**City of LeRoy MN – Council Meeting Minutes, October 7, 2019**

A regular meeting of the LeRoy City Council was called to order by Mayor Brian Thiel on Monday, October 7, 2019, at 6:30 PM at the LeRoy Community Center with the following members present: Mayor Brian Thiel, Council Members Ashley Huntley, Jan Whisler, Harold Shipman, Maintenance Supervisor John Jones, and City Clerk Patty White. Council Member Kathleen Gottschalk was absent.  
Also attending: Deputy Tyler Wilson, Axel Gumbel, Jan Smalley, Sharon Thiel, Joe & Alice Kempe, Cassidy Milks, and Bill Gerber. All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

No one present had anything to bring forward during Public Input Time.

During Standing Committee Reports:

* Shipman reported the bike trail from LeRoy to Austin is complete. The next meeting of Prairie Visions will be held on Monday, October 28, at 5:30 PM for the ribbon cutting for the last section of trail that was completed. The ribbon cutting will be followed by a meal served at the Hormel Nature Center. He reported Prairie Visions is now working on getting the Shooting Star Trail connected to the Wapsi Great Western Trail at the Iowa border. It was noted the Iowa trail is complete to the Iowa/Minnesota state line.

Police Report:

* Deputy Wilson reported the property damage issues have gone away for now. He noted it has been quiet lately.

Volunteer of the Month Recognition:

* Thiel read the submission letter in honor of Joe & Alice Kempe. The Kempe’s were present; they graciously accepted the Volunteer Appreciation Award presented to them. The Kempe’s were congratulated for this recognition and for all they do for the community.

2020 Budget & Levy:

* Thiel reported the Personnel Committee is considering recommending to council increases in employee wages comparable to the federal cost of living figure; this figure will not come out until late October. Any increase in pay would come after favorable employee reviews.
* Thiel also reported other pay increases may be awarded based on certifications or exemplary work ethic.
* White reported she had compiled a preliminary budget and levy; copies of these were made available to members of the council. A copy is also available at city hall for review.

School Speed Limit Signs:

* Sharon Thiel addressed the council about a telephone call she had received from Jan Smalley; Ms. Smalley reported to Thiel that she had almost been hit by a semi by the school. Ms. Thiel made a call to MnDOT to see what it would take to get school speed limit signage installed.
* White had also been contacted by a concerned citizen asking the same question. White also contacted MnDOT; she was told an engineering study would have to be completed and submitted to MnDOT along with other paperwork.
* Deputy Wilson also noted that parking on the street in front of the school should also be addressed. He also felt the LED speed signs could also help with the speed of traffic coming into town.
* It was also suggested to possibly not allow the drop off or pick up of students in front of the school on Highway 56; it was suggested to offer this service near the elementary wing on County Road 14. It was the consensus of the council to have White further investigate signage from MnDOT.
* Cassidy Milks, a member of the L-O School Board, was in attendance and reported the school is considering creating a student drop off/pick up area. He noted he will be taking these ideas and concerns to the superintendent.

Designation of Polling Place for 2020 Elections:

* White reported that state statute requires all municipalities to designate polling places for each precinct by December 31 each year for the next calendar year.
* Motion by Whisler, second by Shipman to pass Resolution 2019-11, a resolution designating polling places for the 2020 elections. Motion carried 4-0.

Land Use Permits:

* There were no land use permits for council review.

Communications File:

* Council reviewed the invitation to the Mower County League of Cities dinner meeting to be held on Thursday, October 17, 2019, in Grand Meadow.

Street Maintenance & Repair:

* Jones reported this project should begin yet this week. Council was reminded this project includes one block of north Everett Street, one block of east Benton Street, and one half block of west Benton Street. This project will also include other patching around town, too.
* Council will review bids for a mill and overlay of East County Road at the November council meeting. It is hoped if a bid is awarded that this project can be done in early spring, 2020.

Snow Removal:

* Snow removal bids will be reviewed at the November council meeting.

Sewer Maintenance/Repair:

* This project on East County Road is just wrapping up.

Public Buildings:

* Jones had a quote from Will McGill to paint the front steel on the Community Center and to paint the redwood stained entryway area. The quote was in the amount of $400. It was council consensus to have Mr. McGill do this painting yet this fall.

City Police Protection:

* Deputy Wilson will consult with Sheriff Sandvik to see if this is still an item for discussion.

Being no further business to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Huntley, second by Shipman at 7:11 PM.

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Brian Thiel, Mayor

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Patty A. White, City Clerk-Treasurer