

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

A regular meeting of the LeRoy City Council was held Monday, December 1, 2014, at 6:00 PM at the LeRoy Community Center with the following members present: Acting Mayor Linda Sanders, Council Members Vickie Lidtke, Kathleen Gottschalk, Justin Brandau, Maintenance Supervisor John Jones, and City Clerk Patty White. Mayor Gumbel arrived at 6:29 PM. Others in attendance included Dave Perkins, Roger & Pauline Fister, Rose Erie, Harold & Joann Shipman, Jan & Shirley Whisler, Phyllis Jacobson, Gene Miller, Brian Thiel, Deputy T.J. Lynch, Ashley Huntley, and Axel Gumbel. Acting Mayor Sanders called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM.

Sanders read the due call for the truth in taxation hearing and opened the hearing at 6:07 PM. Hearing no comments or questions from those in attendance, the hearing was closed at 6:08 PM.

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

During Public Input time, Harold Shipman, on behalf of the LeRoy Community Foundation, questioned about funds from the Foundation for the community center renovations. White updated those present on the status of seeking bids for a new furnace and duct work for the lower dining room and senior citizen's room. Jan Whisler commented he wanted to make a statement, but he requested to make his statement when Mayor Gumbel arrives. Motion by Lidtke, second by Brandau to have this statement made now during public input time. Motion carried 4-0. Mr. Whisler read a prepared statement addressed to the city council. Council took no action on any of the topics addressed in Mr. Whisler's prepared statement.

No council member had anything to add to the Standing Committee reports.

The police report will be reviewed when Deputy Lynch arrives.

White updated council on the email she sent to city attorney Tom Baudler pertaining to the lack of completion on the Jay Hardecopf property. She has not received a response to the email yet. She also noted that Fire Chief Tim Freerksen had received a telephone call from Mr. Hardecopf addressing the motor home that burned early Thanksgiving morning. Mr. Hardecopf wants the motor home removed from his property, but he is currently out of state working.

White reported she had received a telephone call from a person from the Minnesota Department of Health pertaining to the removal of the buildings at 102 East Main Street. This gentleman noted the asbestos in the building is classified as non-friable, but MDH is concerned the asbestos could become friable upon demolition. White contacted a gentleman from Asbestrol, the firm that gave the asbestos report. He contacted MDH to get clarification on this matter. Due to the nature of the asbestos, the buildings will need to be demolished by a Minnesota licensed asbestos contractor. Due to the fact that the building debris needs to be wet when it is demolished, the buildings won't come down until spring.

It was noted the personnel committee has not met since the personnel policy was adopted by the city council.

Council reviewed the proposed 2015 budget and levy. Hearing no questions or concerns, a motion was made by Brandau and seconded by Gottschalk to approve the 2015 budget as written. Motion carried 4-0. Motion by Sanders, second by Brandau to pass Resolution 2014-09, a levy adopting the proposed 2015 levy at \$500,000. Motion carried 4-0.

White updated council on the meeting she attended with Mayor Gumbel and the Grand Meadow Mayor and a representative from Rochester City Lines pertaining to the discontinuance of the Mayo Bus. It was noted that Rochester City Lines does not take discontinuing a bus route lightly, and they would consider another commuter route if the ridership would support it.

Council reviewed the 2015 liquor licenses. The licenses include on-sale liquor licenses for Travel Lanes and Supper Club, Inc. and Sweet's HRB; Sunday liquor licenses for Travel Lanes and Supper Club, Inc. and Sweet's HRB; an off-sale liquor license for Travel Lanes and Supper Club, Inc.; and 3.2% off-sale liquor licenses for Amoco Food Shop and K & H Classic Stop. Motion by Lidtke, second by Gottschalk to approve said licenses. Motion carried 4-0.

White updated council on a dumpster that had been placed for a city resident for property cleanup. The resident was in agreement to have the cost of the dumpster assessed to her property taxes

for 2015. The bill for the dumpster was \$392.35. Motion by Lidtke to pass Resolution 2014-10, a resolution assessing unpaid charges to taxes payable in 2015 in the amount of \$392.35 plus filing fees of \$92.00 and charge 6% interest. Second by Gottschalk. Motion carried 4-0.

Deputy Lynch arrived and gave the written police report. Deputy Lynch reviewed the calls for the month of November. Council thanked Deputy Lynch for the written and oral report and for his time serving the residents of LeRoy.

Mayor Gumbel arrived at 6:29 PM.

There were no building/zoning permits to review.

There was no information in the communications file.

Gumbel noted she had a concern brought to her about how the city gravel alleys are maintained. Jones reported that potholes are filled on an as-needed basis and minimal grading is done to keep the crown of the alley in place for drainage. Gumbel had also put this question out to the mayor's listserv and received comparable answers to what the city maintenance department already does.

Gumbel reported she attended the November 25, 2014, Mower County Commissioners meeting. She discussed with the county board the blowing and drifting of snow on Mower County 14. The county public works director had given her a map showing the problem areas in Mower County for blowing and drifting snow. She noted the county board was concerned that if they allow extra funds for snow removal and/or sanding on Mower County 14 that comparable funds would need to be expended on other problem areas within the county. Gumbel noted that potential solutions stand a better chance of moving forward with backing and financial partnering with the City of LeRoy and/or townships abutting Mower County 14.

Mr. Whisler handed his written statement to Gumbel. Gumbel felt that any offense taken by the public by statements made at the October council meeting should be taken to the council member making the statements. Gumbel noted she is standing by the statements she made at that meeting; Brandau also noted he is also standing by the statements he had made at that meeting.

Being no further business to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Sanders, second by Lidtke at 6:38 PM.

Jennifer Gumbel, Mayor

Attest:

Patty A. White, City Clerk-Treasurer