**City of LeRoy MN – Council Meeting Minutes, January 21, 2020**

A special meeting of the LeRoy City Council was called to order by Mayor Brian Thiel on Tuesday, January 21, 2020, at 6:30 PM at the LeRoy Community Center with the following members present: Mayor Brian Thiel, Council Members Jan Whisler, Harold Shipman, Public Works employees John Jones and Nick Sweeney, and City Clerk Patty White. Council Member Ashley Huntley was absent.
Also attending: Mike & Julie Hyland, Dean Eastman, Axel & Max Gumbel

Thiel read the due call for this special meeting, “The purpose of this special meeting is to discuss the possible purchase of a skid loader and optional skid loader equipment.” All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mike Hyland from Hyland Motors brought information on a New Holland L228 skid loader. Mr. Hyland questioned the size of the JCB unit the city has used on a demo basis. Mr. Hyland noted that bigger is not always better.

Thiel noted two major uses for this type of equipment; these uses would be for snow removal and cleaning up from a water main break. Sweeney noted these uses plus many others could be accomplished with a skid loader. Sweeney reported that the side entry on the JCB unit is really nice; he noted the JCB is far better with sight lines than any other unit he has used.

Shipman questioned about additional attachments that could be purchased. Sweeney noted the 84” bucket with a cutting edge, the 84” pick-up sweeper, and possibly the 96” extra high capacity bucket would be useful attachments to have.

Thiel noted the council has three quotes to review. The quote from SEMA Equipment for a John Deere 320G Skid Steer was in the amount of $39,000; the quote from Hyland Motor Co. for a New Holland L228 Skid Steer was in the amount of $37,300; the quote from J & S Repair for a JCB 270 Skid Steer was in the amount of $44,156. None of these quotes included additional attachments. Thiel noted all the dollar figures are fairly comparable for the base units.

Sweeney noted that all the machines quoted are good and comparable machines. He felt the JCB is a better machine due to the sight lines and the side door entrance. He noted he would feel safer working on Main Street with the good sight lines from the JCB unit.

Motion by Shipman to purchase the JCB 270 Skid Steer with a fender kit plus the 84” bucket with cutting edge. Second by Whisler. Motion carried 3-0. Motion by Whisler, second by Shipman to use capital outlay funds to pay for this purchase with 80% from the street fund, 10% from the water fund, and 10% from the sewer fund. Motion carried 3-0. Motion by Whisler, second by Shipman to purchase the small blade from Cordell Stockdale. Motion carried 3-0. Any other attachments will be considered when the time comes to use these attachments.

Being no further business to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Shipman, second by Whisler at 6:53 PM.

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 Brian Thiel, Mayor

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 Patty A. White, City Clerk-Treasurer