

**Lanesboro City Council
Special Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 18, 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: Anna Loney, Peter Torkelson, Sheila Walbridge, Linda Hennessey, David Hennessey, Gene Bergstrom, Renee Bergstrom, Bonita Underbakke, Susan Roland, Pat Gemlo, Dale Forster, Cheryl Neary, Jon Buggs, Emily Moore, Carol Anderson, Delia Bell, Jon Nicol, Tom Brudvig, Pam Engebretson, Stacey Schultz, Sandy Webb, Sara Pieper, Ann Lowe, Alicia Pearson, Marilyn Vagts, Robert Vagts, Phil Holtegaard, Kay Wold, Stela Burdt, Robin Holbrook, Betsy Holbrook, Vicki Torkelson; *Via Zoom:* Chase Gilson, Sjeila Goetzke, Molly Gage, Shirley Mulder, Alissa Sindelar, ABC6 News, Deane Benson, Katie Hagen, Tami, Tracy Waters, Jeni

Public Hearing for Consideration of City Ordinances 31.80, 31.81, 31.82, and 31.83

Mayor Resseman called the public hearing to order at 6:00 p.m.

The following individuals addressed the Lanesboro City Council in opposition to the proposed ordinances regarding the Lanesboro Public Library Board:

- Anna Loney
- Susan Roland
- Jon Nicol
- Bonita Underbakke
- Tom Brudvig
- Delia Bell
- Peter Torkelson
- Emily Moore
- David Hennessey
- Dale Forster
- Marilyn Vagts
- Sandy Webb
- Sarah Pieper
- Alicia Pearson
- Tara Johnson

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

Public Hearing for Consideration of Amendments to City Ordinance 54.06

Mayor Resseman called the public hearing to order at 6:34 p.m.

No public comments were shared regarding the amendments to ordinance 54.06 regarding the Lanesboro Public Utility Fee Schedule.

Mayor Resseman closed the public hearing at 6:37 p.m.

Call to Order: Mayor Resseman called the special meeting of the Lanesboro City Council to order at 6:37 p.m.

A. Agenda Approval: Member Albrecht-Benson entered a motion to approve the agenda as submitted; Member Wade seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

B. Consent Agenda:

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- a. Consider 2025 Cost of Living Adjustment
- b. Consider Resolution 2024-42 – Authorizing VOTER Account Agreement with Fillmore County

Member Goetzke entered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda; Member Bakke seconded the motion. City Administrator Walbridge noted that the recommended cost of living adjustment for 2025 salaries is three percent (3%) as budgeted in the 2025 final budget. Motion carried with all in favor.

Continued Business

- A. Consider Adoption of Lanesboro City Ordinance 31.80:** Member Goetzke entered a motion to adopt Lanesboro City Ordinance 31.80 Establishment and Purpose of the Library Board; Member Albrecht-Benson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
- B. Consider Adoption of Lanesboro City Ordinance 31.81:** Member Goetzke entered a motion to adopt Lanesboro City Ordinance 31.81 Composition of the Library Board; Member Wade seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
- C. Consider Adoption of Lanesboro City Ordinance 31.82:** Member Albrecht-Benson entered a motion to adopt Lanesboro City Ordinance 31.82 Powers and Duties of Library Board; Member Goetzke seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
- D. Consider Adoption of Lanesboro City Ordinance 31.83:** Member Goetzke entered a motion to adopt Lanesboro City Ordinance 31.83 Library Funds; Member Wade seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
- E. Consider Amendments to Lanesboro City Ordinance 54.06:** Member Albrecht-Benson entered a motion to adopt the amendments to Lanesboro City Ordinance 54.06 Public Utility Fee Schedule; Member Bakke seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
- F. Consider 2025 CEDA Contract:** Member Goetzke entered a motion to table the 2025 CEDA Contract; Member Albrecht-Benson seconded the motion. Administrator Walbridge noted that he and Member Wade attended a meeting about the potential collaboration between cities to hire an EDA director, as well as other options. He also noted that the current EDA Director Cathy Enerson contracted through CEDA will not be returning to Lanesboro in 2025 even if the CEDA contract is adopted. To reduce turnover and allow time for additional professional services options for the EDA, Administrator Walbridge stated he was comfortable acting as the interim EDA director. Mayor Resseman recommended tabling the contract consideration to allow more time to investigate other EDA options and to allow the new city council to weigh in on the direction for EDA services. The motion to table passed with all in favor.

New Business

- A. Consider Resolution 2024-41 – Authorizing the Transfer of Public Funds:** Member Wade entered a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-41; Member Goetzke seconded the motion. Administrator Walbridge clarified the resolution authorizes city administration to move donation funds and Rose Bell Memorial Funds into the city's main treasury account at Merchants Bank, but the funds remain separated in the city's accounting system and chart of accounts. In addition, the city's auditing firm agreed with the proposed resolution for the separation of duties/internal controls for the donation funds. Administrator Walbridge also stated he would speak with the Rose Bell family to let them know the details of the fund transfer. Motion carried with all in favor.
- B. Lanesboro Board and Commission Code of Conduct:** Mayor Resseman reminded the council that the City of Lanesboro has a board and commission member code of conduct and that it is the city's practice to have all board and commission members receive a copy and acknowledge the code of conduct. This process will begin again in January after new board and commission members are appointed.

Next Meeting: Monday, January 6, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

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Member Goetzke entered a motion to adjourn the meeting; Member Albrecht-Benson seconded the motion. Member Goetzke shared comments of thanks and gratitude for Mayor Jason Resseman's years of service to the City of Lanesboro in his role as a city council member and as mayor. Members all voted in favor of adjourning the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitchell Walbridge
City Administrator/Clerk