

## City of LeRoy MN – Council Meeting Minutes, February 5, 2018

A regular meeting of the LeRoy City Council was called to order by Mayor Brian Thiel on Monday, February 5, 2018, at 6:30 PM at the LeRoy Community Center with the following members present: Mayor Brian Thiel, Council Members Ashley Huntley, Gene Miller, Jan Whisler, and City Clerk Patty White. Council Member Kathleen Gottschalk and Maintenance Supervisor John Jones were absent. Also attending: Deputy Tyler Wilson, Leslie Kerr, Axel Gumbel, and Justin Kennedy. All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Appointments to the Standing Committees were made as follows:

- Kathleen Gottschalk-Police & Public Safety; Personnel Committee; Acting Mayor
- Ashley Huntley-LeRoy Area Ambulance Board; Library Board; Parks & Recreation (Pool Board); Legal & Accounting; Fire Protection; Fire Relief Board
- Gene Miller-EDA; Water & Sewer; Prairie Visions representative
- Jan Whisler-EDA; Police & Public Safety; Streets, Alleys & Public Buildings; Cemetery & Tree Board
- Brian Thiel-Personnel Committee; Technology & Franchise Services; Legal & Accounting

Motion by Huntley, second by Whisler to accept the appointments to the Standing Committees for 2018. Motion carried 4-0.

Appointments to the Appointed Committees were made as follows:

- Library Board-Leslie Kerr, Barb Payne, Rhonda Newton, Carrol Cartney, Donna Johnson, Pat Utz, Ben Reburn, Ashley Huntley
- Fire Department Personnel Committee-Ashley Huntley, Patty White, Scott Osmundson, Dan Feather
- Fire Relief Assn. Board Reps-Ashley Huntley, Patty White
- City Personnel Committee-Brian Thiel, Kathleen Gottschalk, Steve Carlin, Rita Miller
- Administrative Fine Board-Gerald Payne, James Loven, Roger Dietrich, Shirley Whisler-alternate

White reported the terms of Josh Diemer and Dave Perkins on the EDA Board had expired. Both gentlemen expressed an interest in serving another term on the EDA. Mayor Thiel recommended to council to reappoint Josh Diemer and Dave Perkins to the EDA.

- EDA Board-Josh Diemer, Dave Perkins, Jody Morrow, Craig Jacobson, Axel Gumbel, Jan Whisler & Gene Miller (council reps)

Motion by Miller, second by Whisler to approve the appointments to the Appointed Committees. Motion carried 4-0.

Council reviewed the items included in the consent agenda. Motion by Huntley, second by Miller to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 4-0.

During Public Input Time:

- Thiel noted the council members had received a letter from the Library Board. He noted that no punishment was intended by the council when addressing a pay increase for the librarian.

During Standing Committee Reports:

- Huntley presented the year-end LeRoy Area Ambulance Service financial report. She reported there was no new information from the Ambulance Board pertaining to the possible hiring of a full-time director.
- Huntley presented information on the LeRoy Community Swimming Pool. This will be further addressed later in the meeting.

- Whisler and Miller noted LeRoy City Lines is running well; the charter business and inquiries for charter trips is up from a year ago. \$5100 was received from the LeRoy Community Foundation for the creation of a new website for LeRoy City Lines. The Austin Daily Herald is doing a feature on LeRoy City Lines in their Progress Edition.
- Whisler and Miller reported there are only one or two vacancies at Wildwood Grove.

Police Report:

- Deputy Tyler Wilson presented the written police report. He noted it has been quieter as of late. Council requested a breakdown of the calls that are made.

In Old Business:

Broadband:

- Thiel had nothing new to report on broadband. Miller questioned if things are moving forward with Jaguar. Thiel noted he has not heard anything on a franchise agreement or marketing efforts from Jaguar. Thiel reported Jaguar would like to have a franchise fee included in the new franchise agreement. Council will discuss this option at upcoming meetings.

2018 Employee Pay Package:

- Council moved to closed session at 7:12 PM to address the 2018 Employee Pay Package. Council moved to open session at 7:32 PM. Thiel summarized the findings of the closed meeting. A motion was made by Miller to grant an additional 2% increase in pay to Rhonda Barnes following a review of employee Barnes completed by the Library Board using a form similar to that which was used for the other full-time employees. The review would then be submitted to the city council. The pay increase would be retroactive to January 1, 2018, following the review. Reviews will also be completed on the other part-time employees. Second by Huntley. On a roll call of votes, all council members voted aye. Motion carried 4-0.

LeRoy Community Pool:

- Council reviewed the letter received from the LeRoy Pool Board. The LeRoy Pool Board plans to cease operations of the swimming pool effective June 1, 2018. Huntley noted this letter was written by one board member, reviewed by a few of the board members, and then given to the remainder of the pool board members.
- Miller presented some financial information on the operations of the swimming pool over the past years. The figures for 2017 were not complete; Miller is trying to gather this information. Huntley reported an additional \$60,000 will be needed to keep the pool operational.
- Thiel doesn't feel that either the city or school board have enough information to make any decisions at this point of time regarding the future of the swimming pool. Whisler noted the pool was voted on by the entire school district. If the city increases their contribution to the pool and the school increases their contribution to the pool, the LeRoy city residents are getting double taxed. He also commented the school still owns the building and is part of their grounds.
- It was council consensus that there is nothing more the city can do as to the future of the pool until more information is gathered.
- Axel Gumbel noted he had offered to help advertise the pool through social media. He has not had any follow-through with any of the pool board members.
- Justin Kennedy, school board chairman, noted the school board has had the same discussion as the city council. The school board is still waiting for more information before addressing the future of the pool.

Council reviewed one land use permit:

- 6.37 AC of W400' OL26 N of HWY 56 & S of Olson Addn, 134 N Industrial Street-install a fence

Motion by Huntley, second by Whisler to approve said permit. Motion carried 4-0.

The Communications File was reviewed; items included:

- A letter regarding rates for Mediacom was reviewed.
- A thank you from Janet Mayer for the library railing was read.
- A thank you from the LeRoy Lions for city employee assistance at the LeRoy Lions City Park was read.

Community Center:

- Parts for the stove have been ordered; the stove will be repaired as soon as the parts arrive. Cleaning of the stove and of the kitchen will be completed after the repairs have been made.
- Motion by Whisler, second by Huntley to replace the kitchen outside door and the senior citizen room outside door. The doors will be ordered from LeRoy Lumber. Motion carried 4-0.

LeRoy Lions City Park:

- Miller questioned about the request from the LeRoy Lions for bathrooms and a shelter at the park. White reported Craig Bucknell had stopped in; he would like to see this be done in a single structure, not as a separate shelter and bathroom facility like in the other two city parks. Council would like to see a full layout of the park before proceeding with the shelter/bathroom facility.

Being no further business to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Huntley and seconded by Whisler at 8:26 PM.

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Brian Thiel, Mayor

Attest:

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Patty A. White, City Clerk-Treasurer