

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

A regular meeting of the LeRoy City Council was held Monday, August 4, 2014, at 7:30 PM at the LeRoy Community Center with the following members present: Mayor Jennifer Gumbel, Council Members Linda Sanders, Vickie Lidtke, Maintenance Supervisor John Jones, and City Clerk Patty White. Council Members Kathleen Gottschalk and Justin Brandau were absent. Others in attendance included Harold Shipman, Roger & Pauline Fister, Dave Perkins, Jay Hardecopf, Deputy T.J. Lynch, and Ginger Holm. Mayor Gumbel called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Motion by Sanders, second by Gumbel to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 3-0. Lidtke posed a question about expenditure breakdowns; this was explained.

No one present had anything to bring to Public Input Time.

Deputy Lynch handed out the written police report. He reported it was an active month, but a good month. Council thanked Deputy Lynch for his report and time.

Jay Hardecopf spoke to council about the state of repair of the house he owns at 314 East Main Street. Mr. Hardecopf noted he hopes to have the second floor and roof replaced within the next week. Gumbel requested that Mr. Hardecopf keep White informed of any delay in getting this work done.

Gumbel noted the council met for a work session on July 26. At the work session, council discussed the direction to take on the water tower, water treatment plant, and Emergency Services building roof. Jones reported he has talked to a couple different companies about the Emergency Services building roof. He is waiting to hear from another company on how best to proceed. This will be further addressed at future meetings. Jones and White are waiting to receive a return telephone call from a company recommended for direction on the water tower.

Gumbel updated those present about the deteriorating condition of the property located at 102 East Main Street. The west end of the back building collapsed; the maintenance department put up cones around the perimeter of this area. Gumbel noted she had received a telephone call from Marty Helle, an attorney from the law firm of Hoversten, Johnson, Beckmann & Hovey. Mr. Helle had an offer from Liberty Barnes, the owner of record of this property. Ms. Barnes would be willing to deed the property to the City of LeRoy; she would pay all costs to transfer this property to the City. Gumbel expressed disappointment that Ms. Barnes did not have a plan or the funds to renovate the building when she purchased the property at tax forfeiture auction on April 1, 2014. If the city were to accept this deed, the city would be responsible for cleaning up the property, but the city would have control over this parcel. A question arose about asbestos and mold. Sanders noted this will not be a cheap project, but it has to be done. Motion by Gumbel, second by Sanders to accept the offer from Liberty Barnes to quit claim deed this property to the city. Motion carried 3-0. White and Jones were directed to contact Koch, Inc. for cleanup costs. Asbestrol from Austin will be contacted for asbestos search and/or abatement. Some contacts will be made to see if there is any interest in the original corner building.

Council was reminded they need to adopt the preliminary levy for 2015 by September 30. White will prepare a proposed 2015 budget for council review. This will be sent out prior to the September council meeting to give council more time to review it.

Council reviewed two building/zoning permits.

1. Outlot 16 N of Hwy 56 exc for listed lands-install LED sign

2. Lots 5 & 6 & N 25' St adj on SW, Block 18, Original Village-rebuild walls and put roof on

Motion by Sanders, second by Lidtke to approve said permits. Motion carried 3-0.

The Communications File was reviewed. Items included the charitable gambling reports from LeRoy Community Foundation. White reported the City of LeRoy will host the next Mower County League of Cities dinner meeting, probably in September.

Brunton Architects has reviewed the two bids submitted for the Community Center renovations. They felt the bid from Joseph Company was a good, complete bid. Council reviewed the letter submitted from Brunton Architects. Lidtke questioned about funding for this project. Gumbel questioned how much the LeRoy Community Foundation would be willing to put towards this project. White was directed to send a letter to Kevin Janssen, chair of the Foundation, with copies of the two bids. Sanders

commented she would like to see this project put back out for bid and have it bid in sections. Council could then better plan for the costs of renovation. Motion by Sanders, second by Gumbel to reject both bids and have the project rebid by section. Motion carried 3-0.

There was nothing new to report on zoning enforcement. Council consensus to remove DNR, Division of Ecological and Water Resources from the agenda. Gumbel discussed the Destination Medical Center (DMC). She felt there are two topics for discussion. One topic would be what type of community we want to be. This would involve trying to attract new residents to this area. Entities to be included in this discussion would involve city representation, representation from the City of Ostrander, school representatives, home-based daycares, the EDA's from both communities, and representatives from both community Lions Clubs, churches, and other community clubs. Gumbel would like to see this meeting convened sometime in mid to late August. The other topic for discussion would be trying to attract visitors. She considered using the Highway 63 corridor area to make contacts from. This will be further discussed at upcoming meetings.

Council discussed the date for the September council meeting since the first Monday in September is Labor Day. It was council consensus to move the September council meeting to the second Monday, September 8. Being no further business to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Lidtke, second by Sanders at 8:18 PM.

Jennifer Gumbel, Mayor

Attest:

Patty A. White, City Clerk-Treasurer