**City of LeRoy MN – Council Meeting Minutes, May 20, 2019**

A special meeting of the LeRoy City Council was called to order by Mayor Brian Thiel on Monday, May 20, 2019, at 6:30 PM at the LeRoy Community Center with the following members present: Mayor Brian Thiel, Council Members Kathleen Gottschalk, Ashley Huntley, Jan Whisler, Maintenance Supervisor John Jones, and City Clerk Patty White.
Also attending: Joey Miller, Harold Shipman, Cassidy Milks, Colton Meirick, and Axel Gumbel

Thiel read the due call for this special meeting and opened the meeting at 6:30 PM with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. Thiel allowed anyone present to make any comments on the conditions of the streets. No one in attendance brought anything to the council’s attention.

Thiel noted that two quotes/estimates have been received for street repair. The quotes are from Heartland Asphalt and SL Contracting. Jones reported the maintenance department has used approximately 60 bags of blacktop patch to fill potholes so far this year.

Whisler noted that he, former Councilor Gene Miller, and Jones had met with a representative from both Heartland Asphalt and Four Season Maintenance. Heartland has expressed interest in repairing the city streets; no information has been received from Four Season Maintenance. Jones noted he had contacted SL Contracting to request a quote from them. Whisler expressed concern with the lack of communication from SL Contracting in previous years. Thiel noted he wanted council to find a common element between the two quotes.

Colton Meirick from Heartland Asphalt was present. He reviewed the summary they had compiled on the condition of the city streets. Their proposal includes one block on Everett Street and 1.5 blocks on Benton Street. Mr. Meirick noted these were the two streets that Heartland had recommended complete reconstruction on. The quote from Heartland Asphalt was for $141,446.30 to reconstruct one block of Everett Street between Cabot and Benton Streets, one block of Benton Street between Broadway and Everett Streets, and the east half of West Benton Street. Mr. Meirick reported Heartland Asphalt’s schedule is out to probably August to September to October. Heartland Asphalt also allocated an additional $22,101.00 to furnish and install 3” asphalt patches throughout town. Mr. Meirick noted that if awarded this work, they would do the asphalt patches at the same time they were in town doing the reconstruction. Mr. Meirick noted Heartland Asphalt could put together a common bid form with the amounts of work to be completed; this could then be sent to other companies requesting their bid for the same amount of work.

SL Contracting proposed doing street patching in various areas by doing a mill and overlay. The proposal from SL Contracting was in the amount of $173,401.80. SL Contracting proposed doing work on Lowell Street, Cabot Street, Luella Street, Benton Street, Everett Street, and Mather Street. Their quote did not include any additional amount for any additional pothole patching.

Motion by Whisler to proceed with Heartland Asphalt for the full amount of $163,547 for reconstruction of the noted areas and installation of 3” asphalt patches throughout town. Second by Gottschalk. On a roll call of votes, all council members voted aye. The motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Meirick recommended budgeting for the amount of $150,000 in annual budgets for street maintenance and repairs. This dollar figure would help in getting the city streets in better shape. He also recommended including an October 15, 2019, completion date for this project on the contract. The project should be completed in 1 ½ to 2 weeks once Heartland arrives on sight.

Mr. Meirick also noted that Heartland Asphalt makes their own cold mix for pothole patching. A truck load of pothole patch would cost approximately $1,200. The city guys would need to go to Mason City to get this loaded on the city dump truck.

Thiel questioned council about payment for this project. Thiel felt that a repair of a city street should be a city cost. Council reviewed the current city cash balances and investment savings balances. Council decided to pay for this project using existing city funds. Motion by Gottschalk to use $100,000 from streets capital outlay and the balance of the cost to come from infrastructure capital outlay. Second by Whisler. Motion carried 4-0.

Whisler commented that future project costs may need to be assessed to benefited property owners. Huntley noted that council should review water and sewer rates; these may need to be raised at some point. Council did express some concern that by not assessing any part of this project that this may set a precedence for future projects.

Being no further business to come before this special meeting, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Whisler, second by Gottschalk at 7:14 PM.

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 Brian Thiel, Mayor

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 Patty A. White, City Clerk-Treasurer