

**Lanesboro City Council  
Special Meeting  
Tuesday, July 12, 2022 4:00 p.m.  
Lanesboro Community Center Meeting Room**

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

**Absent:** None

**Visitors:** Attorney Joseph O’Koren and Attorney Nathaniel Ajouri

**Call the Special Meeting to Order:** Mayor Resseman called the Special Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**A. Discuss Legal Strategy regarding active litigation:** Mayor Resseman noted the meeting will be closed due to Attorney-Client privilege to discuss threatened and pending litigation per Minn. Stat. 13D.05 Subd 3B. Subject has filed notice with the City of intent to file suit, but has not yet filed in District Court under Minn. Stat. 429.081. We are discussing litigation and negotiation strategies based on the information contained in the Objection and Notice. Absolute confidentiality is necessary as open discussion of this threatened and pending litigation could reveal the City's strategy or jeopardize any potential resolution regarding the City's response. Member Bakke motioned to close the meeting. Member Walbridge seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor. The City Council will now go into a closed session. The time is 4:01 p.m.

Only the officials and consultants of the City who reasonably require access to this data may be in attendance at any portion of the meeting for this agenda item. This portion of the meeting should not be taped or otherwise electronically recorded since it has been closed under the attorney-client privilege. The minutes of this portion of the meeting should reflect only that a meeting was held with its date, time and location; who was present at the meeting; and the purpose of the meeting.

In addition to the City Council, the following persons are present for the closed meeting: Attorney Joseph O’Koren Attorney for the City of Lanesboro.

Member Albrecht-Benson motioned to adjourn the closed portion of the meeting. Mayor Resseman seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor. The closed meeting was adjourned into open session at 4:11 p.m.

Mayor Resseman motioned to authorize the City Administrator and City Attorney to negotiate a settlement for the assessment objection filed by Theresa Coleman. Member Albrecht-Benson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor..

**B. Discuss Legal Strategy regarding active litigation:** Mayor Resseman noted the meeting will be closed due to Attorney-Client privilege to discuss active litigation per MN Statute 13D.05 Subd 3B. Subject has filed suit against the City under the Clean Water Act. We are discussing litigation and negotiation strategies based on the information contained in the Complaint and information received from opposing counsel. Absolute confidentiality is necessary as open discussion of this active litigation and negotiation could reveal the City's strategy or jeopardize any potential resolution regarding the City's response.

Member Goetzke motioned to close the meeting. Member Bakke seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor. The City Council will now go into a closed session. The time is 4:12 p.m.

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In addition to the City Council, the following persons are present for the closed meeting: Nathaniel Ajouri, legal counsel for the City on this matter from MASLON LLP and Attorney Joseph O'Koren Attorney for the City of Lanesboro.

Member Bakke motioned to adjourn the closed portion of the meeting. Member Albrecht-Benson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor. The closed meeting was adjourned into open session at 4:38 p.m.

Mayor Resseman motioned to approve the settlement agreement as drafted and presented to resolve the Clean Water Act Litigation. Member Albrecht-Benson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

**Adjourn:** Mayor Resseman adjourned the special meeting at 4:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Peterson  
City Administrator/Clerk