

**Lanesboro City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 2, 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: Bonita Underbakke, Hannah Wingert, Jon Nicol, Delia Bell, Anna Loney, Peter and Vicki Torkelson, Rick Lamon, Tom Dybing, Tamara DeGarmo, Stacey Schultz, Alicia Pearson, Sandy Webb, Mike Bubany, Cynthia Rowell, Sarah Pieper; *Via Zoom:* Carly McNelius, Bonnie Handmacher, Mike Ask, Deane Benson, Shirley Mulder, Sheila Walbridge, Bill

Truth in Taxation Hearing

Mayor Resseman opened the Truth in Taxation public hearing at 6:00 p.m. City Administrator Walbridge presented information regarding the Truth in Taxation process. No public comments were shared.

Mayor Resseman closed the Truth in Taxation public hearing at 6:09 p.m.

Regular Meeting

Call to Order: Mayor Resseman called the regular meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

A. Agenda Approval: City Administrator Walbridge requested additions to the agenda:

- Minnesota Sales Tax Agreement to the Consent Agenda
- Gun Club Raffle Gambling Permit to the Consent Agenda
- Resignation of Alex Gehrig – Lanesboro Park Board
- Addend the 2025 CEDA Contract Renewal to include the 2025-2027 EDA Work Plan

Member Wade entered a motion to approve the agenda with the requested additions; Member Albrecht-Benson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

B. Public Comments:

- Anna Loney addressed the city council expressing thanks for those whose terms are ending. Loney also addressed the city council in opposition to the proposed library board ordinance.
- Peter Torkelson addressed the city council in opposition to the proposed library board ordinance.
- Stacey Schultz addressed the city council in opposition to the proposed library board ordinance.
- Sarah Pieper addressed the city council in opposition to the proposed library board ordinance.

C. Approval of Minutes:

- a. Minutes of Regular Meeting, November 4, 2024
- b. Minutes of Special Meeting, November 4, 2024
- c. Minutes of Special Meeting, November 14, 2024
- d. Minutes of Special Meeting, November 19, 2024

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

D. Consent Agenda:

- a. Accounts Payable
- b. Department of Natural Resources – Depot Building Lease Renewal
- c. Taylor Family Farms Foundation – Emergency Services Grant Award Acceptance
- d. Resolution 2024-37: Accepting Donations for the Lanesboro Public Library
- e. Resolution 2024-38: Accepting Donations for Lanesboro Legion Lights

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- f. Resolution 2024-39: Accepting Donations for Lanesboro Economic Development Authority
- g. Resignation of David Haugen – Lanesboro Fire Department
- h. Minnesota Sales Tax Agreement
- i. Gun Club Raffle Gambling Permit
- j. Resignation of Alex Gehrig – Lanesboro Park Board

Member Bakke entered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda; Member Wade seconded the motion. Members recognized David Haugen for his years of service to the Lanesboro Fire Department. Members also thanked Alex Gehrig for his years of service on the Lanesboro Park Board. Motion carried with all in favor.

Department Reports

A. Economic Development Authority: Member Goetzke provided the EDA department update.

- The EDA was awarded a \$20,000 SMIF REV grant.
- The EDA is working on advertising availability of loans through the Revolving Loan Fund.
- A grant application has been submitted to obtain funds for the EDA to complete a feasibility study on developing the City's riverfront property that houses Lanesboro Public Works.
- The 2025-2027 strategic plan has been formulated.

B. Fire Department: Member Bakke provided the Fire Department update.

- The new tanker truck chassis is available, and the rural tanker is being upgraded. Upgrades will be completed by the end of Quarter 1 of 2025.
- The fire department received a grant from the Taylor Family Farms Foundation to obtain new 800 MHz radios.
- The fire department also was awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Department of Natural Resources.
- There have been six calls in the last three months, bringing the year-to-date amount to 36.
- David Haugen has retired from the Lanesboro Fire Department. Gratitude from the department was expressed for Haugen's years of service.
- Applications are being accepted for a vacancy on the fire department.
- The department continues to work on its vehicle needs assessment and storage needs assessment.

Continued Business

A. Consider Resolution 2024-40: Authorizing of TH250 Financing Bond Issuance: Pursuant to due call, a regular or special meeting of the City Council of the City of Lanesboro, Fillmore County, Minnesota, was duly held at the City Hall on December 2, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., for the purpose, in part, of authorizing the issuance and sale of a \$1,710,000 Temporary General Obligation Utility Revenue Bond, Series 2024A.

The following members were present: Jason Resseman, Chase Bakke, Joe Goetzke, Kathryn Wade, Mindy-Albrecht-Benson. No members were absent.

Member Wade introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption: Resolution Providing for the Issuance and Sale of a \$1,710,000 Temporary General Obligation Utility Revenue Bond, Series 2024A, and Pledging Net Revenues for the Security Thereof.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Chase Bakke and, after a full discussion thereof and upon a vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor: Chase Bakke, Joe Goetzke, Kathryn Wade, Mindy Albrecht-Benson, and Jason Resseman. No members voted against.

Whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Mike Bubany, David Drown and Associates, stated the closing date is December 16, 2024.

B. Consider Request to Relocate Civil Defense Siren: Administrator Walbridge requested that the topic be tabled as he received information from Federal Warning Systems without time to distribute it to members. Member Resseman entered a motion to table the item; Member Albrecht-Benson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

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New Business

- A. Consider Approval of 2025 CEDA Contract and 2025-2027 EDA Work Plan:** Administrator Walbridge recommended tabling the contract approval as there may be more cost-effective alternatives to professional services provided by CEDA. Member Wade entered a motion to table the contract and work plan approval; Member Albrecht-Benson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
- B. Consider Approval of 2025 Filthy Fifty Street/Park Closure Application:** Member Goetzke entered a motion to approve the application; Member Resseman seconded the motion. Members discussed concerns about the application as submitted. Concerns included the prolonged closure of Parkway Avenue, safety concerns, and the absence of event coordinators to answer council members' questions. Member Goetzke shared that a meeting took place on October 31 for downtown business owners to discuss any of their concerns. Member Goetzke reported that the consensus was that most property owners downtown would like to have the event back in 2025. After discussion, the motion was approved with Members Resseman, Goetzke, Wade, and Albrecht-Benson voting in favor. Member Bakke voted against the motion.
- C. Consider Approval of the FY2025 Budget:** Administrator Walbridge shared that the preliminary budget had a proposed levy amount of \$974,161.56. The final budget presented for 2025 has a levy of \$931,543.84. Each department's total expenditures and revenues were reviewed. Member Albrecht-Benson entered a motion to approve the FY2025 budget with no modifications; Member Wade seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Mayor Resseman put the meeting in recess at 7:11 p.m.

Mayor Resseman resumed the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

- D. Consider Resolution 2024-36 – Approval of the 2025 Final Tax Levy:** Mayor Resseman read the resolution as prepared. Member Albrecht-Benson entered a motion to approve Resolution 2024-36, establishing the final tax levy to be collected in 2025 as \$931,543.84; Member Wade seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 18, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Resseman adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitchell Walbridge
City Administrator/Clerk