

Lanesboro City Council
Regular Meeting
Monday, August 2nd, 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: Attorney Joseph O’Koren, Darren Moser, Darla Taylor, Deane Benson, Geoff Griffin, Fred Kiel, Lester Dunn, Mike Bubany, and Hannah Wingert

Public Hearing: Mayor Resseman opened the Public Hearing for the Video Franchise Agreement with Acentek at 5:30 p.m. No comments were shared. Member Albrecht-Benson motioned to close the hearing. Member Bakke seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Public Hearing was closed at 5:35 p.m.

Public Hearing: Mayor Resseman opened the Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. for consideration of a property tax abatement for a development by G-Cubed. Financial Advisor Mike Bubany provided an overview of the proposal for property tax abatement. Although the development will be done in phases, each phase can go out 15 years, with a cap in the year 2045. Bubany noted that there was no risk for the City, the risk would fall on the developer. No other comments were submitted. Member Walbridge motioned to close the Public Hearing. Member Albrecht-Benson seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried. Public Hearing was closed at 6:15 p.m.

Regular Meeting:

Mayor Resseman called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

A. **Agenda:** Member Bakke motioned to approve the agenda with the following amendments:

- Anna V’s Lodging License
- Lanesboro Arts Temporary Liquor Licenses
- Street Repairs
- American Recovery Act Funding
- Fire Department Update

Member Goetzke seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all members in favor. Motion carried.

B. **Approval of Minutes:**

- ❖ Minutes of the Regular Meeting, July 6, 2021

Member Goetzke 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. Street Closure Request Sept 18, 19, 25, 26 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Coffee Street E History Alive
3. Street Closure Sept 11, from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Coffee Street E, Taste of the Trail
4. Preston Serviceman's Club - Temporary Liquor License
5. Anna V's Lodging License
6. Lanesboro Arts Temporary Liquor Licenses

Member Goetzke motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Member Bakke seconded the motion. Discussion was had regarding the street closure requests, and possible the creation of a policy for such requests in the future. Discussion will be continued over the winter months. Vote was done by roll-call with Member Bakke and Walbridge voting no and Mayor Resseman, Member Goetzke, and Member Albrecht-Benson voting in favor. Motion carried.

D. Project Reports:

a. Wastewater Treatment Facility

- i. **Pay Request #8:** Administrator Peterson noted that the Engineers recommended payment of request #8 in the amount of \$235,182.00. The project is estimated to be 23.2% complete. Mayor Resseman motioned to approve the requested payment. Member Goetzke seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried.

E. Department Reports:

- a. **Library:** Member Benson provided the update noting the following: Circulation is increasing, Summer Reading Events are happening, as well as the board has sent out a survey to consider hours of operation for the library.
- b. **Ambulance:** Member Bakke provided the update noting the following: Initial 2022 budget has been discussed, Director Benson is working on obtaining two quotes for a new ambulance, the computer is currently 6 years old and also due for replacement. Member Bakke motioned to replace the computer now at a quote of \$4,200, and provide that funding as part of the 2022 budget. Member Goetzke seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried. Bakke noted the need for volunteers, stating that further information will be sent out soon. Finally, Bakke stated the desire to review the Director's pay as well as job description prior to 2022. Bakke then motioned to increase the director's pay by 4% for a cost of living increase for the last two years to be implemented immediately. Member Goetzke seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll call with Mayor Resseman and Members Goetzke, Bakke, and Walbridge voting in favor. Member Albrecht-Benson abstained from voting. Motion carried.
- c. **Fire:** Member Bakke noted that the Fire Department had been awarded a \$49,000 grant from the Gary Sinius Fund. With those funds they were able to purchase four battery operated tools. The Annual Fire Department dance will be held this Friday, August 6.

F. Continued Business:

- a. **Ballfield Parking Ordinance Review:** Member Walbridge motioned to approve the ordinance as submitted. Member Albrecht-Benson seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried.
- b. **Brush Dump Lease:** Administrator Peterson shared that the property owner had counter offered the previous offer from the Council for \$2,400 for 10 years to \$3,000 for 5 years. Discussion was had regarding time required to cancel the lease, as well as the termination date of the current lease. Mayor Resseman motioned to approve a one year contract in

the amount of \$2,400, this would allow time for further negotiations. Member Albrecht-Benson seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor.

- c. **Cable Television Franchise Agreement:** City Attorney Joe O’Koren has reviewed the agreement and shared no concerns. Mayor Resseman motioned to approve the agreement. Member Bakke seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor.
- d. **American Recovery Act Funding:** Mayor Resseman motioned to table the discussion. Member Walbridge seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor.

G. New Business

- a. **Resolution 2021-18 Approving a Lot Split for 603 Auburn Avenue South:** The Planning and Zoning Commission did recommend approval of the lot split. Mayor Resseman motioned to approve Resolution 2021-18 spitting the parcel as described. Member Walbridge seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor.
- b. **Resolution 2021-19 Creating Abatement:** Administrator Peterson noted that although the paperwork for the annexation has been submitted to the state, the annexation is not complete. It was noted that a legal description needed to be updated, this has been completed and submitted. Due to the fact that the annexation is not complete the Council is not able to take action on the Resolution creating an abatement. Mayor Resseman motioned to create a letter of support for the creation of the abatement to send to the County noting the technicality of the annexation paperwork. Member Albrecht-Benson seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried. Consideration will be given once paperwork is complete to call a special meeting for the consideration of the Resolution 2021-19. Mayor Resseman motioned to table the discussion. Member Bakke seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried.
- c. **Ordinance 54.06 Public Utilities Fee Schedule:** Administrator Peterson shared the updated electrical utility fee schedule. The proposed update will be shared with the Public prior to the September meeting.
- d. **Lodging Complaint:** Mayor Resseman noted that a complaint has been received on a property in town violating City Ordinance. The property previously was licensed as a Bed and Breakfast, however that license was revoked from the City previously due to non-compliance. The property is not zoned for short-term rental. Mayor Resseman motioned to request Attorney O’Koren submit a letter requesting the property comply with City Ordinances. Member Goetzke seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried.
- e. **Street Repairs:** Administrator Peterson shared that the City currently has \$55,689 in Small Cities Assist Road Funds. Supervisor Haugen has received an estimate for repairs of critical areas in the amount of \$46,280.80 from Asphalt Armour. Member Goetzke motioned to accept the bid amount for the work to be completed. Mayor Resseman seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried.
- f. **Consideration of purchase of real property:** Meeting was closed for the consideration of purchase of real property, parcels 180180020 and 190193000, pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.05, Subd 3 (b)(3) at 7:06 p.m. Mayor Resseman motioned to close the closed portion and reopen the meeting. Member Bakke seconded the motion. Meeting was reopened at 7:16 p.m. Mayor Resseman motioned to enter into negotiations for the purchase of parcel 190193000. Member Walbridge seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll call with all in favor. Motion carried. Mayor Resseman motioned to enter into

negotiations for the purchase of a portion of parcel 180180020. Member Albrecht-Benson seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURN: Member Bakke moved to adjourn at 7:17 p.m. Motion seconded by Member Walbridge. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Peterson
City Administrator/Clerk