

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

A regular meeting of the LeRoy City Council was held Monday, October 7, 2013, at 6:30 PM at the LeRoy Community Center with the following members present: Mayor Jennifer Gumbel, Council Members Kathleen Gottschalk, Vickie Lidtke, Linda Sanders, Justin Brandau, Maintenance Supervisor John Jones, and City Clerk Patty White. Others in attendance included Shirley & Jan Whisler, Roger & Pauline Fister, Deputy Jeremy Meyers, Axel Gumbel, and Gerald Payne. Mayor Gumbel called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Motion by Sanders, second by Gottschalk to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 5-0.
No one spoke during Public Input Time.

During Standing Committee reports, Lidtke reported the Ambulance Board has a bill for vehicle soap and brushes, but they haven't seen the product, so they are withholding payment until the product is delivered. Gumbel noted the Personnel Committee will be meeting in November. White is to coordinate with the members of the committee to set up a meeting. Gottschalk reported she attended the Prairie Visions meeting; they are still working on land acquisition for the trail, Environmental Days was well received, and they are looking into grant funds for the trail extension. She noted the Pool Board is meeting at the same time as the city council meeting.

Deputy Meyers gave the September police report. He noted that September was quiet. He has addressed improper burning in town; he also questioned if some type of sticker can be used for the golf cart permit. White will check into this. Council thanked Deputy Meyers for his time and report.

Four letters of interest have been received from people willing to serve on the ordinance violation board. The letters were received from Gerald Payne, Roger Dietrich, Shirley Whisler, and James Loven. Council needs to appoint three people plus one alternate to serve on the board. Ms. Whisler offered to serve as the alternate. Motion by Gumbel to appoint Gerald Payne to a two-year term, Roger Dietrich to a four-year term, James Loven to a six-year term, and Shirley Whisler to the alternate position on the Ordinance Violation Board. Second by Lidtke. Motion carried 5-0. Council discussed the amount of the fine to be assessed to those in violation of the ordinances. Motion by Brandau, second by Gottschalk to pass Resolution 2013-11, a resolution setting administrative fines for ordinance violation. Motion carried 5-0.

Deputy Meyers had questioned council about having a park closing ordinance. This would allow him to get people out of the city parks after the closing time. He also commented that up to half the houses here in town don't have house numbers. Council will take this under consideration. Motion by Brandau to amend Ordinance ??????, setting park open times from 6:00 AM to 10:30 PM. Second by Sanders. Motion carried 5-0.

Council reviewed one building/zoning permit:

1. Lots 4 & 5 & E 43' Lot 3, Stock Addition-cement containment dike for 1000 gallon fuel barrel
Motion by Sanders, second by Gottschalk to approve said permit. Motion carried 5-0.

Council reviewed the Communications File. Items in the file included an invitation to a Rochester Adult & Teen Gala, the Prairie Visions minutes, and an invitation to the Mower County League Dinner meeting. The League of Minnesota Cities is conducting a "Mayor for a Day" contest; Gumbel will share this information with Steve Sallee.

The item Water Tower Inspection will be moved to "On-Going Items." Council will continue to look into maintenance of the water tower or its replacement in the coming months.

Jones had nothing new to report on the Emergency Services Building roof.

Council discussed the proposed Community Center renovations. White had been told that the City Council should be the ones to request funding for these renovations from the LeRoy Community Foundation. Gottschalk, Jones, and White will work on this project and report back to the council. White reported to council that there is a shortage of the long banquet tables at the Community Center. Motion by Sanders, second by Brandau to approve applying to the LeRoy Community Foundation for ten tables for the Community Center. Motion carried 5-0.

Council reviewed the proposed 2014 budget. Gumbel noted the link to the State Auditor's website that allows you to compare other cities summary budget information. Gumbel also noted that this is the time for council to compile questions about the budget; she reminded council that the final budget and levy will be adopted at the December council meeting. Sanders and Lidtke questioned about personnel issues including pay and benefits. Gumbel noted these items will be discussed with the Personnel Committee.

Under On-Going Items, Gumbel expressed concern about the condition of the property at 314 East Main Street and having this property secured. White was directed to send another letter to Mr. Hardecopf addressing these concerns. Council wants to be ready to proceed with "Plan B" if necessary to get this property cleaned up. White reported she has not heard anything back from the Mower County Auditor/Treasurer or County Coordinator about the two tax-forfeited properties. She was directed to follow through with a letter to these individuals.

There were no snow removal bids to review, but Jones had received an offer from Koch, Inc. for the city to lease their equipment and person for \$160 per hour for the winter season from December 1, 2013 through April 1, 2014. Motion by Gumbel, second by Sanders to approve this lease agreement with Koch, Inc. Motion carried 5-0. Motion by Gumbel, second by Brandau to pass Resolution 2013-12, a resolution entering into cooperative agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation for snow removal from Trunk Highway 56. Motion carried 5-0.

Deputy Meyers requested some type of mailbox that he can receive nuisance/code violations in. Something will be installed at the Emergency Services Building for this purpose.

Being no further business to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Sanders, second by Lidtke at 7:43 PM.

Jennifer Gumbel, Mayor

Attest:

Patty A. White, City Clerk-Treasurer