

City of LeRoy MN – Council Meeting Minutes, August 7, 2017

A regular meeting of the LeRoy City Council was called to order by Acting Mayor Kathleen Gottschalk on Monday, August 7, 2017, at 6:30 PM at the LeRoy Community Center with the following members present: Acting Mayor Kathleen Gottschalk, Council Members Ashley Huntley, Gene Miller, Jan Whisler, and City Clerk Patty White. Mayor Brian Thiel and Maintenance Supervisor John Jones were absent.

Also attending: Marshall Keeton, James Loven, Axel Gumbel, Dave Perkins, and Deputy Katlynn Fisher. All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council reviewed the items included in the consent agenda. Motion by Huntley, second by Miller to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 4-0.

During Public Input Time:

- Marshall Keeton introduced himself to council and noted the LeRoy Lions want to put together a committee to establish the park on the donated land in the River's Edge Addition. Mr. Keeton noted he is the chairman of this committee, but he is looking for volunteers to serve. He questioned if any funds are available for this. James Loven questioned about the aluminum can dumpster and the funds generated from this. White reported these funds are put in a separate savings account of the LeRoy Community Foundation. A request would have to be made to the Foundation for these funds. Mr. Loven noted that plans haven't been made yet, but there are many possibilities for this property. Council expressed interest in serving. Miller is assigned to Parks & Recreation. The thought is to plant some trees or shrubbery first; in time playground equipment, restrooms, and possibly a water fountain would be installed. Huntley suggested looking at the other parks to see what amenities might not be in them; she noted you don't want all the parks to be the same. Other suggestions of amenities were discussed. Mr. Keeton and Mr. Loven were thanked for their time.
- Mr. Loven thanked the council for improving the sidewalk in front of city hall and at the library. Mr. Loven noted the neighbor across the street from his home has his property listed for sale. He noted this neighbor had received a land-use permit for the construction of a shed; this shed was not completed within a year. Mr. Loven questioned what the policy is in an instance like this. White replied another permit could be acquired for \$2.00. Miller commented the council reviews more the footprint of the building on a permit application to see where on the lot the structure will be placed. He also noted the council doesn't have much influence over how fast a building project is completed.

Council had nothing to report under Standing Committee Reports.

The police report was given by Deputy Katlynn Fisher.

- Deputy Fisher handed out the Police Activity Report for July. Council reviewed the report and commended Deputy Fisher on the new format of this report.
- Deputy Fisher noted that Summerfest went well.

In Old Business:

- Mayor Thiel had received interest from three people to serve on the Technology Committee. Gottschalk read the information provided by Thiel about Steve Eisenhauer, Ben Reburn, and Josh Lewis. Motion by Huntley, second by Whisler to appoint Mr. Eisenhauer, Mr. Reburn, and Mr. Lewis to the Technology Committee. Motion carried 4-0.
- White reported that Jaguar has now installed fiber into city hall and into the community center. The fiber in the community center has not been turned on yet. That is scheduled to happen within the next few weeks. The city hall fiber won't be turned on until the contract with Mediacom has expired.

- Council reviewed the newest draft of the Personnel Policy. A couple of areas need to be addressed by the Personnel Committee. Gottschalk questioned council if they would like to adopt the policy and make the changes afterwards or if they would prefer to table this adoption until the corrections have been made. Council consensus to table adoption until the corrections have been made.

There were no land use permits for council review.

There were no items in the Communications File.

Street Maintenance & Repair for 2017:

- Whisler reported the allowed amount of \$20,000 has been spent on pothole patching and street repairs. The dust control bill has been received in the amount of \$2,018.75. There is still over \$32,000 in the budget for street maintenance and repairs.
- Miller noted that some streets may still need some attention. Council discussed the possibility of allowing another \$20,000 for additional pothole patching and street repairs.
- Council consensus to have Whisler meet with J.C. Nerstad of Four Season Maintenance for recommendations on additional street maintenance and repairs.

There was nothing new to report on the Mower County 56 project.

The inspection report on the water tower has not been received yet.

The Community Center Kitchen Committee will be meeting soon to review plans for possible improvements to the kitchen.

Slide at South Park:

- White presented some options for the replacement of the tube slide. A new tube slide could be purchased for \$6,427.76. A new slither slide could be purchased for \$4,668.00. The broken slide could be removed and a tube gate could be installed across the opening. The tube gate would cost approximately \$1,000.00.
- The question was posed if a climbing wall could be installed instead of a slide. Huntley expressed concern with the height (nine feet) the climbing wall would be and the possibility of falls.
- Council questioned if this purchase could be deferred. White expressed concern with liability the broken slide could put the city in. Huntley noted she would rather see this fixed than wait. Miller commented about the cost for a new slide compared to what has been spent on pothole patching.
- Motion by Huntley, second by Miller to purchase a new tube slide. Motion carried 4-0.

The first Monday in September is Labor Day. Council discussed which day to move the council meeting to. It was decided to hold the September council meeting on Tuesday, September 5, 2017, at 6:30 PM. Being no further business to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Whisler, second by Miller at 7:58 PM.

Kathleen Gottschalk, Acting Mayor

Attest:

Patty A. White, City Clerk-Treasurer