

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

A regular meeting of the LeRoy City Council was held Monday, May 5, 2014, at the LeRoy Community Center with the following members present: Acting Mayor Linda Sanders, Council Members Vickie Lidtke, Kathleen Gottschalk, Maintenance Supervisor John Jones, and City Clerk Patty White. Mayor Jennifer Gumbel and Council Member Justin Brandau were absent. Others in attendance included Roger & Pauline Fister, Jan & Shirley Whisler, Harold Shipman, Jean Knight, Ginger Holm, Elaine Mills, Ken Brownlow, Deputy Brady Muelken, Al Hodgdon, and Mike Souhrada. Acting Mayor Sanders called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

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

During Public Input time, Jan Whisler questioned about the city-wide cleanup. It was reported the day is set for Saturday, May 17, from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. The location of the cleanup will be in the area north of the Emergency Services building. A full-page ad pertaining to the cleanup day plus ordinance information will be published in the LeRoy Independent prior to the cleanup day. White noted that nuisance letters have been sent out. Pauline Fister commented that in years past that downtown business owners used to sweep their sidewalks in front of their business place; she felt this would help with the public perception of the downtown business district. Sanders commented this was something for the Commercial Club to discuss at their meetings.

During Standing Committee Reports, Lidtke noted the Ambulance board had not met yet that month; the Library board meeting minutes were included in the council packets.

The police report will be received by the council when Deputy Muelken returns to the meeting.

There was nothing new to report on the DNR.

The city-wide cleanup was already discussed earlier in the meeting.

Council has not set a date for the work session to discuss long-term financial planning.

Al Hodgdon, Elaine Mills, and Mike Souhrada, members of the LeRoy Pool Board, met with council to discuss the swimming pool. They reported that four years ago the Thrive for Five campaign was started. The board is now entering into the campaign "Diving Into Pool 2020." The pool board is looking for the continued financial support of the city and school. The board is looking to increase the charitable giving from \$20,000 each year to \$30,000 per year plus the contributions of the city and school. White questioned if the City of Ostrander or the townships that constitute the LeRoy Ostrander School District have been contacted for any financial support. It was reported they have not been contacted, but Mr. Souhrada and Mr. Hodgdon offered to approach these entities. Sanders commented the pool is an asset to this community, it needs to be supported, but she couldn't give a figure of what the city will be able to contribute at this time. The group was thanked for their time and information on the pool.

White reported that a \$600 donation was received from the family of Everett Kinter. The donation was designated to the Community Center. A motion to pass resolution 2014-03, a resolution to accept this generous donation, was made by Sanders and seconded by Gottschalk. Motion carried 3-0.

Council reviewed one building/zoning permit.

1. W 25' Lot 5 exc N 50' & Lots 6 & 7 exc N 50', Block 3, Original Village-tear down house
Motion by Gottschalk, second by Lidtke to approve said permit. Motion carried 3-0.

The communications file was reviewed. Items included a thank you from the family of Everett Kinter, a letter from Mediacom, and the charitable gambling reports from the LeRoy Community Foundation.

White presented information from the Mower County Auditor/Treasurer's office pertaining to having the LeRoy City Hall designated as an absentee ballot polling place. This could provide a service to people living in this area for absentee voting. Motion by Gottschalk, second by Lidtke to have LeRoy City Hall designated as an absentee ballot polling place. Motion carried 3-0.

Council reviewed a proposed sign retroreflectivity policy. By June 13, 2014, all agencies, including cities, who maintain roadways open to public travel must adopt a sign maintenance program designed to maintain traffic sign retroreflectivity at or above specific levels. Motion by Sanders, second by Gottschalk to pass a sign retroreflectivity policy. Motion carried 3-0.

Jones presented a proposal for seal-coating some city streets and alleys from Pearson Brothers. Jones noted that no seal-coating was done last year. Council felt the need to maintain the streets, but they questioned if any of the streets listed in the proposal could be removed from the proposal. Jones noted he could check with Pearson Brothers to see if the price would stay the same. It was council consensus to proceed with seal-coating the streets and alleys listed in the proposal with the streets in the Rivers Edge addition removed from the proposal.

Jones reported SL Contracting could sweep the streets for \$145 per hour. This is usually done in the spring to clean up sand and other debris from snow removal. It was council consensus to proceed with street sweeping.

Deputy Brady Muelken gave the written police report. He noted the report was a combination of him and Deputy Jaime Meyer. Deputy Muelken reported he took over mid-month as the assigned deputy for LeRoy. The council thanked Deputy Muelken for the report.

White and Jones presented information on water meters with radio read units. These radio read units would allow the meters to be read automatically and could be done on a monthly basis. There are costs involved including a handheld unit that would record the readings, software for the city computer, and the radio read unit. Jones noted that the City of Adams is also looking into this program; we may be able to work with them to get better pricing from ordering in a larger quantity. White and Jones will compile more information and present it at future council meetings.

White reported that two architects from Brunton Architects have been here to get preliminary information on the Community Center renovations. There is a follow-up meeting scheduled for this coming Thursday.

White reported she had heard from Cindy Johnson about the lawn mowing at the city parks and cemetery. Council was reminded of Mel Johnson's passing the previous week. Mrs. Johnson noted she intends to continue with the mowing of the city parks and cemetery as had been agreed upon at the March council meeting if the council so chooses. It was council consensus to continue with this agreement.

There was nothing to report with the on-going items.

Being no further business to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 PM on a motion by Lidtke, seconded by Gottschalk.

Linda K. Sanders, Acting Mayor

Attest:

Patty A. White, City Clerk/Treasurer