

**Lanesboro City Council
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 7, 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, Hannah Wingert, Dan and Maureen Anderson, Geoff Griffin, Dan Jazuith, David Haugen, Brain Malm, Brain Brickly, Jon Buggs, Tom Smith, Jackie Ream, Laurel Landsverk, Andrzej Zalasinski, Michael Brown, Darla Taylor, Deane Benson, Billy Reed, Bonita Underbakke, Betsy Holbrook, Rebecca Holbrook, Ron Amdahl, Mr. Amdahl, and Rick Lamon

Public Hearing: Mayor Resseman opened the public meeting at 6:00 p.m. The hearing was for the 2021 Sidewalk assessments. No comments were made. 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 Goetzke motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of EDA to Department Reports. Member Bakke 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, August 2, 2021
- ❖ Minutes of the Special Meeting, August 10, 2021
- ❖ Minutes of the Special Meeting, August 13, 2021

Mayor Resseman motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. Member Albrecht-Benson seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried.

C. Consent Agenda:

1. Accounts Payable
2. City Office Closing at noon on September 22 and October 8, 2021
3. Adam Hazel - Appointment to Fire Department
4. MMUA Safety Management Program Agreement

Member Goetzke motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Member Albrecht-Benson seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried.

D. Project Reports:

a. Wastewater Treatment Facility

- i. **Pay Request #9:** City Engineer Brian Malm recommended payment in the amount of \$191,101.79. Malm noted the project is currently 4-5 weeks behind, which will cause more outside work to be completed into the winter months. Mayor Resseman motioned to approve Pay Request #9. Member Walbridge seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried.

E. Department Reports:

- a. **Ambulance:** Interim Director Dan Jaquith introduced himself providing his background. Jaquith noted concern for the current state of staffing for the department. He also noted the City could consider a First Responder Unit rather than a BLS Service. There will be an informational recruitment meeting on Wednesday, September 8, 2021. Mayor Resseman suggested that cooperative agreements with surrounding communities be looked into.
- b. **Street:** Member Goetzke motioned to approve additional asphalt replacement using the small cities funding. Member Bakke seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll call with all in favor. Motion carried.
- c. **EDA:** Member Goetzke presented the following:
 - i. Director Enerson applied for a grant with SMIF for the creation of a “Livability” tab to be used by both the City and the Chamber Websites. Member Goetzke motioned to accept the \$9,500 grant. Mayor Resseman seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor.
 - ii. As a result of the Blandin Foundation participation, the EDA is also eligible for a E1 grant in the amount of \$500 to help with training expenses. Member Goetzke motioned to accept the grant. Member Bakke seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried.
 - iii. Welcome week will be celebrated September 15, 2021. Mayor Resseman then read a proclamation aloud. Member Goetzke motioned to accept the proclamation. Member Bakke seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried.

F. New Business:

- a. **Resolution 2021-21 Adopting Assessment:** Member Bakke motioned to approve the resolution. Mayor Resseman seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried.
- b. **Resolution 2021-20 Adopting Proposed Tax Levy:** Member Goetzke motioned to table. Member Walbridge seconded the motion. Discussion was had that a special meeting will be called to consider the Proposed Tax Levy after the Ambulance recruitment meeting. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried.
- c. **Resolution 2021-23 Receiving Report and Calling for a Hearing on Improvements:** City Engineer Brian Malm provided a brief overview of the report. Malm also noted that assessments will need to be considered. Mayor Resseman read the resolution aloud calling for a hearing. Member Walbridge motioned to approve the resolution. Member Albrecht-Benson seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried.
- d. **Lanesboro Emergency Services Building Project:** Mayor Resseman shared the bid amounts from three Contractors. Member Goetzke motioned to accept the bid from G3. Member Bakke seconded the motion. Member Goetzke shared concern for the range of bid amounts. Member Albrecht-Benson shared her concern that perhaps not all options had been explored. Commercial property owner Jackie Ream also shared concern for renovating the property into an Emergency Services Building. Ream voiced concern for the vitality of her business as well as others, to the residents, as well as property value. Resident and previous Council Member Tom Smith noted that additional sites and options had been considered by previous Council over several years. Member Goetzke motioned to rescind his motion and table the discussion. Member Bakke seconded the motion. Administrator Peterson will investigate a possible cost for renovating the existing Fire Hall.

Attorney O’Koren will draft a purchase agreement. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried.

G. Continued Business:

- a. American Recovery Act Funding Committee Creation:** It was noted that the Council will serve as the committee. A workshop to consider how the funds will be spent will be posted at a later date.
- b. Ordinance 54.06 Public Utilities Fee Schedule:** Mayor Resseman motioned to approve ordinance 54.06 effective December 1, 2021. Member Albrecht-Benson seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried.
- c. Brush Dump Lease Renewal:** Administrator Peterson noted that the lease agreement has been completed for a one year period. The property owners will be invited to a future meeting of the City Council to consider additional options.
- d. Amdahl Debris Removal Discussion:** The previous offer of up to \$5,000 for repairs was reviewed. No additional action was taken. It was requested the Mr. Amdahl notify the City of his acceptance of this agreement within a reasonable amount of time.

H. Miscellaneous: Administrator Peterson inquired about scheduling the workshop and special meeting dates, dates and times are to be continued.

Next Meeting: Monday, October 4, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURN: Mayor Resseman moved to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Motion seconded by Member Albrecht-Benson. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Peterson
City Administrator/Clerk