

City of Leola -- Unofficial Council Meeting Proceedings

March 7, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Royce Erdmann. Present council members: Jackie Rau, Jackie Leibel, Richard Reis, Michael Yost, Alan Wimer, and Brett Schaible. City personnel present: Jim Hoffman, Jeff Tschappat and Sondra Waltman.

Schaible moved with a second from Wimer to approve the February council meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Yost moved with a second from Wimer to approve the treasurer's report. All in favor, motion carried.

After review, Yost moved with a second from Rau to pay the proposed bills. All in favor, motion carried.

Bills to be Considered for March 2022		
Agtegra	Gas, Wipers, Shop towels	\$ 54.32
American Sol for Bus	Supplies	\$ 205.81
Aramark	Supplies	\$ 79.62
CorTrust Visa	Postage/Payroll Fees/Website	\$ 66.79
Dependable Sanitation	Garbage Collection	\$ 60.00
Farmer's Union Oil	Propane Tank	\$ 106.50
Gene's Oil Company	Gas & Diesel	\$ 496.08
McPherson Co. Herald	Minutes/Election Notice	\$ 173.09
Menards	Shop Lights/Cleaning Supplies	\$ 232.90
Montana Dakota Utilities	Utilities	\$ 2,780.52
Northern Truck Equipment	Repairs	\$ 705.60
Pam Walz	Mileage	\$ 33.60
Pheasantland Industries	Coats	\$ 183.10
Rural Development	119th Payment for Sewer	\$ 4,021.00
Share Corp	Rust Repair	\$ 573.28
SD Towns & Townships	Membership Dues	\$ 248.50
SD Public Health Lab	Water Testing	\$ 15.00
Valley	Telephone, Fax, Internet	\$ 349.09
WEB Water	Water for February	\$ 6,057.73
Westside Heating & AC	Propane	\$ 782.00
Payroll	Finance Office	\$ 3,333.34
Payroll	Government Buildings	\$ 1,044.00
Payroll	Library	\$ 981.00
Payroll	Mayor/Council	\$ 19.90
Payroll	Streets	\$ 6,012.50
Payroll	SD Health Pool - March	\$ 1,549.64
Payroll	SS, Med, W/H, SDRS with Matches	\$ 2,419.52

	Total	\$ 32,584.43
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At 7:15 a public hearing was held regarding a special event liquor license for Fireman’s Fun Night. With no objections from the public, Wimer moved with a second from Leibel to approve. Reis, Yost and Schaible abstained. All remaining council members voted in favor; motion carried.

At 7:20 pm Brady Weiszhaar, President of the Golf Association and Chuck Schaunaman joined the meeting to formally request a \$6,000 donation from the city to the Golf Association to aid with maintenance and ongoing projects. Reis moved with a second from Yost to donate the \$6,000. Leibel requested a treasurer’s report for the next meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

At 7:30 pm, McPherson County Deputy Sheriff Allie Hilgemann joined the meeting to discuss the monthly county law report. With no questions from the council, she was thanked for her services and left the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Lifeguards – Wimer moved with a second from Reis to set hourly wages as the following: new certified guards \$10, returning certified guards \$10.25 and returning certified guards with completion of the refresher training at \$10.50; certified pool managers \$13. Further discussion was held, and Wimer withdrew his motion. Wimer moved with a second from Reis to set hourly wages as the following: new certified guards/managers \$10/\$13 respectively, returning certified guards/managers a \$0.25 raise and returning certified guards/managers with completion of the refresher training at a \$0.50 raise. The motion also included the city will reimburse for completed and passed refresher courses. The lifeguard certification class with a two year contract to work at the pool will also be reimbursed upon certification. All in favor, motion carried.

2022 Election – The city will not need an election since all candidates ran unopposed. Formal certificates and oaths will be presented at the May meeting.

District Meeting – The District 6 Meeting to review legislative updates will be held in Groton on March 23. Council members Rau, Leibel and Yost, along with Mayor Erdmann and FO Waltman will plan on attending.

NEW BUSINESS

Donations – Weiszhaar requested a golf donation previously in the meeting.

PBS Dakota Life: Highlighting Leola – A crew from PBS is tentatively planning to come to Leola around May 24 for “community conversation” to get a sense of the community/history and stories. Anyone is welcome and encouraged to join the meeting to contribute to the content.

Equalization Meeting – There will be an Equalization Meeting at the Municipal Building on Monday, March 21 at 7 pm. A school representative, Trevor Zantow, will be present along with city council and if appeals are held, a representative from the McPherson County Equalization Office will also attend.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Street, Alley & Restricted Use Site: The damaged mailbox was replaced. Pickup decals are in and need to be installed. A set of magnets will be ordered. Wimer moved with a second from Reis to have an oversized dumpster available to city residents April 18-May 9 to coincide with the spring consignment sale. All in favor, motion carried. Council requested a list of culverts that need to be replaced. Garage/service concerns were discussed.

Water & Sewer: Another follow up will be made with Jensen Rock & Sand and Helms & Associates regarding a past bill clarification and updated maps from the water project.

Park, Recreation, & Pool: An updated quote for parts will be obtained for the pool heater.

Building & Equipment: After looking at the west door of the medical building, maintenance reported the whole door and frame should be replaced. One of the mirrors was mounted in the Citizen's Building; the other needs to be mounted or removed. The elevator is still not working properly. Tschappat received a quote for removal of foam skid steer tires. With the cost affiliated, council requested quotes for new rims as well. Reports of a slow air leak in the payload tire along with a broken fuel pump solenoid in the skid steer were also discussed.

Code Enforcement, Law Enforcement & Library Reports: The code enforcement and library reports were reviewed, along with the 2021 County Law Summary. Since following Code Enforcement protocol and not receiving any correspondence from the property owner's attorney, city attorney Vaughn Beck will be contacted and proceed with the abatement on 709 Conklin Avenue. K&C Construction will be contacted to get a timeline on when the library windows will be replaced.

Zoning: A reminder that building permits are required for all projects, regardless the cost, was discussed; an ad will be placed in the paper notifying residents. A variance was discussed for the Ten-45 Grocery and Café. Formal steps will proceed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

UPCOMING MEETINGS: There will be an Equalization meeting on Monday, March 21st at 7 pm. The next council meeting will be Monday, April 4th at 7 pm.

CORRESPONDENCE: Valley Telecommunications sent a letter stating as of April 1, they will no longer support cell phones and existing services will transfer to their cellular partner, Telispire. After discussion, Reis moved with a second from Wimer to have one cellular line as an "on call" phone, upgrading the cell phone and getting an OtterBox protective case. All in favor, motion carried. There is a petition opposing the CO2 pipeline in the municipal building which will be available until March 10.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

ADDITIONAL TOPICS: None.

At 8:32 pm, Reis moved with a second from Schaible to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried.

Royce Erdmann

Sondra Waltman

Royce Erdmann, Mayor, City of Leola

ATTEST: Sondra Waltman, Finance Officer, City of Leola

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