

Lanesboro City Council
Special Meeting
Friday, August 13, 2021 8:00 a.m.
Lanesboro Community Center Meeting Room

Present: Jason Resseman, Mitchell Walbridge, Joe Goetzke, and Mindy Albrecht-Benson. Chase Bakke participated remotely from 110 Galewski Drive, Winona, MN due to work commitments.

Absent: None

Visitors: Aimee Stettler, Darla Taylor, Deane Benson, Holly Jacobs, Ryan Throckmorton, and Braden Hanson

Call the Special Meeting to Order: Mayor Resseman called the Special Meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

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

- A. Resignation from Deane Benson:** Member Walbridge motioned to accept the resignation of Deane Benson. Member Bakke seconded the motion. Member Albrecht-Benson noted that Director Benson did not want to resign, however felt underpaid. Albrecht-Benson noted concern for the future of the department. Vote was done by roll-call with Mayor Resseman and Members Goetzke, Walbridge, and Bakke voting yes. Member Albrecht-Benson abstained from voting. Motion carried. Mayor Resseman then thanked Deane Benson for his work with the City, noting his appreciation for his service.
- B. Mutual Aid Agreement:** Mayor Resseman motioned to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement with the City of Preston. Member Bakke seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried.
- C. Referral of Prosecution:** City Attorney Joseph O’Koren noted that he had received a complaint that he had a conflict of interest with and therefore turned the file over to the County Attorney.
- D. Code of Conduct:** Mayor Resseman thanked all of the staff, volunteers, elected and appointed officials for their service to the City. Resseman noted that he would like to see the Code of Conduct sent out to remind everyone of the Cities policies. Member Albrecht-Benson motioned to send out the Code of Conduct to all staff, volunteers, elected, and appointed officials. Member Bakke seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried.
- E. Ambulance Crew Concerns:** Mayor Resseman provided an overview of the meeting held with crew members earlier in the week. Concern was noted for completion of the run reports and review of the equipment to ensure it is ready and operational. It was noted that we should address the critical short term needs of the department, then continue to the long term plans. Mayor Resseman motioned to appoint Dan Jaquith as the interim director. Member Albrecht-Benson seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried.

Adjourn: Member Walbridge motioned to adjourn the special meeting at 11:47 a.m. Member Goetzke seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Michele Peterson
City Administrator/Clerk