

A Special Meeting of the Leslie City Council was held at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 19, 2008 at Leslie City Hall, 107 E. Bellevue Street, with Mayor Ron Schmit presiding.

PRESENT: Councilmembers Fox, Beyer, Motes, Wood, Beegle, Zamora, Mayor Schmit.

ABSENT: NONE.

ALSO PRESENT: Leslie City Clerk Vyrna Dotte Weideman and Leslie DPW Director Martha Owen. Clerk Weideman led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PURPOSE OF THIS SPECIAL MEETING: Council approval of a Resolution of Support of the Grant Application to the Michigan Department of Transportation/Local Bridge Program regarding the Mill Street Bridge.

Director Owen addressed Council, explaining the current round of grant applications is actually for 2011, and the application must include the proposed Resolution of support from City Council.

Dir. Owen said the current Engineer's estimate of cost for repairs to the Mill Street bridge is approximately \$700,000 (Seven hundred thousand dollars). If the grant is awarded to the City and the City cannot find the required matching portion, the grant could be turned down. But if that happens, the City's application would go to the "bottom of the pile" for the next round. She suggested that possible funding sources would include Major Street funds and possibly LDFFA funds.

Dir. Owen explained there are two scales used to evaluate the condition of the bridge. On one scale of 1-100 she estimates the Mill St. Bridge would be rated approximately 35, or on a scale of 1-10 it would be a 3 or 4, which is near critical. She estimated a new bridge would last about 50 years.

Discussion.

**CITY OF LESLIE  
RESOLUTION NO. 2008-13  
RESOLUTION OF AUTHORIZATION AND SUPPORT**

**Moved by Councilmember Motes and seconded by Councilmember Fox, to adopt the following Resolution:**

**WHEREAS, the City of Leslie, County of Ingham, State of Michigan, does hereby agree to the terms of the grant application as stated in the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Local Bridge Program; and**

**WHEREAS, the City of Leslie, Michigan has submitted a grant application for Local Bridge Improvements with a request for grant funding from the Michigan Department of Transportation/Local Bridge Program for funding in the 2011 Fiscal year; and**

**WHEREAS, the continued use of the Mill Street Bridge proposed for Local Bridge Improvements is consistent with the City of Leslie's long term transportation and designated truck route requirements; and**

**WHEREAS, no project cost will be incurred prior to a formal grant award, completion of the environmental review procedures and formal written authorization to incur costs is received from the Michigan Department of Transportation; and**

**WHEREAS, the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem and Clerk or Deputy Clerk, will be authorized to submit and sign the application to the Michigan Department of Transportation for funding from the MDOT/Local Bridge Program for Fiscal Year 2011.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Leslie City Council, at a Special Meeting conducted on Monday, May 19, 2008 does hereby adopt the Authorizing Resolution for a grant application to the Michigan Department of Transportation.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES: Councilmembers Fox, Beyer, Motes, Wood, Beegle, Zamora, Mayor Schmit.**

**NOES: NONE.**

**ABSENT: NONE.**

**MOTION CARRIED; RESOLUTION NO. 2008-13 DECLARED ADOPTED.**

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**Vyrna Dotte Weideman, Leslie City Clerk**

Moved by Beyer, seconded by Beegle, to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned, 6:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Vyrna Dotte Weideman, Leslie City Clerk