

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

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

Also attending: Jason Boynton of Smith Schafer, Craig Jacobson, Deputy Tyler Wilson, and Jim Gronwoldt. All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council reviewed the items included in the Consent Agenda. Motion by Whisler, second by Gottschalk to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 4-0.

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

Standing Committee Reports:

- Thiel questioned when the preliminary levy needs to be passed. White noted this is usually passed at the September council meeting. It needs to be filed with the county by September 30, 2018.

Police Report:

- Deputy Wilson reviewed his written report with council. He noted it has been busier.
- He has been monitoring the use of ATV's and golf carts and engine brake usage.
- Deputy Wilson noted he plans on continuing as the LeRoy assigned deputy for the foreseeable future.

Broadband:

- Thiel reported Jaguar has placed stickers on residential doors announcing they will soon be installing the new fiber network.

2017 Audit Report:

- Jason Boynton of Smith Schafer introduced himself.
- Mr. Boynton reviewed the 2017 audit report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.
- Mr. Boynton reported the City of LeRoy received an unmodified clean opinion for 2017. Council thanked Mr. Boynton for his report.
- Motion by Miller, second by Whisler to accept the 2017 audit report. Motion carried 4-0.

Small Town & Regional Vitality Investment Act of 2018:

- Thiel reported he had attended a gathering with three representatives of Congressman Walz's office. Council reviewed the information gathered from this meeting.
- Council was offered the opportunity to show their support for these concepts in the form of a motion or resolution. Council took no action on this information.

Summer-Fest:

- Jim Gronwoldt requested to close South Broadway between Main Street and the South Business Alley for the weekend festivities. Festivities that would be held in this area would be the bean bag tournament, street dance, and beer garden.
- Motion by Whisler, second by Gottschalk to allow this street closure beginning on Thursday evening, July 19 at 7:00 PM and to be reopened by Sunday evening, July 22. Motion carried 4-0.

Appointment of Election Judges for 2018 Primary & General Elections:

- These appointments will be made at the August council meeting.

Land Use Permits:

- Council reviewed two land-use permits.

1. Lot 3 & E ½ Lot 4, Block 8, Original Village, 112 E Luella-build new garage
2. Lot 17 & E ½ Lot 16, Block 1, Original Village, 207 E Luella-install privacy fence

Motion by Gottschalk, second by Miller to approve said permits. Motion carried 4-0.

The Communications File was reviewed. Items included:

- The invitation to the SEMLM quarterly meeting in Kellogg was reviewed.

2018 Street Maintenance:

- White reported the billing from Four-Season Maintenance was just received. The amount of the bill was \$22,700; this covered the pothole patching on the city streets.
- Jones noted that road rock still needs to be placed on the gravel streets and alleys.
- Thiel questioned what to do with the Northern Country Coop property where elevator traffic is bringing rock out onto the city street. Thiel suggested the only way to protect the city street is to have NCC install a concrete apron on their property. Miller suggested offering to share the cost to repair the street and the concrete apron. Miller noted the city could pay for replacing the blacktop on the street with concrete; NCC could install an apron using the same amount of concrete the city uses to address this issue on their property.

Request for Water & Sewer Service Extension:

- Council discussed options for extending water and sewer to the two properties located at 650 and 651 East Main Street. Services could be brought in from the south or from the north.
- Motion by Miller, second by Whisler to authorize Jones & White to contact the city engineer to review this plan. Motion carried 4-0.

Sewer Main Televising Update:

- Jones reported he has been in contact with two companies to review the report received from the televising. He has not received their recommendations yet.
- White was directed to contact the City of Osage to see who they used for a sanitary sewer lining project.

Lions Park-River's Edge Addition

- Miller reported he had attended the Lions meeting last month. He felt more room will be needed for parking if the proposed park comes to fruition. Miller noted he would be willing to donate another lot for parking.

Nuisance Properties:

- There was nothing new to report on nuisance properties.

Being no further business to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Whisler, second by Gottschalk at 8:00 PM.

Brian Thiel, Mayor

Attest:

Patty A. White, City Clerk-Treasurer