

**Lanesboro City Council
Special Meeting
Tuesday, June 29, 2021 6:00 p.m.
Lanesboro Community Center Meeting Room**

Present: Jason Resseman, Chase Bakke, Mitchell Walbridge, Joe Goetzke, Mindy Albrecht-Benson

Absent: None

Visitors: David Haugen, Ken Graner, John Dollar, Jim Iverson, Mark Lawstuen, Deane Benson, TJ Stettler, Anthony Schwartz, and Blaine Harmon.

Call the Special Meeting to Order: Mayor Resseman called the Special Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: Member Albrecht-Benson motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Member Bakke seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

- A. Emergency Services Building:** Mayor Resseman noted that the discussion of moving the location of the Fire Department began in 2016, with an evaluation of parcels 190339000 and 190338000 completed in 2017. Negotiations continued off and on, with no official offering being completed. In February of 2021 we were contacted by Mr. Griffin noting that he had recently purchased the two parcels, without knowledge that the City was interested in the space for Emergency Services. Mr. Griffin has offered to trade the parcels to the City in exchange for the current Fire Hall site.

Renovation costs are estimated at \$600,000 to \$650,000, while a new building could run between \$1.8 million and \$3.2 million. Any project completed by the City would need to be competitively bid out.

Land value of the current Fire Hall is \$72,600, while parcels 190339000 and 190338000 are valued at \$59,000. Both buildings are in need of repair. The shoreline at the current Fire Hall is in need of repairs estimated to cost \$62,000. The potential new site would offer several positive components such as: more building space, more land, not within the flood zone, and out of the downtown area. It was noted that between Fire and Ambulance there is currently \$49,500 set aside for facility improvements.

Council members voiced opinions that as part of the purchase agreement, there should be a clause for a first right to purchase should parcel 190196010 go up for sale in the future.

The City Engineer suggested that a feasibility study be completed with an estimated cost of \$5,000 to \$15,000. After completion of the study plans and specifications would be designed and the project bid from there. Member Goetzke motioned to complete the Feasibility Study with a cost not to exceed \$15,000. Member Walbridge seconded the motion. Members then discussed the total cost of the study versus the information that could be gained from the study. Members Goetzke and Walbridge voted in favor. Mayor Resseman, Member Albrecht-Benson, and Member Bakke voted no. Motion failed.

Discussion was had about other potential portions of a renovation project, such as consideration for new asphalt. It was noted that we would include all suggestions, however some portions of the project may need to be completed on different timelines.

Mayor Resseman motioned to allow Administration to gather information to remodel the building at 190339000 and submit the project for bid with the intention of transferring properties. Member Albrecht-Benson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Mayor Resseman motioned to develop a purchase agreement detailing an even trade of the parcels 190339000 and 190338000 for parcel 190196010, dependent on bids gathered for the remodel. Member Albrecht-Benson seconded the motion. Discussion was had again regarding the value of each parcel and buildings. Mayor Resseman then amended the motion to state negotiate a purchase agreement.... Member Goetzke seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor. A vote was then taken for the amended motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Adjourn: Mayor Resseman motioned to adjourn the special meeting at 7:05 p.m. Member Bakke seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Peterson
City Administrator/Clerk