing materials are being distributed as well. Chamber Director Zalasinki has created an application for Lanesboro that will highlight businesses, attractions, as well as hours of operation. Additionally updates to the Chamber website are taking place.

b. **Fire Department:** Member Bakke noted the department currently has two grant applications submitted, one for equipment and the other for a truck. The department recently completed a drivers training program, and completed a controlled burn north of town. Member Bakke requested approval of a two year leave of absence for volunteer Ryan Peterson. Member Albrecht-Benson motioned to approve the leave of absence. Member Bakke seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Administrator Peterson received a request from the Fire Department to appoint Chase Bakke to fill this position. Member Albrecht-Benson motioned to approve appointment of Chase Bakke to the Fire Department. Member Goetzke seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with Member Bakke noting he abstained from the vote. Motion carried with Mayor Resseman, and Members Walbridge, Albrecht-Benson, and Goetzke voting in favor.

c. **Public Works:** David Haugen provided an update for the Street Department. Haugen noted that the pick-up for the street department is scheduled for replacement this year. Mayor Resseman motioned to approve Haugen getting bids for a new vehicle as well as figures for trading the current vehicle. Member Goetzke seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried. Haugen then shared a quote for crack sealing to be completed this year. Noting that the remainder of the budget for 2021 would be rolled over for a larger project in 2022. Mayor Resseman motioned to approve the quote for crack sealing. Member Bakke seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried. Haugen noted that several areas needing patching would be completed once the asphalt plants open, most likely not until May. The Department is aware of the conditions of the streets, including the potholes. For a temporary fix they have been using cold patch to fill potholes, those areas will be revisited once hot mix is available. Concerns for the conditions of the streets were also discussed.
Normally the utilities under the roads would be updated at the same time. Given the condition of the streets an alternative may need to be considered, in order to make improvements.

G. Arbor Day Proclamation: Mayor Resseman read the Proclamation aloud proclaiming April as Arbor Month in the City of Lanesboro.

H. New Business:
   a. Council Meeting Date and Time: Mayor Resseman noted that Member Albrecht-Benson would not be available for the June City Council meeting due to her EMT training, and would have limited availability for the May meeting. Member Albrecht-Benson questioned if her opinion could be shared with the other Council members if she was not able to attend the meeting. Attorney O’Koren noted that it was allowable for Administrator Peterson to share the opinion to the other Council members. Mayor Resseman noted that for any special meetings that may be needed, scheduling would be done to accommodate all Council members attendance.
   b. Annexation Agreement: Holt Township had offered to annex the property to Lanesboro for 5 years worth of property tax. Mayor Resseman motioned to counter offer 4 years property tax, or $5,393.32. Member Goetzke seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried. Administrator Peterson will present the counter offer to the Township, as well as work to create a maintenance agreement for Lanesboro to continue plowing 242nd Street.

I. Continued Business:
   a. COVID Operations
      i. Emergency Decree: Mayor Resseman motioned to cancel the emergency decree for the City. Member Goetzke seconded the motion. Mayor Resseman noted appreciation for the staff and Administration for the efforts put forth over the last year. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried. Council noted concern for our community to continue following the recommended COVID guidelines.
      ii. Sidewalk Permit Fees: Member Goetzke motioned to waive the sidewalk permit fees for 2021. Member Bakke seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried.
   b. Debris Removal Discussion: Mayor Resseman noted that he would prefer understanding the total cost including survey work, debris removal, and fencing replacement for the work to be considered prior to making any decisions. Mayor Resseman motioned to table the discussion until the May meeting. Member Goetzke seconded the motion. Discussion followed regarding if the survey should happen first, so that an accurate estimate for the fencing can be considered. It was noted that it was preferred to have all estimated in prior to any decisions being made. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried.
   c. Peddler Ordinance Review: Administrator Peterson conveyed that Chief Sass is working with the Sheriff and the City Attorney to recommend an amendment to the current ordinance. Mayor Resseman motioned to table the discussion. Member Bakke seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried.

J. Miscellaneous
   a. Amendment to DNR Contract: Administrator Peterson requested approval of an amendment to the contract with the DNR for improvements to the shore fishing area below the dam. The current contract is set to expire April 15, 2021, the amendment would extend the contract until December 31, 2021. Mayor Resseman motioned to approve the amendment. Member Bakke seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried.
Next Meeting: Monday, May 3, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

**ADJOURN:** Member Bakke moved to adjourn at 6:51 p.m. Motion seconded by Mayor Resseman. Motion Carried all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Peterson
City Administrator/Clerk