

City of Leola -- Council Meeting Proceedings

June 6, 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, Brett Schaible and Alan Wimer. City personnel present: Jeff Tschappat and Sondra Waltman.

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

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

Yost moved with a second from Rau to pay the proposed bills. All in favor, motion carried. Discussion was held on propane prices.

<b>Bills to be Considered for June 2022</b>		
Agtegra	Nuts/bolts; tire repair	\$ 28.27
Anderson, Emily	Lifeguard Certification Reimbursement	\$ 200.00
Aramark	Supplies	\$ 70.00
Beck Law	Attorney Fees	\$ 1,125.88
CorTrust Visa	Postage/Payroll Fees/Lagoon Samples/Cell Phone	\$ 396.16
Climate Control	Pool Heater Repairs	\$ 1,859.19
Curt's Repair	Hydraulic Hoses/Battery/Brake Line (CAT)	\$ 594.66
Curt's Repair	Torch Set, Mower Labor, Loader Labor (Dresser)	\$ 510.00
Curt's Repair	Pump Repair	\$ 1,280.00
Dakota Electronics	Repaired siren	\$ 248.40
Dependable Sanitation	Garbage Collection/Large Item Collection	\$ 1,155.88
DSG	Culverts/Pool Repairs	\$ 1,863.55
Gary's Engine & Repair	Walker mower/oil seal	\$ 8.95
Gene's Oil Company	Gas & Diesel	\$ 580.48
Hawkins, Inc.	Pool Chemicals	\$ 4,584.14
IACM Eagle's Nest	Water Deposit Refund	\$ 147.87
JGE	Oil Seal	\$ 18.79
LDC	Leola Bucks	\$ 150.00
McPherson Co. Herald	Minutes/Notices	\$ 235.56
Menards	Pressure Washer	\$ 369.99
Montana Dakota Utilities	Utilities	\$ 2,408.31
Pam Walz	Mileage	\$ 33.60
Productivity Plus Account	Mower belts	\$ 194.77
Runnings	Weedeater Head	\$ 28.99
Rural Development	122nd Payment for Sewer	\$ 4,021.00
Schauer, Jim	Lifeguard Certification Reimbursement	\$ 100.00
SD Public Health Lab	Lagoon Testing	\$ 168.00

Telespire	Cell Phone	\$ 62.42
Ten-45	Supplies	\$ 31.09
Valley	Telephone, Fax, Internet	\$ 327.31
WEB Water	Water for May	\$ 6,586.69
Westside Heating and AC	Propane/Pool Heater	\$ 705.50
Payroll	Finance Office	\$ 3,333.34
Payroll	Government Buildings	\$ 1,044.00
Payroll	Library	\$ 1,037.00
Payroll	Park	\$ 6,012.50
Payroll	SD Health Pool - June	\$ 1,549.64
Payroll	SS, Med, W/H, SDRS with Matches	\$ 2,335.33
	Total	\$ 45,407.26

At 7:10 pm, two public hearings were held regarding requested variances by Jane Rewerts and the Leola Athletic Association. Waltman spoke with Attorney Vaughn Beck and found that a public hearing wasn't required for city property, but still held the public hearing for public input. Discussion was held. Schaible moved with a second from Wimer to allow the 7' variance to the north of the property legally described as Lots 1-4, Block 2 Turner's Addition of Leola City to move a garage to the designated area by the NE part of the property, near the existing batting cage. Rau opposed. Remaining members voted in favor; motion carried.

Jane Rewerts requested a variance for the west side of her property to construct a fence between the house and the garage. After discussion, Schaible moved with a second from Reis to grant the requested 20' variance into the west side of the property legally described as the West 80' of Lots 7-9, Block 4 in Northwestern Addition of Leola City. Rau abstained. Remaining members voted 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

Pool – Leibel moved with a second from Yost to formally hire pool employees and set wages as the following: Shekota Lehmann, Manager, \$13.25/hour (\$13.50 after refresher training); Hanna Miller, Assistant Manager, \$13.00/hour; Shaylee Gill, lifeguard, \$10.25/hour (\$10.50 after refresher training); Rebekah Schauer, lifeguard, \$10.00/hour; Emily Anderson, lifeguard, \$10.00/hour. All in favor, motion carried. At 7:51 Managers Lehmann and Miller joined the meeting to discuss pool questions/concerns. After discussion, they left the meeting at 8:55.

Cahill Bauer & Associates – The annual audit that was scheduled for June 22-23 was rescheduled for June 8-9. Due to the scheduling change, Waltman will not attend Finance Officer School in Huron.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Pump – Discussion was held regarding the damaged pump that was borrowed from the fire department to empty the pool. The city paid Curt's Repair for a new motor and labor. The pump is working and has been returned to the fire department.

Ethanol Fuel Bids – With the increasing gas prices, Wimer moved with a second from Yost to go off the state bid for 10% ethanol vs unleaded. Rau abstained. Remaining members voted in favor, motion carried. Wimer suggested using an additive with the ethanol in small engines.

Weed Control – After discussion over dandelions and reviewing estimates from Habitat Management and That Guy Lawn Care, Schaible moved with a second from Wimer to have That Guy Lawn Care apply the late spring/fall fertilizer/weed control applications for \$2,824. This includes the Leola Pool/Park, Piggy Bank, Leola Dam/Park and Library. Rau opposed. All remaining members voted in favor, motion carried.

#### MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Discussion was held on pool maintenance, lagoon drainage, mowing, RUS/bunkers, parks, and equipment maintenance.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Street, Alley, and Restricted Use Site: Pothole concerns were discussed and possible options with using leftover hot mix from the county were explored. The county has not bladed since the last meeting. There are settling concerns from the project at the intersection of Grant Street/Conklin Street. Chip sealing options were also discussed. A sign was suggested for the bunkers stating no household garbage permitted.

Water & Sewer: There were 27 late letters sent out and 5 red tags posted for disconnecting for nonpayment. A possible water leak was discussed on Leola Ave and Williams Street.

Park, Rec & Pool: The pool activity reports were reviewed. The gazebo at the Lundquist Dam Park needs some paint. A pallet and some garbage was noted around Doc's Pond.

Building & Equipment: The gutters need to be cleaned on all city buildings. Rolling gutters were suggested to put on the Citizens' Building in hopes to prevent water/sludge backing up into the basement. Hazard lights were discussed for the new pickup. Reis moved with a second from Leibel to purchase a magnetic light bar on Amazon for less than \$100. All in favor, motion carried. Discussion was held on purchasing a new mower for the city. Yost moved with a second from Wimer to purchase a 2019 Walker H271 with a 74" deck and 522 hours on it for \$10,000. All in favor, motion carried. Schaible volunteered his time to go get the mower in Watkins, MN.

Code Enforcement, Law Enforcement & Library Reports: The code enforcement report was reviewed. Discussion was held and Mike Olson, Code Enforcement Officer will be notified of the concerns. The library report was reviewed.

Zoning: Building permits were reviewed. There was a pending building permit application for 709 Conklin Street. Due to the history and current legal status of the property, the Zoning Board met 6/6/22 and recommended denying the application. Yost moved with a second from Wimer to follow the Zoning Board's recommendation and formally deny the building permit application. All in favor, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Discussion was held regarding an ordinance from the International Property Maintenance Code 303.2 specifying pools over 24" must have a fence around them. Waltman asked council members to check their wards and a courtesy letter will be sent out.

The Leola Athletic Association requested a donation of \$1,500 for the summer baseball program. Reis moved with a second from Leibel to approve the donation. All in favor, motion carried. Discussion was held regarding the building permit/variance fees associated with the baseball garage. Wimer moved with a second from Reis to waive the fees for the Leola Athletic Association. All in favor, motion carried. As far as the moving permit, Schaible said he would personally pay the retainer of \$500 to ensure no damage is done to the roads.

Discussion was held regarding food trucks, peddlers, and street sales. Schaible moved with a second from Yost to allow food trucks to set up at no cost. After further discussion, motion failed. Wimer moved with a second from Rau to require a Peddler’s License for any vendor outside of a special event for a fee of \$100 per calendar year, which is not to be prorated. Additional relevant documents will be required along with the license including, but not limited to, sales tax license, proof of insurance, authorization from the Department of Health and other pertinent information. All in favor, motion carried.

UPCOMING MEETINGS: The next council meeting will be Monday, July 11 at 7 pm. There will be a special budget meeting on Monday, July 18 at 7 pm.

CORRESPONDENCE: Deb Weiszhaar sent a thank you card for the gift she received. SDML Workers’ Compensation updated their policies regarding a discrepancy in coverage for employees or covered volunteers that travel to certain foreign countries. Schaible moved with a second from Wimer to accept and sign the updated changes. All in favor, motion carried. Addition information regarding this is available in the Finance Office.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

ADDITIONAL TOPICS: None.

At 10:39 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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