

City of LeRoy MN – Council Meeting Minutes, May 7, 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 arrived at 7:26 PM.

Also attending: Joe Hamlin, Axel Gumbel, Dave Perkins, Deputy Tyler Wilson, and Craig Bucknell.

All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

During Public Input Time:

- Joe Hamlin reported he is attending this meeting just to observe.
- Dave Perkins questioned about the water meter reading automation. White reported the city is waiting for the FCC license.

During Standing Committee Reports:

- Miller reported LeRoy City Lines is now offering half-price single ride tickets through May 25. Repair costs on the buses have been high. There has been no activity on the 'Bergan' building.
- Whisler noted there are three vacancies at Wildwood Grove.

Police Report:

- Deputy Wilson handed out the written police report. He reported it is getting busier with the nicer weather. A new deputy has been hired; this deputy is still in training. Deputy Wilson plans on being here through the summer.
- Whisler questioned about the engine braking (jake) signs. Jones reported the signs have been put up. Joe Hamlin noted these types of brakes should be used in hilly terrain, but some truckers like to use them in all areas. Deputy Wilson will begin monitoring this.
- Jones reported the speed signs have been shipped.
- Thiel reported the Adams city council has now just approved entering into discussions with other communities to possibly share their police department.

In Old Business:

- Jaguar held another open house on Saturday, May 5. They have been real happy with the attendance at their open houses. Miller reported Jaguar is going to extend service to 'Old Town.' Jaguar is still going door to door showcasing their services.

Land Use Permits:

- Council reviewed three land use permits.
 1. Lots 1 & 2 exc. S 73' 8", Block 13, Caswell & Lewis, 811 N Broadway-build addition to sunroom
 2. Lot 3 & W 34' Lot 2, E 50' Lot 13, Block 30, Original Village, 220 E Read-install privacy fence
 3. Lot 2, Block 2, Hickock Addition, 308 E Lowell-install chain-link fence

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

The Communications File was reviewed. Items included:

- An invitation to the 150th Anniversary of the First Presbyterian Church was read.
- A memo from Mayo Clinic Health Systems pertaining to their last meeting with the health collaboration committee was reviewed. Thiel noted the pharmacy will continue to operate here in LeRoy. Thiel noted he continues to make contacts with other providers to try to get one of them to open a clinic here in LeRoy. Whisler thanked Thiel for all his work in this area.

2018 Street Maintenance:

- Thiel, Jones, and Whisler met this afternoon with JC Nerstad of Four-Season Maintenance to review the conditions of the city streets. Mr. Nerstad will prepare a long-range plan for street maintenance and repairs. Potholes will get filled soon. Council will review this report when it is made available.
- Jones noted there have been some drainage issues on County Road 56 following the reconstruction of this street.

Sewer Main Televising:

- The city engineer is preparing a report from the information gathered from the sanitary sewer main televising. Council will review that report when it is presented.

Small Meeting Room:

- With not knowing how many keys individual people have for the small meeting room, council discussed having the locks changed. Motion by Miller, second by Whisler to change the locks on the small meeting room doors. Motion carried 4-0.
- Motion by Whisler, second by Gottschalk to continue with the policy as has been followed for charging for the use of the small meeting room. Motion carried 4-0.

LED Sign Policy:

- Council discussed events to be put on the LED sign. Council decided to allow events benefitting the community to be put on the sign. Events to benefit a private entity will not be advertised on the sign. Events and activities happening in the Community Center will be advertised on the sign.

Parks & Recreation:

- Jones noted the park restrooms have been opened for the 2018 season.
- Jones and Sweeney will work on getting the new tube slide installed at South Park.
- Miller questioned if basketball hoops can be installed on the cement pad at South Park. This will be investigated.
- Miller reported the grass is growing at Lions Park; Miller offered to mow the grass periodically throughout the season. Gumbel reported the Lions are working with Matt Finnegan from Midwest Playscapes for park amenities. The Lions want this park to be an all-inclusive park/playground.

Nuisance Properties:

- Whisler reported he has discussed nuisance properties with Clerk White. Whisler questioned if the city wants to pursue cleaning up properties knowing that this could cost taxpayer dollars to do it.
- Thiel noted cleanup can happen quicker if a public health issue is present.

Council Member Ashley Huntley arrived at 7:26 PM.

- Huntley updated council on her standing committee assignments. She reported the LeRoy Area Ambulance Service now has three new EMT's with eleven people still needing to take the test.

In Other Business:

- Thiel noted that the personnel policy states the LeRoy Public Library has 32 open hours per week along with four closed-door hours per week. He reported the librarian is putting in more hours than that. Thiel will be attending the May 14 Library Board meeting to address this with them. Thiel also suggested switching the head librarian position to a salaried position. This will be addressed at upcoming meetings.
- Craig Bucknell gave an update on the Lions Park. He showed council a rendition of the park as provided by Matt Finnegan from Midwest Playscapes. Bucknell noted the cost for the structure

and surfacing will be in the range of \$450,000 to \$500,000. The Lions Club has committed 50% of their flag funds to this park. Bucknell reiterated this will be constructed as an all-inclusive park. A security system would also be put in place. The Lions would like the city to install the park shelter/bathroom complex towards the south end of the land. The Lions would like to see the shelter/bathroom complex constructed by next summer. The Lions would also like to see some type of parking pad for handicap vehicles. Council thanked Bucknell for his time and report.

- Miller suggested holding a work session to review the report from the city engineer on the sanitary sewer televising and to discuss any possible street projects. Council will discuss this at future meetings.

Being no further business to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Huntley, second by Whisler at 8:16 PM.

Brian Thiel, Mayor

Attest:

Patty A. White, City Clerk-Treasurer