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**Lanesboro City Council
Special Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 21, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.
Lanesboro Community Center Gymnasium & Zoom**

Present Members:

Mindy Albrecht-Benson Chase Bakke Joe Goetzke Jason Resseman Kathryn Wade

Staff:

Mitchell Walbridge Darla Taylor David Haugen Mark Lawstuen Jerod Wagner
 Tara Johnson Joseph O’Koren

Guests:

Phil Holtegaard, Jon Buggs, Sjeila Goetzke, Stacey Schultz, Alissa Sindelar, Sarah Pieper, Bonita Underbakke, Robert Vagts, Marilyn Vagts, Emily Moore, Carol Anderson, Don Lukkason, Ceil Allen, Jerome Ritter, Kay Wold, Jon Nicol, Delia Bell, Sandy Webb, Anna Loney, Rebecca Damron, Gary Lea, Carol, Linda Tacke, Vicki Chambard-Torkelson, Tom Brudvig, Carolyn Smith, Dave Susag, Carol Neary, Molly Gage; *Zoom:* Linda Hennessey, TLH, Sheila Walbridge

Special Meeting

Call to Order: Mayor Resseman called to order the Special Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Agenda Approval: Member Wade entered a motion to approve the agenda as submitted; Member Albecht-Benson seconded the motion; Motion carried with all in favor. The Lanesboro Public Library Board took time to approve its agenda.

New Business

- A. Governance Structure of the Lanesboro Public Library Board:** Library Board Chair Jon Buggs presented an opening statement. Members of the city council and the library board discussed the sequence in which members would share comments. The library board considered and passed a motion to alternate between library board members and city council members as the recognized speakers. Member Goetzke entered a motion to alternate between library board members and city council members as the recognized speaker when sharing comments; Member Albrecht-Benson seconded the motion. Member Bakke expressed that comments going back and forth may fuel animosity where there is already tension. Member Bakke stated he wants to work with the library board to determine what is the best path forward for the city and the library. Member Wade commented that she does not want to rehash the past in the discussion. Member Wade expressed her intention for agreeing to this meeting to hear all points of view and find the best pathway forward. Motion carried with all in favor.

Following comments shared by city council members and library board members, Mayor Resseman suggested the city council and the library board either appoint a committee to continue discussion or schedule another joint meeting to address specific topics about the library’s responsibilities in the city’s organizational structure.

A roll call was completed to gauge if members were in favor of forming a committee to continue discussions. Members Jon Buggs, Alissa Sindelar, Kathryn Wade, and Chase Bakke voted in the affirmative to form a committee; Members Stacey Schultz, Sarah Pieper, Sjeila Goetzke, Phil Holtegaard, Joe Goetzke, Mindy Albrecht-Benson, and Jason Resseman voted in opposition to form a committee. Roll call vote failed.

A roll call was completed to gauge if members were in favor of holding separate city council and library board workshops for each to create a list of talking points for a future joint meeting. Members Jon Buggs, Stacey Schultz, Sarah Pieper, Sjeila Goetzke, Phil Holtegaard, Joe Goetzke, Kathryn Wade, Chase Bakke, Mindy Albrecht-Benson, and Jason Resseman voted in favor of having separate

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workshops to create bulleted talking points followed by another joint meeting of the city council and library board; Member Alissa Sindelar voted in opposition to having separate workshops. Roll call vote approved.

The parties agreed to have their workshops completed no later than November 15, 2024, at which time the city administrator will schedule another joint meeting between the city council and the library board.

Mayor Resseman adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitchell Walbridge
City Administrator/Clerk