

**Lanesboro City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 3, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.
Lanesboro City Council Chambers**

Present Members:

☒ Mindy Albrecht-Benson ☒ Chase Bakke ☒ Joe Cullen ☒ Alicia Pearson ☒ Kathryn Wade

Staff:

☒ Mitchell Walbridge ☒ Darla Taylor ☐ David Haugen ☐ Mark Lawstuen ☐ Jerod Wagner
☒ Joseph O’Koren ☐ Michelle Marotzke

Mayor Pearson called the public hearing to order at 6:00 p.m. No public comments were shared. Mayor Pearson closed the public hearing at 6:01 p.m.

A. Agenda Approval: City Administrator Mitchell Walbridge requested that Resolution 2026-43 Authorizing The Lanesboro Firemen’s Relief Association to Conduct Lawful Gambling at 101 Rivers Edge Drive be added to New Business. A motion was made by Member Wade to approve the agenda with the requested addition; Member Albrecht-Benson seconded the motion. All members voted in favor; motion carried.

B. Public Comments: No public comments were shared.

C. Approval of Minutes:

- a. Minutes of Regular Meeting, July 6, 2026
- b. Minutes of Special Meeting, July 28, 2026

A motion was made by Member Albrecht-Benson to approve the minutes as presented; Member Bakke seconded the motion. All members voted in favor; motion carried.

D. Consent Agenda:

- a. Accounts Payable
- b. Resolution 2026-42 Accepting Donations for Lanesboro Legion Lights Fund
- c. Ratify Hire of Matthew Ralph, Assistant Librarian

A motion was made by Member Albrecht-Benson to approve the Consent Agenda; Member Bakke seconded the motion. All members voted in favor; motion carried.

Continued Business

A. Consider Park Board recommendation to Replace Water Heater at City Hall: At the City Council’s direction, Administrator Walbridge obtained a second estimate for the hot water heater replacement. The second bid from Kingsley Mercantile, Inc. was \$15,200, which is higher than the original Vis Plumbing estimate.

A motion was made by Mayor Pearson to approve the lower bid from Vis Plumbing; Member Bakke seconded the motion. All members voted in favor; motion carried.

New Business

A. Consider Scheduling of Preliminary Budget Workshop: A recommendation to schedule a preliminary budget workshop for August 25 was made by City Administrator Walbridge. A motion was made by Member Wade to hold the work session on August 25, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. following the Park Board meeting; Member Albrecht-Benson seconded the motion. All members voted in favor; motion carried.

B. Consider Request to Relocate 30-minute Parking Spot: Cyntia Ruen submitted an agenda request to have a 30-minute parking spot moved from the 100 block of Coffee Street West to the 100 block of Coffee Street East to allow designated short-term access parking for the Lanesboro Market. City Administrator Walbridge noted Public Works had no concerns about moving the sign and parking spot.

A motion was made by Member Albrecht-Benson to move the sign and designated parking spot; Member Bakke seconded the motion. All members voted in favor; motion carried.

- C. Consider Quote for Rochelle Avenue Alley Resurfacing:** A request was submitted by Public Works Supervisor David Haugen to approve a bid to have the Rochelle Avenue alley repaved. Two bids were obtained with the lowest responsible bidder being State Line Asphalt LLC at \$23,500.

A motion was made by Member Bakke to accept the bid from State Line Asphalt LLC; Member Wade seconded the motion. The City Council reviewed the plan for alley maintenance in the City. Member Cullen asked about the nature of the work and if this type of rehabilitation would solve issues caused by larger gross weight vehicles such as garbage trucks in the alleys. Administrator Walbridge explained that the overall construction of paved alleys is not meant for heavier commercial vehicles, and the policy about trash pickup should be assessed when the refuse request for proposals goes out to bid this fall. All members voted in favor; motion carried.

- D. Consider Bids for North Water Tower Maintenance:** Administrator Walbridge presented the bid tabulation and quote evaluation for the City's North Water Rehabilitation Project. Of the three bids obtained, Slack Painting LLC was the lowest responsible bidder with a price of \$167,250. Walbridge stated the current Water Capital Fund has a balance of \$717,569, and the North Water Tower Rehabilitation Project cost is anticipated to be \$216,250 with engineering fees.

A motion was made by Mayor Pearson to approve the bid submitted by Slack Painting, LLC; Member Albrecht-Benson seconded the motion. All members voted in favor; motion carried.

- E. Consider Proposal for Lanesboro Day at the Capitol:** Mayor Pearson introduced a proposal to work with Team 250 on organizing a Lanesboro Day at the Capitol to advocate for City of Lanesboro needs with state legislators. Member discussed who would organize the event, the scale of the event, and how to come up with consistent messaging to be approved. Mayor Pearson would investigate this further with Team 250 and report back to the City Council.

A motion was made by Member Albrecht-Benson to table discussion; Mayor Pearson seconded the motion. All members voted in favor; motion carried.

- F. Consider Resolution 2026-43 – Authorizing The Lanesboro Firemen's Relief Association to Conduct Lawful Gambling at 101 Rivers Edge Drive:** Administrator Walbridge introduced a resolution to approve The Lanesboro Firemen's Relief Association to conduct lawful gambling at Dew Drop Inn LLC located at 101 Rivers Edge Drive. There had been previous confusion about the official street address of the property which inhibited Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement to issue a Lawful Gambling Permit. Passage of the resolution should allow any future application to proceed.

A motion was made by Member Albrecht-Benson to adopt Resolution 2026-43; Mayor Pearson seconded the motion. All members voted in favor; motion carried.

Mayor Pearson adjourned the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitchell Walbridge
City Administrator/Clerk