

**Lanesboro City Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Monday, October 7, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.  
Lanesboro Community Center Meeting Room & 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:**

Ken Soiney, Anna Loney, Pam Engebretson, Tom Brudvig, Sheila Walbridge, Bonita Underbakke, Cheryl Neary, Margaret Vagts, Ceil Allen, Kay Taylor, Hannah Wingert, Dale Forster, Pat Gemlo, Dave Harrenstein, Susan Ritter, Jerry Ritter, Val Tindall, Jon Pieper, Jon Nichol, Delia Bell, Sjeila Goetzke, Stephanie Jakim, Alicia Pearson, Karen Heimdahl, Susan Roland, Vicki Torkelson, Kay Wold, Emily Moore, Carol Anderson, Monica Erickson, Sarah Pieper, Stacey Schultz, Phil Holtegaard, Cindy Eversole, Peter Torkelson, Fern Brewster, Eric Schladweiler, Lynn Schaefer, Phil Dybing, Heidi Dybing, Eliza Mitchell, Tara Johnson, Stela Burdt, Nicole Howard, Gary Lea, Gabby Kreidemacher, Jane Peck, Betsy Holbrook, Sandy Web, Mike Bubany, Carly McNeilus, John Torgrimson, Joe Deden, Mary Bell, Shirley Mulder, Barb H., Don Bell, Brian Malm, Heather Johnson, Dan Anderson, Maureen Anderson, Jonathan Levine, Bonnie Handemacher, Andy

**Public Hearing for City Ordinances 31.80, 31.81, 31.82, and 31.83:** Member Resseman called to order the public hearing at 6:00 p.m. The following individuals addressed the city council regarding the proposed ordinances: Anna Loney, Peter Torkelson, Stacey Schultz, Eliza Mitchell, Margaret Vagts, Jerry Ritter, Tom Brudvig, Sjeila Goetzke, Sarah Pieper, Susan Ritter, Dave Harrenstein, Delia Bell, Stephanie Jakim, Jon Nichol and Alicia Pearson.

Administrator Walbridge read letters from Susan Vaughan-Fier and Carolyn Jones into the record.

Member Resseman closed the public hearing at 6:34 p.m.

**Public Hearing for Amendments to City Ordinance Chapter 151 – Land Use:** Member Resseman called to order the public hearing at 6:35 p.m. The following individuals addressed the city council regarding the proposed amendments: Jon Pieper and Sarah Pieper.

Member Resseman closed the public hearing at 6:38 p.m.

**Regular Meeting**

**Call to Order:** Member Resseman called to order the Regular Meeting at 6:38 p.m.

- A. Agenda Approval:** City Administrator Walbridge requested that Department Reports be removed from the agenda and that New Business be placed before Continued Business. Member Wade entered a motion to amend the agenda with the recommendations of Administrator Walbridge; Member Albrecht-Benson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor. Member Bakke entered a motion to approve the amended agenda; Member Goetzke seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

**B. Public Comments:**

- Karen Heimdahl addressed the council and encouraged council members to support Lanesboro hosting the Filthy Fifty. Heimdahl stated that the event brings positive impact to the community.
- Jon Pieper addressed the council regarding non-conforming land use near his property. Pieper reported a trailer parked on a property that neighbors his.

**C. Approval of Minutes**

- a. Minutes of Regular Meeting, September 3, 2024: Member Albrecht-Benson entered a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Member Wade seconded the motion. Member Goetzke entered

a motion to amend the motion to approve the minutes with a change to New Business item A noting that Member Goetzke voted 'no' on the motion; Member Resseman seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor. Members then voted all in favor to pass the amended motion.

- b. Minutes of Special Meeting, September 30, 2024: Member Albrecht-Benson entered a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Member Goetzke seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor. Administrator Walbridge provided a summary of the closed meeting portion of September 30, 2024.

**D. Consent Agenda:**

- a. Accounts Payable
- b. 2025 Liquor & Tobacco License Renewals
- c. Hire of Erika Newton – Library Substitute
- d. Lanesboro Arts Temporary Liquor License – October 26, 2024
- e. Lanesboro Arts Temporary Liquor License – December 20, 2024
- f. Resolution 2024-33 – Authorizing the Transfer of Public Funds
- g. Adoption of City of Lanesboro Brand Guidelines

Member Albrecht-Benson entered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda; Member Bakke seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

**New Business**

- A. TH250 Project – Consider Temporary Financing Options: Mike Bubany, David Drown & Associates, presented temporary financing options that could cover invoiced engineering costs as engineering begins on the TH250 project. Bubany presented two options: 1) a non-rated public sale, or 2) a bank placement such as a loan through the Minnesota Rural Water Association. Administrator Walbridge recommended tabling making a borrowing decision for one month to allow time for members to consider the options and formulate any follow-up questions. Member Goetzke entered a motion to table the consideration of temporary financing options; Member Albrecht-Benson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

**Continued Business**

- A. Consider Adoption of Ordinances 31.80, 31.81, 31.82, and 31.83: Member Albrecht-Benson, as city council liaison to the library board and as a library board member, that concerns have been raised about oversight and operations of the Lanesboro Public Library. Concerns included misconduct around interference with the city's grievance process, unapproved staffing and payroll issues, removal of an employee evaluation, obstructing public access to data, unprofessional behavior and gossip, misleading community claims, library director's remote work and lack of oversight. Member Resseman put the meeting into recess at 7:08 p.m. Member Resseman resumed the meeting at 7:18 p.m. Member Goetzke entered a motion to table the consideration of the ordinances; Member Resseman seconded the motion. Member Wade stated she would like to see some sort of joint effort to address the issues that Member Albrecht-Benson shared. Members voted unanimously to table consideration of ordinance adoption. Member Resseman entered a motion to have the city administrator schedule a joint meeting between the city council and the library board; Member Albrecht-Benson seconded the motion. Member Goetzke stated he would like the meeting scheduled as soon as possible. Members voted unanimously to approve the motion.
- B. Consider Adoption of Amendments to Ordinance Chapter 151 – Land Use: Member Goetzke entered a motion to have the city council adopt the amended version of Chapter 151 – Land Use; Member Bakke seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor. Administrator Walbridge requested that the Summary of Publication provided be approved so that the entire ordinance would not need to be published in the City's legal newspaper – the *Fillmore County*

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*Journal.* Member Resseman entered a motion to approve the drafted Summary of Publication; Member Bakke seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

- C. Comprehensive Plan: Administrator Walbridge requested directions on how the city council would like to proceed with creating a new comprehensive plan for the city. Grant funds in the amount of \$20,000 were received and the city council has \$5,000 in capital improvement funds to create a new comprehensive plan. While Administrator Walbridge mentioned that Bolton & Menk, Inc., the City's engineering firm assisted with the last comprehensive plan, discussion was had about a Request for Proposals process to see if there are firms interested in facilitating the process. Member Resseman entered a motion to table moving forward with the comprehensive plan process until a RFP is drafted for the city council to consider; Member Goetzke seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

**Next Meeting: Monday, November 4, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.**

Member Resseman adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitchell Walbridge  
City Administrator/Clerk