

City of LeRoy MN – Council Meeting Minutes, November 6, 2018

A regular meeting of the LeRoy City Council was called to order by Mayor Brian Thiel on Monday, November 6, 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: Craig Jacobson, Axel Gumbel, Kathleen (Kate) Fitzgerald

Council reviewed the items included in the consent agenda. Motion by Huntley, second by Gottschalk to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 5-0. Thiel and Huntley questioned about any sharing agreements between the school library and city public library including SELCO workshops. Thiel and Huntley will discuss these issues and concerns with Superintendent Sampson.

During Public Input Time:

- Thiel introduced Kate Fitzgerald to the council. Council reviewed her bio. Thiel and Mayor Thalberg from Adams met with two Mayo representatives to continue the healthcare discussion. Mayo is still working on getting telehealth in the Adams Clinic. Thiel noted that Ms. Fitzgerald has been in the healthcare arena for most of her life; she is currently working for United Healthgroup. Thiel would like to recommend to appoint Ms. Fitzgerald to the open seat on the Technology Committee. Ms. Fitzgerald noted United Healthgroup works with healthcare facilities to get set up with telehealth. This would put a different spin on trying to get telehealth here and get a provider or providers interested. Ms. Fitzgerald also noted her son is the lead software developer for Medtronic. Council posed some questions on how telehealth could work for residents of Wildwood Grove and the group homes. Improving healthcare here in the LeRoy area is of utmost importance. Miller noted he would like to see telehealth happen through Mayo since they have a facility here. He would also like to see Ms. Fitzgerald involved with any further discussions with Mayo. Motion by Miller, second by Huntley to appoint Kate Fitzgerald to the Technology Committee. Motion carried 5-0.

During Standing Committee Reports:

- Huntley noted she had checked with White about having the maintenance guys remove some shrubs at the library. The maintenance guys can do this, but they want to make sure the shrubs flagged for removal are marked. The library board also has a concern with the lawn seeding and watering of the seeding.

There was no police report in the absence of Deputy Tyler Wilson.

In Old Business:

- Council reviewed the proposed 2019 budget. Thiel would like to hold a budget work session to review the proposed budget and levy. Council also discussed possible outcomes from the election tomorrow. Miller questioned about the EDA allotment; he would like to recommend redirecting the \$25,000 being allotted to the EDA to being allotted to LeRoy City Lines. Craig Jacobson questioned about the CEDA contract. There was concern expressed that without the CEDA contract the EDA would not have much direction and time to pursue EDA issues. Motion by Miller to allocate funds to the EDA in the amount of \$25,000 with the contingency that these funds be used to pay back city funds used on other EDA projects. Miller noted that approximately \$110,000 is owing from the EDA to the city; this amount was derived from LeRoy City Lines payroll and Bergan Building demolition. Thiel commented that not all EDA's are successful in the dollar sense; Huntley noted that she hears good things about the EDA and LeRoy City Lines. Miller's motion died for a lack of a second. Motion by Huntley, second by Gottschalk to further discuss this at the council budget work session. On a roll call of votes Thiel, Gottschalk, Huntley, and Whisler voted aye. Miller abstained from the vote. The motion carried.

Mr. Jacobson noted he didn't think when city dollars were used for the Bergan Building demolition that it was expected that these funds would be paid back. He also noted that at the time of the new bus purchases that the previous payrolls for LeRoy City Lines were a part of doing business and would not be reimbursed. Council consensus to hold a budget work session on Monday, November 12, 2018, at 6:30 PM.

- Thiel reviewed the quotes received from On-Site Computers for security improvements at city hall, community center, and maintenance building. Thiel would like council to go through the second quote, line out the items not needed, and resubmit this to On-Site. This would be done more as a counter-offer to On-Site. Motion by Thiel to line out the items not needed in the second quote and re-tally the quote to the amount of \$6,330; this would include the original materials plus On-Site Computers installing the wiring. Second by Miller. Motion carried 5-0.

Snow Removal Bids:

- There were no snow removal bids to review, but Jones had received an offer from Koch, Inc. for the city to lease their equipment (Volvo L140 4.5 year loader) and person for \$175 per hour for the winter season from December 1, 2018, through April, 2019. Jones also received an offer from Cordell Stockdale for the city to lease his equipment (Cat skidloader) and person for \$85 per hour for the winter season from December 1, 2018, through April, 2019. Jones noted it takes both pieces of equipment to remove snow from Main Street. Motion by Miller, second by Whisler to approve these lease agreements with Koch, Inc. and Cordell Stockdale and to pass Resolution 2018-06, a resolution entering into cooperative agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation for snow removal from Trunk Highway 56. Motion carried 5-0.

Land Use Permits:

- There were no land use permits for council review.

Communications File:

- Council reviewed the minutes from the most recent library board meeting.

2018 Street Maintenance:

- Blacktop has been placed in the spot on Main Street caused by a water main break.
- Huntley questioned about the speed signs. Jones noted we are waiting for approval from MnDOT for these.

Review of Winter Parking Regulations & Snow Removal Practices:

- Thiel noted that getting vehicles moved and off the street for snow removal can be an issue. Council noted it seems to be the same vehicles parked on the streets during each snow fall. Council discussed alternatives. Thiel felt to follow the ordinance and have vehicles towed if they have not been moved within 12 hours following a snow fall.
- Huntley reported she has received concerns from people about the city parking lot north of the north business alley across the alley from Main Street Market Place and First State Bank. During a heavy rain event the water runs off the parking lot to the catch basins. Sometimes this floods the alley. Jones noted the only way to correct this is to blacktop the parking lot and install a new manhole to channel the water to it. Council thanked Huntley for the update; they don't see this project happening in the near future.

Water & Sewer Service Extension Update:

- The residential property to the east has been sold. The new owners will have up to one year to bring the septic system to current standards. There was no other new information to review.

Sewer Maintenance/Repair Under Main Street:

- The mill and overlay project being proposed by MnDOT from Taopi through LeRoy has changed to a complete reconstruction of Main Street here in LeRoy. This project does not have a construction date yet. Miller suggested maintaining what we have by possibly lining some sewer mains prior to this reconstruction project. Jones & White were directed to get quotes from two companies for lining; this will be reviewed at the December council meeting.

Water Tower Inspection Report-Quote for Mixer:

- Jones presented a quote in the amount of \$11,500 for a mixer plus \$4,400 for the electrical installation. Jones noted he has not had much trouble with ice build-up in the water tower. Whisler could not see any reason to pursue this but felt the council should start discussing a new water tower. Council consensus to not purchase the mixer.

Refrigerator in Small Meeting Room:

- The refrigerator in the small meeting room has quit working; there is no fix for the 22 year-old refrigerator. White had gotten estimates from Koppen Hardware for a 10 cubic foot apartment size refrigerator in the amount of \$525 and for a 3.2 cubic foot compact refrigerator in the amount of \$249. Motion by Miller, second by Huntley to proceed with the purchase of the 3.2 cubic foot compact refrigerator for \$249 from Koppen Hardware. Motion carried 5-0.

Carpet Cleaning in Community Center:

- White had checked with Steam Brothers, the same company that had cleaned the library carpets, for a quote for cleaning the carpet in the lower banquet room. The quote was in the amount of \$275. White noted the cost to clean the carpets over 14 years ago was \$225 per time. Motion by Huntley, second by Miller to proceed with having the carpet cleaned by Steam Brothers. Motion carried 5-0.

Nuisance Properties:

- Council discussed if some of these properties can be addressed by using the assigned deputy to assist with delivering letters. This will be further discussed after the first of the year.

Library Furnace:

- Jones noted the library furnace has been repaired; the furnace is getting old and may need to be replaced at some point in time. Jones will further investigate this and report back to the council.

Being no further business to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Huntley, second by Gottschalk at 8:30 PM.

Brian Thiel, Mayor

Attest:

Patty A. White, City Clerk-Treasurer