

City of LeRoy MN – Council Meeting Minutes, June 4, 2018

A regular meeting of the LeRoy City Council was called to order by Mayor Brian Thiel 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: Axel Gumbel, Craig Jacobson, Dave Perkins, Barry Reburn, and Joy Kanne-Mower County Assessor. All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council reviewed the items included in the Consent Agenda. Motion by Huntley, second by Whisler to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

During Public Input Time:

- County Assessor Joy Kanne met with council and handed out an informational sheet ‘who does what’ in the property tax system. She also handed out a sales study compiled from LeRoy property sales information. Thiel questioned about assessed values on different parcels including those parcels with older homes or those parcels with newer homes. Kanne noted the county stratifies its market to take into account older homes and newer homes. Kanne also reported the county was a little less aggressive in making increases in market value in the smaller communities. She noted the county will do a full reassessment of residential properties in 2021 for taxes payable in 2022.
- Barry Reburn was present on behalf of the LeRoy Community Foundation. The Foundation would like to get the aluminum can dumpster back. The Foundation will take care of the dumpster and will get better signage. Council directed Jones to work with Mr. Reburn on placement of the dumpster.

Standing Committee Reports:

- Huntley reported the ambulance board meets tomorrow. The pool task force is meeting this Thursday.
- Miller reported Wildwood Grove has three vacancies. Staffing numbers have improved. The EDA had approved the installation of a large shower, but now the employees would rather see a spa tub installed instead for resident use. The cement improvements are being worked on.
- Craig Jacobson, on behalf of the EDA, thanked the council for their support of the EDA and LeRoy City Lines. He reported two newer buses have been found. The initial asking price for these two buses was \$272,000; he has gotten the price down to \$258,000. Jacobson and Mayor Thiel are flying to Dallas, Texas, tomorrow to look at one of the buses. Jacobson will then fly to Los Angeles on Wednesday to look at another bus. If the LA bus checks out, Jacobson hopes to fly back to Los Angeles on Friday to drive that bus back to LeRoy. He would then make arrangements to get the Dallas bus here to LeRoy. It is hoped to get the two new buses in the fleet and put the two buses being sold on the market.
- Miller would like to begin discussion with the city council on selling Wildwood Grove. Jacobson noted a joint meeting with the city council and EDA would need to be called to discuss this. White reported she had been contacted by a representative of Marcus & Millichap, a company that brokers senior housing facilities. Miller would like to receive information that he can get to the broker that is working on selling the Adams Health Care Center.

There was no police report with the absence of Deputy Wilson.

In Old Business:

- Thiel reported Jaguar has met the threshold they needed to begin construction of the fiber network here in LeRoy. He has not heard when construction will begin.

100th National Convention American Legion Resolution:

- Council reviewed the information pertaining to the possible issuance of a resolution for the 100th anniversary of the National American Legion Conference. Motion by Miller, second by Gottschalk to pass Resolution 2018-02, a resolution raising the awareness of the American Legion. Motion carried 5-0.

Land Use Permits:

- Council reviewed four land-use permits.
 1. Lot 4, Block 1, Hanson Addition, 121 N County Road 56-build wood privacy fence
 2. Lots 5 & 6, Block 25, Original Village, 208 W Read Street-install privacy fence and add to existing deck
 3. Lot 27, Block 1, River's Edge Addition, 133 Miller Court-build deck
 4. Lots 1 & 2, Block 9, Original Village, 218 E Luella Street-build garage

Motion by Huntley, second by Gottschalk to approve said permits. Motion carried 5-0.

The Communications File was reviewed. Items included:

- A thank you from Reece Alstat for the Pangborn Scholarship was read.
- Council reviewed an invitation to join the Minnesota Association of Small Cities. Council took no action on this.

2018 Street Maintenance:

- White reported she had been contacted by J.C. Nerstad of 4-Season Maintenance. He would like to spend some time with Jones and Whisler to review the street conditions to come up with a long-term plan for street maintenance.
- Pothole patching will continue.
- White updated council on information gathered from MnDOT on the entrance speed signs. Motion by Miller, second by Huntley to pass Resolution 2018-03, a resolution requesting dynamic speed display signs on Minnesota Highway 56. Motion carried 5-0.
- Thiel reported the asphalt on South Everett Street is being damaged by truck traffic near Northern Country Coop. He would like to research the best way to correct this. Miller felt it best to let it continue to deteriorate, let it go to gravel, and fix it correctly and heavier when that street is redone. This will also be discussed with Mr. Nerstad.

Sewer Main Televising Update:

- White read the letter from Brian Johnson, the city engineer from Jones, Haugh, & Smith. He had analyzed the televising that had been done on the sanitary sewer main running under Main Street. Mr. Johnson recommended contacting a company that lines sewer mains to have them review this information to see if the sanitary sewer main under Main Street could be lined or if complete reconstruction would be required. It was the consensus of the council to follow the recommendations of the city engineer.

Parks & Recreation:

- Jones and Sweeney continue to work on getting the new tube slide installed at South Park. Jones reported the park bathrooms are open.

Nuisance Properties:

- It was reported the property at 210 East Frederick Street has gone to tax forfeiture.

Being no further business to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Huntley, second by Gottschalk at 7:49 PM.

Brian Thiel, Mayor

Attest:

Patty A. White, City Clerk-Treasurer