

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

A regular meeting of the LeRoy City Council was held Monday, July 7, 2014, at 6:30 PM at the LeRoy Community Center with the following members present: Mayor Jennifer Gumbel, Council Members Kathleen Gottschalk, Linda Sanders, Justin Brandau, Maintenance Supervisor John Jones, and City Clerk Patty White. Council Member Vickie Lidtke was absent. Others in attendance included Kristin Stevens, Harold & Joann Shipman, Jason Boynton, Roger & Pauline Fister, Ginger Holm, Jan & Shirley Whisler, Dave Perkins, 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 4-0.

Jason Boynton of Smith Schafer & Associates presented the 2013 audit report. Mr. Boynton reported the city received an unmodified clean opinion for 2013. He also noted that there were no exceptions to Minnesota Legal Compliance. Motion by Sanders, second by Brandau to accept the 2013 audit report. Motion carried 4-0. Council thanked Mr. Boynton for his time.

During public input time, Jan Whisler questioned about cleanup and letters that were sent out. Gumbel noted this will be discussed later in the meeting. Harold Shipman questioned if water and sewer rates have been adjusted in 2014. Gumbel noted council raised water and sewer rates twice in 2013; the rate structure will be discussed later in 2014.

During standing committee reports, Gottschalk reported on the Prairie Visions meeting. Their main topic of discussion was the extension of the Shooting Star Trail to Austin. Gumbel noted she will try to convene a personnel committee meeting yet in July.

Gumbel reported that eight letters were sent out for zoning enforcement; five called White to see what they needed to do to comply with the ordinance. Gumbel and White toured around town to review what had been done. Five are in compliance. One property cleanup is being coordinated by the city to do the cleanup and assess the cost to the property owner's taxes due to an injury of the property owner. One letter was not picked up; this letter will be hand delivered by the deputy. One landowner did very little and will receive a fine.

The city received a memo from the city attorney pertaining to the property located at 314 East Main Street. The memo state the council needs to document the condition of this home and make the determination that the building is a hazardous structure. Council further discussed this. It was council consensus to call for a special council meeting to be held on Monday, July 21, 2014, at 7:15 PM to address the property located at 314 East Main Street and to review the bids for the Community Center Renovation. Jones and White will get pictures of the 314 East Main property and look for a state fire marshal report.

Council will hold a work session on Saturday, July 26, 2014, at 9:00 AM to further review the information gathered on the water treatment facility, water tower, and emergency services building roof.

Council reviewed the letter of resignation from Justin Brandau from the EDA board. Motion by Sanders, second by Gumbel to accept Brandau's resignation, with thanks for his time serving on the EDA board. Gumbel recommended appointing Councilor Lidtke to this open EDA spot. Motion by Sanders to appoint Councilor Lidtke to the EDA. Second by Gumbel. Motion carried 4-0.

Council reviewed the Summerfest 2014 schedule. Jim Gronwoldt of Travel Lanes was not able to be present at the meeting, but he had asked if White could request the closure of South Broadway between Main Street and the south business alley for Summerfest. Motion by Brandau, second by Gumbel to allow the closure of South Broadway between Main Street and the south business alley for Summerfest. Motion carried 4-0. Kristin Stevens, on behalf of L-O Forever, requested a 3.2% malt beverage license to serve beer and malternatives in South Park on Saturday. The L-O Forever group also plans on having a concession stand at the Park. Motion by Brandau, second by Gumbel to approve the 3.2% malt beverage license for Saturday, July 19, 2014. Motion carried 4-0.

White presented the slate of election judges for the Primary Election and General Election. Motion by Sanders, second by Gumbel to pass Resolution 2014-04, a resolution appointing election judges for the Primary Election to be held on August 12, 2014, and for the General Election to be held on

November 4, 2014, and setting the pay for the election judges for training and serving as judges at \$10 per hour. Motion carried 4-0.

Council reviewed two building/zoning permits:

1. Lots 10 & 11 exc N 70', Block 10, Caswell & Lewis-replace old storage shed, replace broken fence with privacy fencing, and build patio around tree stump
2. N 70' Lots 10 & 11, Block 11, Caswell & Lewis-build addition to east side of garage

Motion by Sanders, second by Gumbel to approve said permits. Motion carried 4-0.

The communications file was reviewed. Items included a letter from Representative Poppe, a Breakfast on the Farm invitation, a thank you from Naomi Woltmann for the receipt of one of the Pangborn scholarships, and the invitation from the SEMLM. Gumbel reported she had received a verbal apology from a young man that had been dared by other kids to climb up on the roof of the North Baumbach Park restrooms. A vent cover from the roof was accidentally kicked off. Jones reported he has already installed the vent. Council discussed some type of community service that this young man could do, but council did not act on any particular activity.

Jones reported the potholes were filled today. The larger areas will be fixed with blacktop within the next week or two.

White had contacted Schwickert's America to look at the Community Center roof. They provided a report that indicated the ridge cap has open seams and deteriorated gaskets. Schwickert's proposed replacing the ridge cap, cleaning minor surface corrosion and painting with a rust-inhibiting paint or coating, and replacing the gutters and downspouts. The total cost for these repairs is \$4850. Motion by Sanders, second by Gottschalk to proceed with the proposal from Schwickert's America and use Community Center capital outlay funds. Motion carried 4-0. White questioned if council would like to apply to the Carl & Verna Schmidt Foundation for funds for the Community Center renovation. Council also questioned about the M.E. Chesebrough funds that are with the LeRoy Community Foundation. These items will be discussed at the special council meeting.

White reported the LeRoy Commercial Club is sponsoring the Culpepper & Merriweather Circus on August 4, 2014. That is the first Monday in August. Council decided to hold the August council meeting on August 4 but to delay the start until 7:30 PM.

Dave Perkins reported he has purchased the property located at 105 East Main Street at tax-forfeiture auction. He is pursuing the means to get the building demolished. It was noted the cupolas have been removed from the property located at 102 East Main Street. White reported she had sent the owner of this property another letter requesting her intent with the buildings. Council consensus to have White send another letter to the owner of record stating the time frame to get building issues corrected or the building torn down.

Being no further business to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Brandau, second by Gottschalk at 7:51 PM. Council was reminded of the special council meeting to be held on Monday, July 21, 2014, at 7:15 PM and the council work session to be held on Saturday, July 26, 2014, at 9:00 AM.

Jennifer Gumbel, Mayor

Attest:

Patty A. White, City Clerk-Treasurer