

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

A regular meeting of the LeRoy City Council was held Monday, November 4, 2013, at 6:30 PM at the LeRoy Community Center with the following members present: Mayor Jennifer Gumbel, Council Members Linda Sanders, Kathleen Gottschalk, Maintenance Supervisor John Jones, and City Clerk Patty White. Council members Vickie Lidtke and Justin Brandau were absent. Others attending the meeting included Roger & Pauline Fister, Phyllis Jacobson, Deputy Jaime Meyer, Axel Gumbel, Craig Bucknell, Barry Reburn, and Chris Williams. Mayor Gumbel called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Motion by Sanders, second by Gottschalk to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 3-0.

During Public Input time, (1) Phyllis Jacobson questioned about ordinance enforcement. Pauline Fister commented that she has heard a complaint about a property. Gumbel reminded those present that a signed written complaint must be filed at city hall to begin the process; she also noted that the names of the complainants will not be made public. Gumbel reported the ordinance enforcement board is in place; she also commented she would like to make a push for cleanup prior to the spring city-wide cleanup day. (2) Craig Bucknell, president of the LeRoy Lions Club, reported the club would like to do an Avenue of Flags along the boulevards here in town. Jones noted that television cable, gas lines, and/or fiber optic cable could be located in the boulevard. A locate call should be done prior to the installation of the flags. Council noted the Lions could mark the flag locations with white paint on the curb. (3) Mr. Bucknell also questioned about feral cats. He was told that the cats could be live-trapped.

Deputy Meyer gave the police report. Much of his time has been spent on burglary and theft calls. Council thanked Deputy Meyer for the report.

During Standing Committee Reports, Gottschalk reported she will get copies of the pool board minutes for council review at the December meeting. Sanders had nothing new to report from the EDA.

Gumbel reported the nuisance ordinance enforcement is set to proceed. Council felt it prudent to do a special focus on the administrative fine ordinance in the spring prior to the spring city-wide cleanup.

White reported on the refinance process for the Wildwood Grove bonds. A savings in interest of approximately \$330,000 can be realized by refinancing the bonds. Motion by Gumbel, second by Sanders to pass Resolution 2013-13, a resolution approving the sale by the Economic Development Authority of the City of LeRoy, Minnesota's \$2,045,000 General Obligation Housing Development Refunding Bonds, Series 2013A (City of LeRoy, Minnesota, General Obligation) and allocating small issuer rebate exception authority. Motion carried 3-0.

The Communications File was reviewed. Items included an invitation to the LeRoy Lions Club Charter night and the minutes from the Mower County League of Cities meeting. Gumbel noted the presenter at the Mower County League of Cities meeting spoke about MnWarn. It was noted that LeRoy is already a member of MnWarn. Membership in the MAOSC was denied.

White had information pertaining to the Public Facilities Authority. It was council consensus to file the paperwork to stay on the PPL.

Sanders & Gottschalk plan to meet this Wednesday to review the information gathered by Eileen Evans about the proposed Community Center renovations. Don Olson, as a member of the LeRoy Community Foundation board, will also be invited. White presented information about a grant opportunity from the Help America Vote Act that could be applied for to get automatic door openers installed on the doors at the Community Center. Motion by Sanders, second by Gottschalk to approve Resolution 2013-14, a resolution authorizing the council to apply for a grant from the Office of the Secretary of State of Minnesota for Federal funds pursuant to Title II, Section 261 of the Help America Vote Act for the sole purpose of improving access to polling places in this city for persons with disabilities. Motion carried 3-0.

Council reviewed and discussed the proposed 2014 budget. Gumbel posed some questions pertaining to the Clerk's Department and Police Department. White replied.

Under Ongoing items, White read the email received from the Mower County Auditor/Treasurer about the tax-forfeited properties. Jones noted the Emergency Services Building roof has not leaked for awhile.

Being no further business to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 PM on a motion by Gottschalk and seconded by Sanders.

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Jennifer Gumbel, Mayor

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Patty A. White, City Clerk-Treasurer