

**Lanesboro City Council**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Monday, February 1, 2021**  
**Meeting held via Zoom**

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

**Absent:** None

**Visitors:** Shayla Gehrke, Andrzej Zalasinski, Jr. , Ron Amdahl , Lester Dunn, Mike Bubany, David Haugen , Dan Beuch, Deane Benson, Jennifer Haug, Pauline Suckow, Harry Davis, Phil Dybing, Hannah Wingert, Attorney Joe O’Koren, John Dahle, Cathy Enerson, Drue Ferguson, and Brian Malm

**Public Hearing - Rural Taxing District:** Mayor Resseman opened the Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. Property Owner Phil Haug noted that he felt his property should be included in the district. No further comments were made. Mayor Resseman closed the Hearing at 6:03 p.m.

**Regular Meeting:**

Mayor Resseman called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

A. **Agenda:** Member Albrecht-Benson motioned to approve the agenda as submitted. Member Bakke seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all members in favor. Motion carried.

**B. Approval of Minutes:**

1. Minutes of the Special Meeting, December 29, 2020: Member Goetzke 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.
2. Minutes of the Regular Meeting, January 4, 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. Smith Schafer 2020 Audit Agreement
3. Fillmore County Ambulance Agreement
4. 2021 Lodging Licenses

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. Department Reports:**

- a. **Police:** Chief Sass provided a brief overview of his professional career, along with a history of the department. Officer Gideon Purdeohl also shared information about himself.

- b. **Housing Institute:** Housing Institute representative Phil Dybing shared a slide show of information pertaining to the Institute, specifically who is involved, the information being gathered, as well as potential outcomes.

**E. Continued Business:**

**a. COVID**

- i. **Community Center Preparedness Plan:** Mayor Resseman motioned to approve the Community Center Preparedness Plan. Member Goetzke seconded the motion. Vote was done roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried.
- ii. **Public Meetings:** Mayor Resseman motioned to reinstate in person meetings effective February 2, 2021 while continuing with a zoom option as well following Federal, State, County, and Local guidelines for gatherings. Member Goetzke seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried.
- b. **Planning & Zoning Board:** The Planning & Zoning Board is still in need of a volunteer to fill a three year term.
- c. **Boulevard Trees:** Mayor Resseman motioned to approve a rebate program for boulevard trees for property owners. The rebate would be in the amount of \$75.00, requirements will include: the species must be on the approved City list and it must be at least 1 ¼ inches in diameter. Member Goetzke seconded the motion. Mayor Resseman then amended the motion to include that a registration form shall be created and the rebate program would begin in 2022 with a predetermined amount each year. Member Goetzke seconded the amendment. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried.

**F. New Business:**

- a. **Variance Request - 18 Beacon Street:** Mayor Resseman noted that Planning & Zoning had reviewed the application, and recommended that it be approved. Member Goetzke motioned to approve the variance request. Member Bakke seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried.
- b. **Rural Taxing District:** Administrator Peterson requested additional time to review the properties to be included. Mayor Resseman motioned to table the discussion until next month. Member Goetzke seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor.
- c. **Amdahl Property Discussion:** Mayor Resseman noted that a project for electrical improvements near Mr. Amdahl's property were made in 2010-2011. From this project a pile of debris had been made. Ron Amdahl is the son of Orville and Marie Amdahl who owned the property at this time, as well Ron is now the owner of the property. In 2017 the Lanesboro City Council voted to clean up the debris pile, staff members attempted to burn, however were unsuccessful. A contractor was then hired to break up the pile, in an effort to try and burn again, again this effort was unsuccessful. Ron felt that because the Council had approved the area to be cleaned up, that a timeline for the work to be completed should be agreed upon and the work completed. Additional discussion was had regarding the fence that had been removed for the project, and subsequently re-installed. Mr. Amdahl does not believe it was replaced with a similar quality product and would like the fencing replaced. Council requested that a photo be looked for in order to determine what fencing was there previously. In the meantime Public Works David Haugen will evaluate the site to determine if he feels the piles could be burned on site, or removed by renting roll-off dumpsters. Haugen will also set up a time to meet with Mr. Amdahl to determine the exact length of fence being discussed and obtain a bid for a barbed wire fence. Mayor Resseman motioned to table the discussion until the next meeting. Member Goetzke seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried.

- d. **Comprehensive Plan:** Mayor Resseman noted that the Planning & Zoning board had recommended approval of the submitted document. Administrator Peterson suggested that the document be posted on the City website for the public to review until the March meeting. Mayor Resseman motioned to table the discussion until the March meeting. Member Bakke seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion seconded.
- e. **Miscellaneous**
  - i. **Rural Board Annual Meeting Monday, February 8, 2021 at 7 p.m.:** A reminder that a quorum of the Council is requested to attend the meeting. The Fire Department contract is being negotiated this year.
  - ii. **Fire Department Building:** Administrator Peterson requested permission to review options for potentially moving the department from the existing building. Mayor Resseman motioned to approve Peterson gather necessary information to consider this option. Member Bakke seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried.

**G. Project Reports:**

- a. **Wastewater Treatment Facility:** City Engineer Brian Malm reviewed the information for the following requests.
  - i. **Change Order:** Mayor Resseman motioned to approve the Change Order to extend the timeline for the project. Member Bakke seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried.
  - ii. **Pay Request #2:** Mayor Resseman motioned to approve Pay Request #2 in the amount of \$85,443. Member Bakke seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried.
- b. **Road Project Consideration:** City Engineer Brian Malm presented the discussion of a potential road project for 2022. The lending agency has noted that the City is potentially grant eligible, as well applications have been submitted previously for the Local Road Improvement Program for a portion of the project. Kirkwood Street East and the loop of Coffee Street West, Rochelle Avenue N, and Beacon Street West are the two areas that would need to be engineered in order to be certified with the State to be eligible for funding. If the Council chooses to approve the work order to complete the engineering, the project would then be certified by June of 2021, the project would then be bid out in the fall of 2021, with construction in 2022. The City's Financial Advisor Mike Bubany shared data as to how this project would affect the City's finances. Mr. Bubany also noted that the Council should consider borrowing from the Electric Fund rather than taking out a Micro Loan. It was noted that this decision did not need to be made immediately. Council Members will review the options and voice any concerns or thoughts. Member Goetzke motioned to approve the work order for Bolton & Menk to complete the engineering for these projects in the amount of \$185,000. Member Albrecht-Benson seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried. Administrator Peterson then read Resolution 2021-10 aloud. Member Bakke motioned to approve the resolution with clerical amendments. Member Goetzke seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried. Mayor Resseman then read aloud Resolution 2021-11. Member Bakke motioned to approve the resolution with clerical amendments. Member Goetzke seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried.

**Next Meeting: Monday, March 1, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.**

**ADJOURN:** Mayor Resseman moved to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. Motion seconded by Member Walbridge. Motion Carried all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Peterson  
City Administrator/Clerk