

Lanesboro City Council
Regular Meeting
Monday, August 5th, 2019
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers

Present: Jason Resseman, Autumn Johnson, Bridget Harvey, and Chase Bakke

Absent: Tom Smith

Visitors: Don Bell, Bonita Underbakke, Hannah Wingert, Frank Wright, Ceil Allen, Brian Malm, Jason Harvey, Bonnie Handmacher, Charlie Warner, Hannah Wingert, Andrzej Zalasinski, Chief Matthew Schultz, Sargent Blaise Sass, David Haugen, Jason Harvey, and Deane Benson.

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

Preston Police Department: Chief Matthew Schultz announced his retirement, and noted the hiring of Sargent Blaise Sass as the new Chief of Police for the Preston Police Department. The council thanked Schultz for his service and commitment to the community, as well welcomed Sass to his new position.

Sidewalk Improvements Hearing: Mayor Resseman opened the hearing at 6:02 p.m. and asked for input from the audience. With no comments being heard the hearing was closed at 6:03 p.m.

Regular Meeting:

A. Agenda: Member Johnson motioned to approve the agenda with the amendments of: adding Fire Department to Committee Reports, adding Seal Coat and Crack Sealing to Regular Business, and adding the following to Miscellaneous: Art Center Request, LPU Work Sessions, HPC Resignation, Community Input, and Council Member update. Member Bakke seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.

B. Approval of Minutes:

1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting, July 1st, 2019

Member Johnson motioned to approve as submitted. Member Bakke seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.

C. Consent Agenda:

1. Accounts Payable
2. Lanesboro Clay Dusters – Gambling Permit
3. Sons of Norway – Historic Preservation Grant Application, Fiscal Agent

Member Johnson motioned to approve the consent agenda items as submitted. Member Bakke seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.

Committee Reports:

A. Park: Member Johnson noted the Park Board had approved the purchase of tables and chairs as a part of their 2019 Budget. The Street dedication for Amdahl Avenue held Saturday, August 3rd, was well attended by the family. It was noted the bathhouse is in need of renovation as well an upgrade to the

electric in the park should be considered. The board is also in negotiation with the DNR to renew the office space lease agreement. Finally the STS crew has been working on the creation of the hiking trail on the West edge of town.

- B. **Library:** Member Harvey noted the summer reading program is complete, the attendance at the teen events has been outstanding. The Library Board is also looking to apply for a grant to install an automatic door opener into the Library.
- C. **Fire:**
 - 1. **Fire Relief Benefit:** Member Johnson motioned to approve raising the Fire Relief Benefit from \$1200 per month to \$1450 per month. Member Bakke seconded the motion. Motion carried with Mayor Resseman and Members Johnson and Bakke in favor. Member Harvey abstained from voting.
 - 2. **Resolution 2019-18:** Administrator Peterson noted the importance of this resolution to ensure that any funds spent from the Fire Equipment Fund are approved by the City Administrator and the Fire Chief, with the support of the Fire Department. Member Johnson motioned to approve Resolution 2019-18. Member Harvey seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.

Regular Business:

- A. **Sidewalk Improvements:** Member Johnson motioned to approve the sidewalk replacement work and the assessments to the properties listed. Member Harvey seconded the motion. Discussion will be continued regarding the alley behind the Legion, as well as sidewalk policy for sidewalks that do not continue to a street. Motion carried all in favor.
- B. **Seal Coating / Crack Sealing:** David Haugen with Public Works presented the quote received for the work. He was not able to attain another quote from another company. Member Johnson motioned to approve the quote from Asphalt Armor Sealcoating & Paving LLC for a total of \$23,674.30. Member Harvey seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.
- C. **Traffic along Parkway:** Member Bakke noted the safety concern and lack of visibility in the downtown intersections. Discussion was had regarding potential solutions with further parking distances from intersections. Discussion will be continued.
- D. **Sales Tax Ordinance:** The Department of Revenue has reviewed our current Sales Tax ordinance and offered suggested changes. The Council was provided with an updated version to review before next month's meeting.
- E. **2020 Budget:** Administrator Peterson noted the budget is still in progress, a preliminary document will be provided for the September meeting. At this time the Council will certify the preliminary 2020 budget.
- F. **Continued Business:**
 - 1. **Parking on Auburn Avenue:** Discussion was had regarding how to improve the safety and visibility of the intersection of Sheridan Street E and Auburn Avenue S. The City Engineer, Preston Police Department, as well as Public Works had been contacted for input. Member Johnson motioned to have a yield sign placed at that intersection as well as yellow paint on the curve. Member Bakke seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.
 - 2. **CEDA:** Mayor Resseman motioned to approve contracting with CEDA for one day a week every other week. Member Harvey seconded the motion. Discussion was had regarding potential funding from the Chamber to offset expenses. Motion carried all in favor.
 - 3. **Pay Equity:** Administrator Peterson noted the report of non-compliance was received, and presented the adjusted pay scale in order to bring the City into compliance. Member Harvey

motioned to approve the amended pay scale effective August 5, 2019. Member Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.

G. Miscellaneous:

1. **Lanesboro Art Center:** Member Johnson motioned to approve parking of the ice-fishing house along Parkway in front of the Theater October 8 through October 11, 2019. Member Harvey seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.
2. **LPU Work Sessions:** Council Member had no concern for additional work sessions planned by the Commission.
3. **HPC Resignation:** Member Johnson motioned to accept the resignation of Theresa Coleman and to advertise for the opening. Member Bakke seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.
4. **Community Input:** Member Harvey motioned to negate the Community Input session prior to the City Council meetings. Member Johnson seconded the motion. Discussion was had regarding the concern of violating open meeting law, and perceived implications of that input. Motion carried with Members Harvey, Johnson, and Bakke voting in favor. Mayor Resseman voted no.
5. **Council Member Update:** Member Johnson stated as a civil contractor with the Department of Defense she is being deployed for nine months. Mayor Resseman motioned to leave the seat vacant and not appoint someone to fill in during this time. Member Bakke seconded the motion. Motion carried with Members Harvey, Bakke, and Mayor Resseman voting in favor. Member Johnson abstained from voting.

At 6:52 p.m. the meeting was closed pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.05 subdivision 3 (a), (c) (1) and (3) to consider the purchase of real property 190037000, 190037010, 210 Rochelle Avenue N. At 7:10 p.m. the meeting was reopened to the public.

1. **210 Rochelle Ave N:** No action was taken on this parcel.
2. **19.0037.010:** Member Johnson motioned to move forward with the paperwork to for land transfer, as well as permanent and temporary easements with the amendments that the easement for the outlet be included, as well as that the deeds be warranty not quick claim. Member Harvey seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.
3. **19.0037.000:** Member Resseman motioned to approve offering \$70,000 for this parcel, as well as authorizing Administrator Peterson a range to negotiate in. Member Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 3rd, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURN: Member Johnson moved to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Motion seconded by Member Bakke. Motion Carried all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Peterson
City Administrator/Clerk