

## City of LeRoy MN – Council Meeting Minutes, October 1, 2018

A regular meeting of the LeRoy City Council was called to order by Mayor Brian Thiel on Monday, October 1, 2018, at 6:30 PM at the LeRoy Community Center with the following members present: Mayor Brian Thiel, Council Members Ashley Huntley, Gene Miller, Maintenance Supervisor John Jones, and City Clerk Patty White. Council Members Kathleen Gottschalk and Jan Whisler were absent.

Also attending: Michael Novitzki of KLM Engineering, Scott Osmundson, Craig Jacobson, and Axel Gumbel. All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council reviewed the items included in the consent agenda. Motion by Huntley, second by Miller to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 3-0.

During Public Input Time:

- Fire Chief Scott Osmundson reported to council it is time to replace the self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) units. The present units were purchased in 2007; Chief Osmundson noted that many updates and NFPA updates have happened since then. The members of the fire department have looked at Scott or MSA for the new SCBA. Chief Osmundson noted that the mask attachment is universal now. The department is looking to purchase 10 new SCBA, 15 facepieces, and 10 extra bottles. Scott is currently running a special with the cost at \$83,000; this would include a 10-year warranty. MSA offers a 15-year warranty; their cost is within \$2,000 of the Scott price. Chief Osmundson reported the MN/IA Rural Fire Association is willing to contribute \$25,000 to this purchase. Chief Osmundson reported grant paperwork was filled out with a request to the LeRoy Community Foundation Chesebrough Funds. The Foundation is allowing \$35,000 towards this purchase. The fire department is requesting \$25,000 from the city for this purchase. White reported the fire department has approximately \$90,000 set aside in capital outlay funds. Miller felt the MSA SCBA with the extra five years of warranty would be more prudent. Thiel questioned if these new air packs would still be compliant in another 10 years. Chief Osmundson noted that MSA would do a full replacement from top to bottom with the warranty. Motion by Huntley, second by Miller to allow the \$25,000 from fire department capital outlay funds and would recommend getting the air packs with the 15-year warranty. Motion carried 3-0. Council thanked Chief Osmundson for the presentation.

With the consent of the council, the Water Tower Inspection Report was moved up on the agenda.

- Michael Novitzki of KLM Engineering thanked the council for contracting with KLM for water tower services. KLM did a first baseline report of the LeRoy water tower in 2015. The city has a service agreement in place which includes a water tower inspection every three years. The 2018 inspection report notes the tower is structurally sound, but the city will want to continue with the every three year inspections. Mr. Novitzki noted the time will come within the next 10 to 15 years when the water tower will need to be replaced. He showed the council a submersible potable tank mixer; this is installed in the water tower to alleviate ice buildup during the winter months and to keep the water mixed. He recommended the installation of one of these if the city does not intend to replace the tower within the next five to seven years. Jones noted the city does not have much issue with ice buildup. Miller questioned about the availability of used towers. Mr. Novitzki noted they do have access to used towers. KLM could also help with paperwork for possible grants for a new tower. Council thanked Mr. Novitzki for his time.

During Standing Committee Reports:

- Thiel noted he had attended the school referendum informational meeting about the upcoming levy and had a conversation with Superintendent Sampson.

Police Report:

- Deputy Wilson was not in attendance, but he had dropped off his written police report with White. Council reviewed these reports. White reported there should not be a change in the assigned deputy for another three or four months.

In Old Business:

- Broadband-Thiel noted that hookups continue with Jaguar. Thiel had brought to the attention of Jaguar officials of their cable vaults that don't have any protection around them. Jaguar will be addressing this.
- 2019 Budget-There was no discussion on the proposed 2019 budget.
- EDA Appointment-Council reviewed the one letter of interest received for the open seat on the LeRoy EDA. Thiel made the recommendation to appoint Sara Gerck to this open seat. Motion by Miller, second by Huntley to appoint Sara Gerck to the LeRoy EDA to fill the seat vacated by the death of Dave Perkins. Motion carried 3-0.

There were no land use permits for council review.

The Communications File was reviewed. Items included:

- Council reviewed the invitation to the fall meeting of the Mower County League of Cities. This will be held on October 11 in Dexter.
- Council reviewed the invitation to the fall SEMLM meeting to coincide with the LMC Regional Meeting. This will be held in Rochester on October 30.
- White reported that Axel and Jennifer Gumbel had donated three high chairs to the Community Center. Motion by Miller, second by Huntley to pass Resolution 2018-05, a resolution accepting this donation. Motion carried 3-0.

2018 Street Maintenance:

- Jones reported he still has not heard back from the company that is supposed to repair the area on Main Street. It was questioned if a different company should be contacted to get this repaired. Council chose to have the first company get this repaired.
- Jones will purchase some street patching material to fix quite a few new potholes.

Water & Sewer Service Extension:

- There was nothing new to report on this.

Sewer Maintenance/Repair Under Main Street:

- White had participated in a conference call earlier today with the city engineer and two engineers from MnDOT. MnDOT is planning a full reconstruction of Main Street from the intersection with County 56 to the intersection with Ada Street. This project does not have a timeline yet; it could be five to seven years before it is slated.
- Council discussed the condition of the sanitary sewer main. The council may have to consider doing minimal repairs to the main prior to the reconstruction.

Security Improvements:

- Thiel had received revised figures from On-Site Computers that would have On-Site pulling all the cable and installing the cameras. The price increased from \$5,365 to just over \$7,000. Thiel noted this new quote included added equipment that could be removed from the quote to get the price closer to \$6,500. Council took no action; they will review this at their November meeting.

Nuisance Properties:

- There was nothing new to report.

Being no further business to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM on a motion by Huntley, second by Miller.

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Brian Thiel, Mayor

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Patty A. White, City Clerk-Treasurer