

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

A regular meeting of the LeRoy City Council was held Monday, February 4, 2013, at 6:30 PM at the LeRoy Community Center with the following members present: Mayor Jennifer Gumbel, Council Members Linda Sanders, Kathleen Gottschalk, Vickie Lidtke, Justin Brandau, Maintenance Supervisor Dave Streit, and City Clerk Patty White. Others in attendance included Ginger Holm, Deputy Pete Hillman, and Axel Gumbel. Mayor Gumbel called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

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

During Public Input Time, Deputy Hillman gave the police report. He reported that things have been quieter, but two search warrants were executed and one domestic was served.

During Standing Committee Reports, Sanders reported there is one opening on the EDA board due to a resignation; she noted this resignation was accepted with regret. Letters of interest from people interested in serving on the EDA board will be reviewed at the March council meeting. She also reported the entrance sign project is progressing. Brandau questioned about the speed of vehicles on East Lowell Street, east of East County Road. This issue had been brought to him by concerned residents. Streit will review the possible placement of stop signs at the intersection of East County Road and Lowell Street. Gottschalk reported she will be attending a pool board meeting on Tuesday.

Council consensus to hold a work session to discuss the water facility reports, wastewater treatment facility reports, and other pertinent information on Saturday, February 23, 2013, at 1:00 PM at City Hall.

Council will review dates in their calendars and set a date and time for the zoning enforcement work session at the March council meeting.

Gumbel reviewed an email received from the League of Minnesota Cities pertaining to the makeup of a personnel committee. The council learned it is permissible to allow city residents on this committee. Council discussed options and decided to have two council persons, two city residents, and the city clerk as ex-officio.

White explained that due to banking compliance issues, the council needs to authorize the official signers for the city accounts. The council should also designate the times that the clerk is authorized to do any online banking. White explained the only online banking she does is to send the ACH file once per month. Motion by Brandau, second by Gottschalk to approve Gumbel, Sanders, and White as official signers for the city accounts. Motion by Brandau to amend his previous motion to include allowing online banking from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Second by Sanders for the amendment. Motion carried 5-0.

Gumbel reported she had attended the January Prairie Visions meeting in Adams. She noted that representatives from Mitchell County were also at the meeting to discuss interest in connecting the Shooting Star Trail to the Wapsi-Great Western Trail at the Minnesota/Iowa state line south of the Taopi cemetery. The Mitchell County representatives were going to schedule a meeting with the Mower County commissioners to further discuss this. Gumbel also noted that one elected official from each city (Adams, LeRoy, Rose Creek, Taopi) is supposed to be appointed to serve on the Prairie Visions board. Prairie Visions meets monthly. Gottschalk volunteered to serve as the LeRoy representative. Motion by Gumbel, second by Sanders to appoint Gottschalk as the official city representative to Prairie Visions for LeRoy. Motion carried 5-0.

There were no building/zoning permits for council review.

The Communications File was reviewed. Items included a thank you from the family of Ray Bergan. The Open Book meeting for Mower County has been scheduled for April 26, 2013, at 9:00 AM in the Commissioners Room at the Mower County Courthouse. An invitation to a Resilience Meeting for Mower County will be held on February 20, 2013, at the Mower County Courthouse. Streit and White will be attending this meeting. Other items included information for a Health and Wellness conference

sponsored by the Minneapolis Heart Institute Foundation, an invitation to attend a CAER meeting in Lanesboro (this has been forwarded to the fire chief), and a Paulsen Architects brochure. Gumbel reported she had received an unsigned letter addressing issues. Council consensus to not address unsigned letters.

Streit reported the new booster pump has been installed. He has not received any information on the condition of the old pump and if it would be feasible to repair it and keep it as a backup pump.

Being no further business to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Lidtke, second by Brandau at 7:27 PM.

Jennifer Gumbel, Mayor

Attest:

Patty A. White, City Clerk-Treasurer