

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

A regular meeting of the LeRoy City Council was held on Monday, August 3, 2015, at 6:30 PM at the LeRoy Community Center with the following members present: Acting Mayor Kathleen Gottschalk, Council Members Justin Brandau, Ashley Huntley, Gene Miller, Maintenance Supervisor John Jones, and City Clerk Patty White. Mayor Jennifer Gumbel was absent. Others in attendance included Harold & Joann Shipman, Jan Whisler, Roger & Pauline Fister, Jay Hardecopf, Terry Hummel, Rose Erie, Ginger Holm, Brian Thiel, and Dave Perkins. Acting Mayor Gottschalk called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Motion by Brandau, second by Huntley to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 4-0.

During Public Input Time, White distributed a letter from Axel Gumbel, treasurer of the LeRoy Farmers Market. The letter stated the inaugural season of the Farmers Market has been extremely successful and has created the need for extra space for the Market. The Farmers Market group has requested the use of the north alley and parking area adjacent to the Market area. This group would close down this portion of the alley at 3:00 PM and reopen it at 7:30 PM on Thursdays through October 15, 2015. Council questioned if this closure of the alley would hamper the fire department in case of a call. Jones noted this should not cause any concerns since the fire trucks exit the building from the south doors. Motion by Miller, second by Brandau to allow the usage of the alley and parking area adjacent to the Farmers Market area for the remainder of their season. Motion carried 4-0.

No council member had anything to report under Standing Committee Reports.

Deputy T.J. Lynch was absent, so there was no police report to review.

Council discussed the reconstruction progress made at the Jay Hardecopf property located at 314 East Main Street. Mr. Hardecopf reported that he is not completely finished with the reconstruction, but he does plan on completing the project in the near future. Miller commented he has seen much progress in the past couple of weeks. Mr. Hardecopf reported he will have the upper portion of the house covered with steel and will finish enclosing the roof openings. He plans to use this house for storage and plans to move into the small house located at 208 South East County Road. Mr. Hardecopf also noted the outside of the commercial property he owns at 304 East Main Street will also be cleaned up and taken care of in the near future. He noted he does not plan on having any heat or electricity to the 314 East Main Street property. Council thanked Mr. Hardecopf for his update and look forward to the completion of the reconstruction and cleanup work.

Jones noted he has not received the water tower inspection report yet.

It was noted the burned house located at 107 East Lowell Street is being torn down and hauled away. Council will monitor the progress on this project.

Gottschalk read the letter of resignation from the city council from Councilor Justin Brandau effective August 4, 2015. Motion by Miller, second by Huntley to pass Resolution 2015-05, a resolution accepting this resignation with regret and declaring a vacancy in the city council. On a roll call of votes, Gottschalk, Huntley, and Miller voted aye. Brandau abstained. The motion carried. Council discussed how they should proceed with filling this seat. It was council consensus to advertise in the LeRoy Independent for interested persons to submit a letter of interest prior to the September council meeting. Council will review the letters of interest and hope to appoint someone at the September council meeting.

Council was reminded the first Monday in September is Labor Day, so the regular council meeting date has to be changed. It was council consensus to move the September council meeting to Monday, August 31, 2015, at 6:30 PM at the LeRoy Community Center.

White reported she has started working the 2016 budget. The preliminary levy must be certified by September 30, 2015. Council discussed the increase funding requested from the LeRoy Pool Board. Council also discussed increasing the tree removal budget.

Council reviewed three land use permits:

1. Lots 1 & 2 and Lot 3 exc Nwtrly 50' Old RR Rtwy, Block 17-Caswell & Lewis-build a deck and repair existing deck
2. Lots 1, 2, 3, & 4, Block 23, Original Village-install a fence

3. Lot 3 & E ½ Lot 4, Block 8, Original Village-pour cement patio
Motion by Miller, second by Brandau to approve said land use permits. Motion carried 4-0. Miller questioned if a permit had been secured from the people that have purchased Sharon Bergan-Hodgdon's property for the fence that has been installed. White will get the permit information to them.

The Communications File was reviewed. Council reviewed a letter from Representative Jeanne Poppe.

There was nothing new to report on Zoning Enforcement or the Minnesota Basic Code. Huntley questioned if a fall clean-up day had ever been offered. No one present could remember a fall clean-up day. Council discussed the cost associated with offering a fall clean-up day but felt they could set an example by hosting both a spring and fall clean-up day. Motion by Huntley to offer a fall clean-up day on Saturday, October 10, 2015. Second by Miller. Motion carried 4-0.

Being no further business to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Brandau, second by Huntley at 7:07 PM.

Kathleen Gottschalk, Acting Mayor

Attest:

Patty A. White, City Clerk-Treasurer