

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

A regular meeting of the LeRoy City Council was held Monday, January 6, 2014, at 6:30 PM at the LeRoy Community Center with the following members present: Mayor Jennifer Gumbel, Council Members Linda Sanders, Vickie Lidtke, Kathleen Gottschalk, Justin Brandau, Maintenance Supervisor John Jones, and City Clerk Patty White. Others in attendance included Tim Freerksen, Dan Hanson, Axel Gumbel, Mr. & Mrs. Gumbel, and Deputy Jaime Meyer. Mayor Gumbel called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Council reviewed the standing and appointed committee assignments. Appointments to the standing committees for the new year were made as follows:

Kathleen Gottschalk-Cemetery, Public Buildings, Pool Board Member, Personnel Committee, Prairie Visions Rep

Vickie Lidtke-LeRoy Area Ambulance board member, Parks & Recreation, Tree Board

Linda Sanders-EDA, Library Board, Acting Mayor

Justin Brandau-EDA, Water & Sewer, Streets & Alleys

Jennifer Gumbel-Legal Affairs, Police Department, Personnel Committee

Motion by Lidtke, second by Sanders to approve the appointments to the standing committees. Motion carried 5-0.

Appointments to the appointed committees for the new year were made as follows:

Fire Relief Assn. Board Representatives-Mayor Gumbel, Clerk White

City Attorney-Jeff Kritzer of Baudler, Maus, Forman, Kritzer & Wagner

City Auditor-Smith Schafer & Associates, LTD

Official City Newspaper-LeRoy Independent

Official Depositories-First National Bank, LeRoy; First State Bank Minnesota, LeRoy

City Engineer-Jones, Haugh & Smith

LeRoy Tree Board-Vickie Lidtke, Clerk White, Jerry Barber

City Personnel Committee-Mayor Gumbel, Councilor Gottschalk, Sharon Thiel, Rita Miller, Clerk White, ex-officio

Administrative Fine Board-Gerald Payne, James Loven, Roger Dietrich, Shirley Whisler, alt.

It was noted the Library Board is in need of another member; the library board will discuss this at their next meeting. The Tree Board is also in need of some members. White was directed to put an ad in the LeRoy Independent. Motion by Sanders, second by Gottschalk to approve the appointments to the appointed committees. Motion carried 5-0.

Tim Freerksen presented the slate of officers for 2014 for the LeRoy Volunteer Fire Department. The officers include Fire Chief-Tim Freerksen; Assistant Chief-Dan Feather; Captain-Scott Osmundson; Lieutenant-Brandon Dohlman; Fire Marshall/Emergency Management Director-John Jones; Training Officer-Dan Hanson; Secretary-Nathan Redman. Appointments to the Fire Department Personnel Committee include Mayor Gumbel, Councilor Brandau, Tim Freerksen, Dan Feather, and Clerk White, ex-officio. Motion by Sanders, second by Lidtke to approve the slate of officers for the LeRoy Fire Department for 2014 and to approve the appointments to the Fire Department Personnel Committee. Motion carried 5-0. Chief Freerksen did note that there are two openings on the fire department; these openings came about due to retirements. He doesn't foresee any large equipment needs in this coming year.

It was noted that the EDA term of Axel Gumbel expired on December 31, 2013. Mr. Gumbel has expressed interest in continuing on the EDA. Mayor Gumbel recommended to council to reappoint Mr. Gumbel to another term on the EDA. Motion by Sanders, second by Gottschalk to approve Mayor Gumbel's recommendation and reappoint Axel Gumbel to another term on the LeRoy EDA. Motion carried 5-0. The importance of attendance at EDA meetings was also discussed.

Motion by Sanders, second by Gottschalk to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

No one present had anything to bring before council during public input time.

Council had nothing new to report for standing committee reports.

Deputy Meyer handed out the November and December police reports. Council thanked Deputy Meyer for the written reports and updates.

White had nothing new to report on the Flex Plan.

Council reviewed the health insurance renewal information. It was noted that health insurance premiums decreased again for 2014. Two options were presented for council review. Option #1 was for a premium decrease of \$521 per month; the deductible would increase \$350 for single and \$700 for family. Option #2 was for a premium decrease of \$140 per month; the deductible would decrease \$450 for single and \$900 for family. Sanders commented that Option #2 would lower the deductible for the employee, and the premium would still be less than what is currently being paid. Lidtke commented this still is a large amount for premiums. Motion by Sanders to go with Option #2 with the employee paying the full deductible and the city paying the full premium. Second by Gottschalk. On a roll call of votes, aye votes were cast by Gumbel, Sanders, and Gottschalk. Lidtke and Brandau cast nay votes. The motion carried 3-2. Any proposed wage increases were tabled until the February meeting.

Council reviewed the 2014 licenses. Motion by Gumbel, second by Brandau to issue On-Sale Liquor Licenses to Travel Lanes & Supper Club and Sweet's HRB; to issue Sunday Liquor Licenses to Travel Lanes & Supper Club and Sweet's HRB; to issue an Off-Sale Liquor License to Travel Lanes & Supper Club; and to issue 3.2% Off-Sale Licenses to Amoco Food Shop and K & H Classic Stop. Motion carried 5-0.

White requested to be able to attend the annual clerk's conference scheduled for March 18-21. The conference will be held in St. Cloud. Motion by Gumbel, second by Sanders to allow attendance. Motion carried 5-0.

There were no building/zoning permits for council review.

The Communications File was reviewed. Items included a FEMA Mitigation Tracker. White reported the LeRoy EDA will be hosting a Destination Medical Center information gathering and conversation on February 11, 2014, at the LeRoy Community Center. More information will be made available as plans are finalized.

White reported an architect from Brunton Architects will be meeting with Sanders, Gottschalk, and White on Wednesday to look at the Community Center to give his expert advice on how renovations should proceed. This meeting is being done free-of-charge for the city.

In Ongoing Items, Jones noted he talked to Jay Hardecopf; Mr. Hardecopf hopes to have the roof replaced on his house by springtime. Council will continue to watch for progress on this project.

Gumbel commended the city maintenance crew for the snow removal that has been completed; she also noted they were out on Christmas plowing snow to tidy the streets for residents and visitors.

Being no further business to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Sanders, second by Lidtke at 7:11 PM.

Jennifer Gumbel, Mayor

Attest:

Patty A. White, City Clerk-Treasurer