

City of LeRoy MN – Council Meeting Minutes, April 2, 2018

A regular meeting of the LeRoy City Council was called to order by Mayor Brian Thiel on Monday, April 2, 2018, at 6:30 PM at the LeRoy Community Center with the following members present: Mayor Brian Thiel, Council Members Kathleen Gottschalk, Ashley Huntley, Gene Miller, Jan Whisler, Maintenance Supervisor John Jones, and City Clerk Patty White.

Also attending: Harold Shipman, Roger Dietrich, Angie Olson, Al & Sharon Hodgdon, Axel Gumbel, Sharon Thiel, Leslie Kerr, Rose Erie, Mike Souhrada, and Dave Perkins. All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council reviewed the information included in the consent agenda. Motion by Huntley, second by Gottschalk to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

No one present had anything to bring to council during Public Input Time.

During Standing Committee Reports:

- Huntley noted members of the swimming pool task force are in attendance.
- Huntley reported the EMT class is nearing completion with testing to begin within a week or so.
- Miller noted there was not much change in the EDA; he reported LeRoy City Lines buses are still in operation.
- The council reviewed the minutes from the Library board meetings.

With the absence of the assigned deputy, there was no police report to review.

In Old Business:

- Thiel reported Jaguar Communications has held two open houses; another open house will be held tomorrow. Jaguar has been very pleased with the turnout of interested people and the number of sign-ups so far. Thiel noted that as soon as Jaguar gets to 150 sign-ups, they will begin installing the fiber. Thiel reviewed the information received from the city attorney pertaining to the proposed franchise agreement with Jaguar. Motion by Miller to sign the Jaguar franchise agreement based on the advice and information received from the city attorney. Second by Huntley. Motion carried 5-0.
- Mike Souhrada, a member of the swimming pool task force, spoke to council and encouraged the city to continue their funding/support for the swimming pool. Mr. Souhrada noted the school board is considering a referendum for pool funding. The referendum being considered would be for 10 years; the task force would like the city to commit to at least 10 years of funding. It was noted the school board is not asking for the city funding; the pool task force is requesting the city funding. Sharon Thiel questioned if the task force has looked into any grant funds. Huntley noted that grants are not a long-term solution, but grants are helpful for specific projects. Mayor Thiel noted this seated council will no longer exist as of 12/31/18 due to elections; he noted this council cannot commit the city to future funding unless some type of contractual agreement was in place to guide this. Miller noted he felt that as long as the pool is in operation the city will continue to contribute to the pool, but he also noted this council cannot tie the hands of a future council. Angie Olson noted the school board is not going to base their decision for a referendum based on whether the city will continue to contribute to the pool or not. Whisler noted the school district has to show their support for the pool, not just the city, to keep the pool open.
- Thiel noted a meeting was held last week with Mayo representatives, Adams representatives, and four LeRoy representatives. Neither the Adams nor LeRoy representatives felt from this meeting that Mayo will provide a doctor in either community. Another meeting will be scheduled when Mayo has more information to share. Thiel noted he continues to talk to other providers to see if they would be interested in bringing their services to LeRoy. Miller noted he is hoping that Mayo will do something for Adams (and their nursing home) and let LeRoy tag along with that

decision. Thiel noted that Mayo wants to have some type of decision for Adams prior to the Adams Clinic closure that is set for May 18, 2018.

Council reviewed the information received from the League of Minnesota Cities pertaining to local decision-making authority. Motion by Miller to pass Resolution 2018-01, a resolution supporting local decision-making authority. Second by Gottschalk. Motion carried 5-0.

Council reviewed two land-use permits.

1. Lots 19 & 20, Block 29, Original Village, 164 E Atkins-build shed & garage, install double-wide home on piers
2. Lots 11, 12, 13, 14 & 15, Block 28, Original Village, 307 S Mather-install building on concrete pad

Motion by Whisler, second by Huntley to approve said permits. Motion carried 5-0.

Council reviewed the Communications File. Items included:

- The invitation to the LMC Loss Control Workshops to be held in Rochester on April 24 was reviewed.
- White reported the City of LeRoy will be hosting the quarterly Southeast Minnesota League of Municipalities (SEMLM) meeting on April 30.

Streets:

- Whisler reported he has been in contact with J.C. Nerstad of Four-Season Maintenance. Mr. Nerstad will be here in LeRoy sometime in the near future to review the streets and upkeep of them.

Water Tower Maintenance Contract:

- Council reviewed the quotes from KLM Engineering and Central Tank Coatings for maintenance of the water tower. Motion by Whisler to accept the quote from KLM Engineering for a 12-year service agreement. Second by Huntley. Motion carried 5-0. Council was reminded this service agreement may be terminated by either party by written notice.

Sewer Main Televising Update:

- Jones reported the final report has not been received yet from the city engineer. He noted the main from the well house to the east is in very poor repair. Televising was also done on part of East County Road and on Sargeant Street. The televising crew may come back yet this summer to televise more of the main on East County Road.
- Council will review this in more detail when the city engineer presents the report.

Community Center Meeting Rooms:

- Sharon Thiel, representing the LeRoy Senior Citizens, read a memo signed and approved by the Board Members of the LeRoy Senior Citizens, Inc. The memo read, "Due to significant changes in the kinds of activities and their frequency, our need to have a dedicated room at the Community Center no longer exists. Therefore, we ask the City Council to end the room assignment and rental agreement immediately. We understand the Council is ready to reassign this room as its 'small meeting room' and the Seniors may continue to use the room for a few hours a week for its current activities without charge. We will continue to use the cupboards to store items used for the weekly Community Dinner held each Tuesday at noon. We understand this is the same policy the Council will apply for any other local entities (History Club, Garden Club, Museum, etc.). We urge the Council to leave the rent at a low cost for those private individuals who might wish to use the room for other activities. All scheduling will go through City Hall. We will retain ownership of the stove (which has been fixed and cleaned) and refrigerator in the Community Center kitchen." Motion by Miller to change the use of this room to general public use and charge reasonable rent. The LeRoy Senior Citizens will retain

ownership of the stove and refrigerator; these appliances can be used by people using the facility. Second by Gottschalk. Motion carried 5-0.

LED Sign Policy:

- Council will review this at the May city council meeting.

Nuisance Properties:

- Thiel reported the property located at 314 East Main Street is on the next tax forfeiture auction to be held on April 5. This property still has the assessment on it for the cleanup of this property. Thiel noted he has questioned if the city can rescind this assessment if the property is sold to a reputable person. Whisler is not at all interested in rescinding the assessment at this point in time. Miller would like to see if the city has any negotiating power with whomever would be bidding on this property to see if the city could get some of their funds back. White will check with the county auditor to see what possibilities are available with waiving the assessment. This will be readdressed at future meetings.

Being no further business to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Whisler, second by Huntley at 8:18 PM.

Brian Thiel, Mayor

Attest:

Patty A. White, City Clerk-Treasurer