

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

A regular meeting of the LeRoy City Council was held Monday, July 1, 2013, 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 Jason Boynton, Roger & Pauline Fister, Jan & Shirley Whisler, Jean Knight, Dave Perkins, Harold & Joanne Shipman, Deputy Jeremy Meyers, Phyllis Jacobson, Axel Gumbel, James Loven, and Lu Overocker. Mayor Gumbel called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

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

During Public Input Time, Gumbel commented that all input from constituents is important, but if it is information that has already been brought to council attention that it need not be brought forward again. Pauline Fister commented that the year is already half over and will it (cleanup) still be like this next year. Gumbel commented the council will review ordinance wording later in the meeting. Jason Boynton, accountant from Smith Schafer, introduced himself to council. Mr. Boynton noted the city received an unqualified clean opinion for the audit report for 2012. He did report of the line of credit the EDA has. White had done some research on this with bond counsel and was told that this line of credit was acceptable to have. Mr. Boynton did note the EDA may want to get a legal opinion on this. Mr. Boynton reviewed the audit report with council and answered any questions. Motion by Lidtke, second by Brandau to approve the 2012 audit report. Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Boynton was thanked for his time.

During Standing Committee Reports, Sanders reported the automatic door opener has been installed at the library. Lidtke reported there may be three people interested in becoming EMT's for the ambulance service. Gottschalk presented a new Prairie Visions brochure; the Shooting Star Bike Ride will be held on Saturday, July 13. A survey is being conducted by the Parks & Trails division of the Department of Natural Resources. She also reported the trail cameras are up; she also noted that the Mower County Commissioners are working on land acquisition for the trail extension to Austin. Sanders reported the new entrance signs will soon be shipped, and the new EDA LeRoy brochures are done.

Deputy Meyers gave the police report. He reported 24 traffic stops, four citations, one medical assist, and one felony warrant arrest. He also assisted with one burglary and the on-going investigation related with this. There was one assault that resulted in an arrest and a citation written for criminal damage done to a property. Deputy Meyers was thanked for the thorough police report.

White had received some information about an area-wide public facilities grant through the Small Cities Development Program. This grant program requires a community survey to be completed to apply. Council reviewed the survey information and letter. Motion by Sanders, second by Brandau to proceed with the survey and have the survey returned by July 31, 2013. Motion carried 5-0.

Gumbel had compiled a draft ordinance for council review for administrative fines. Gumbel would like this to be forwarded to the city attorney for his review. Gumbel noted she wants the council to take the time to do this right so the ordinance is enforceable. The new ordinance would set up a new board, one that would be independent of the city council. Three members would comprise this board with one alternate with staggered six-year terms. The new ordinance would also establish the administrative procedure and administrative fines.

Gumbel read the due call for the public hearing and opened the hearing at 7:48 PM. Council reviewed the floodplain maps. Motion by Lidtke, second by Gottschalk to pass Ordinance #235, an Ordinance Repealing Ordinance #184 and Enacting Ordinance #235, an Ordinance Relating the Regulations of the Floodplain. Motion carried 5-0. The public hearing was closed at 7:55 PM.

Dave Perkins was present to address any issues with Mr. Jacobson and the wall. It was reported this information had been forwarded to the city attorney. The city attorney had advised the council to not get in the middle of private property owner issues. Mr. Perkins reported he has hired a contractor to address this issue. Mr. Perkins requested being notified, or anyone with some type of issue, be notified if that item is placed on the council agenda.

Lu Overocker reported she is sponsoring the Street Dance for Summerfest. The dance will be held on North Mather Street between Sweet's Hotel and the LeRoy Community Center. She would like to put up a tent; the tent will help contain the dance area and the music from the band. A locate call would be done prior to the tent being put up. The tent stakes could be left in the ground, so another tent could be installed at the same area using the same stakes. If the tent stakes are not left, the holes would be plugged. She would like to have the tent put up Thursday night, July 18, and torn down first thing Saturday morning. Jones felt it best to plug the stake holes; he noted holes are what cause potholes to form. Motion by Sanders to allow the tent to be put up from 9:00 PM Thursday night, July 18, until 9:00 AM Saturday morning, July 20, to allow the closure of North Mather Street for this dance, and to give Jones the discretion as to whether the stake holes get plugged or are left in. Second by Lidtke. Motion carried 5-0.

There were no building/zoning permits for council review.

The Communications File was reviewed. Items included a letter from Mediacom. Gumbel reported she had received a couple of letters from students; she sent a reply to them.

Jones reported he had talked to the company that had done the watertower inspection. The company reported they would not paint the tank unless it was sandblasted. Council consensus to allow White to contact other communities that have watertowers like LeRoy's.

Jones talked to Dave Miller from Miller Grain about the Emergency Services building roof. Miller had contacted Chief Buildings, the manufacturer of the building. This will be further researched and discussed at the August meeting.

Jones also reported the sewer service line at South Park is plugged. A plumber tried to roto-root the line open, but couldn't get through. Jones & Heimer will try to jet it open tomorrow; if this doesn't work, the line will need to be dug up.

James Loven met with council to express concern about a neighbor that received a building/zoning permit 2 ½ years ago to construct a building and an addition to the existing garage. The project still has not been completed, but there is more activity happening. Council will further review this with the administrative fines and ordinance.

Being no further business to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Lidtke, second by Sanders at 8:36 PM.

Jennifer Gumbel, Mayor

Attest:

Patty A. White, City Clerk-Treasurer