

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

A regular meeting of the LeRoy City Council was held Monday, May 4, 2015, at 6:30 PM at the LeRoy Community Center with the following members present: Acting Mayor Kathleen Gottschalk, Council Members Gene Miller, Ashley Huntley, Maintenance Supervisor John Jones, and City Clerk Patty White. Mayor Jennifer Gumbel and Council Member Justin Brandau were absent. Others in attendance included Gene & Glenda Schwemmer, Deputy T.J. Lynch, James Loven, Dave Perkins, and Ginger Holm. Acting Mayor Gottschalk called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Motion by Huntley, second by Miller to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 3-0.

Council Member Justin Brandau arrived at 6:34 PM.

During Public Input Time, (1) James Loven met with council to discuss accessibility at both city parks. He noted that both park shelters are not entirely handicap accessible; they each have access, but the entire structure is not handicap accessible. He felt some landscaping around the rest of the shelter could help with the drop-off from the cement of the shelters. He also addressed the play area. He noted the wood chips under the play structures had been removed and pea rock installed. He was concerned that he would not be able to help or assist a child playing on the structure with the pea rock. White will research these issues and report back to the council at upcoming meetings. (2) Gene Schwemmer met with council to let them know he and his wife have purchased the property located at 911 North Everett Street. They will have the house, garage, and old township hall burned and demolished and replace these structures with a new home, three-car garage, and storage shed. Council welcomed Mr. & Mrs. Schwemmer and will look forward to reviewing their land use permit. (3) Ginger Holm requested the mayor or acting mayor to make sure those audience members that are participating in the public input time to introduce themselves and their topic for the public record.

Under Standing Committee reports, Gottschalk reported she had attended the Prairie Visions meeting; the Prairie Visions brochures have been stuffed with new inserts. Huntley reported she had attended the last pool board meeting.

Deputy Lynch handed out the written police report. He reviewed the report with council and answered any questions posed. Council thanked Deputy Lynch for his time and report.

White presented a proposal from KLM Engineering for a dry tank cleanout inspection of the 60,000 gallon elevated water tower and an ROV (remote operated vehicle) inspection of the 30,000 gallon ground storage reservoir. The dry tank inspection will be performed for a fee of \$3,400; the ROV inspection will be performed for a fee of \$2,000. Council discussed these proposed inspections. Motion by Brandau, second by Miller to approve the proposal for the inspection of both the above ground water tower and ground storage reservoir for the total cost of \$5,400. Motion carried 4-0.

White noted the city-wide cleanup was well attended. The bill for the roll-off containers has not been received yet.

Council reviewed two land use permits.

1. Lot 3 & N 10' of alley adj on S, Block 7, Caswell & Lewis Addition-install vinyl privacy fence
2. Lot 3, Block 2, Hickock 2nd Addition-build storage shed

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

The Communications File was reviewed. Items included a letter from Minnesota Energy Resources pertaining to the sale of the natural gas service from Alliant Energy that was effective April 30, 2015. Council reviewed a letter registering a complaint of a violation of the nuisance ordinance; it was noted this violation has already been corrected.

Under Streets, Dave Perkins questioned when the hole at the corner of North Broadway Street and Main Street was going to be fixed. Jones noted he had to get a permit from MnDOT to allow work in the state highway right-of-way. The contractor is waiting for dry weather to do this project.

Council commented how nice the renovations to the Community Center look. Council reviewed an estimate from Don Theobald for the repair of the north outside wall of the storage room and shingles for this roof in the amount of \$1425. Motion by Miller, second by Huntley to accept this bid. Motion carried 4-0.

There was nothing new to report with any of the on-going items.

Being no further business to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Huntley, second by Brandau at 7:04 PM.

Kathleen Gottschalk, Acting Mayor

Attest:

Patty A. White, City Clerk-Treasurer