

City of Leola -- Council Meeting Proceedings

SPECIAL MEETING

December 12, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Royce Erdmann. Present council members: Jackie Leibel, Jackie Rau, Michael Yost, and Richard Reis. City personnel present: Sondra Waltman. Also present were interview candidates for the maintenance position.

At 6:00 pm, Leibel moved with a second from Rau to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters per SDCL 1-25-2 (1 & 4). All in favor, motion carried.

Schaible joined the meeting at 6:05 pm. Wimer joined the meeting at 6:35 pm. Maintenance candidates left the meeting following their interviews.

At 7:31 pm, executive session concluded.

Rau moved with a second from Wimer to offer the maintenance position to the most qualified candidate. Starting salary will be an annual rate of \$32,500 with an increase of \$500 after a six-month review, along with employee paid health insurance and a 6% retirement match through South Dakota Retirement System. All in favor, motion carried.

2023 wages were discussed and set. Wimer moved with a second from Leibel to give zero wage increases to salaried employees, along with mayor and council. Reis opposed. All remaining council members voted in favor; motion carried. Wimer moved with a second from Schaible to leave part time and hourly employees at the same rate, excluding seasonal employees (seasonal wages will be set later). The library fill in will be at minimum wage. Reis opposed. All remaining council members voted in favor; motion carried.

Leibel moved with a second from Wimer to open the position of a part time custodian. The position will pay \$12 an hour, the individual can set their own schedule and clean city owned buildings (excluding the club house at the golf course) for 5-15 hours per week. The position will be open until January 3, 2023 at 4 pm. Interviews will be held at 6 pm in the back room of the municipal building, with a regular council meeting to follow.

OLD BUSINESS

Insurance Renewal Rates – After further research, the EMC Insurance renewal offer included auto at a renewal price of \$37,260. (Previously, the city had a separate auto policy.) Wimer moved with a second from Reis to renew the policy with EMC for 2023. Leibel abstained. All remaining councilmembers voted in favor, motion carried.

McPherson County Highway Department Bill Clarification – The previous bill from December 5 stated mowing expenses for \$1,023.36. That portion of the bill was tabled. After clarification, the expense for \$1,023.36 was for street sweeping. Reis moved with a second from Wimer to pay the McPherson County Highway Department \$1,023.36 for street sweeping. All in favor, motion carried.

Salt/Sand Mix – The SD DOT has 210 tons of salt/sand mix for sale at \$43/ton. The mix can stay at the SD DOT shop and the city can use it as needed. Reis moved with a second from Rau to purchase 210

tons of salt/sand mix from the SD DOT for \$9,030. Wimer and Schaible abstained. All remaining council members voted in favor; motion carried.

Mileage Rate Increase – In September, the state milage reimbursement rate increased from \$0.42/mile to \$0.51/mile. Reis moved with a second from Wimer to follow the state rates set by the South Dakota Municipal League and to reimburse Pam Walz for mileage at the increased rate for three months, totaling \$21.60. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Bills to be Considered for December 2022 - SPECIAL MEETING		
A&B Business	Colored Paper	\$ 36.75
Agtegra	New Tires	\$ 1,008.00
CHS	Propane Tank Set up/Install	\$ 235.38
Curt's Repair	Dresser Loader batteries, cable, alternator, labor	\$ 992.93
EMC	Insurance Renewal 2023 with Auto	\$ 37,260.00
Les's Standard	Heater Repair (Library), Repairs (Pool)	\$ 822.29
McPherson County Highway Dept	Street Sweeping	\$ 1,023.36
MDU	Prorated Campground Bill	\$ 41.25
Moser Excavating	Hydrant Repair	\$ 693.88
Pam Walz	Mileage	\$ 21.60
Significant Digits, Inc	Water Billing Software Licensing Fee	\$ 650.00

Public Comments – None.

Upcoming Events – The next council meeting will be Thursday, January 5, 2023 due to the New Year’s Holiday. The meeting will begin at 6 pm to conduct interviews with the meeting to follow.

At 7:56 pm, Rau moved with a second from Reis to adjourn the meeting. 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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