

City of Leola -- Council Meeting Proceedings

February 6, 2023

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

Reis moved with a second from Wimer to approve the meeting minutes from January. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Reis moved with a second from Yost to approve the proposed bills. All in favor, motion carried.

<b>Bills to be Considered for February 2023</b>		
A&B Business	Colored Paper	\$ 36.75
Agtegra	Fuel, antifreeze, oil/fuel filters, bulk oil, misc. repairs	\$ 1,436.20
Aramark	Supplies	\$ 43.80
Beck Law	Profession Services	\$ 70.00
CHS	Propane	\$ 517.61
Corporate Trust/US Bank	9th Quarterly Pmt - Water Project	\$ 3,082.37
CorTrust Visa	Postage/Payroll Processing Fees	\$ 148.55
Curt's Repair	Repairs, seal, lights	\$ 664.89
Dependable Sanitation	Garbage Collection	\$ 60.00
Gene's Oil Company	Gas/Fuel	\$ 1,842.59
Leola Library	2023 Supplies/Equipment	\$ 3,000.00
McPherson Co. Herald	Minutes/Notices	\$ 167.42
Menards	Cleaning Supplies	\$ 37.47
Montana Dakota Utilities	Utilities	\$ 3,341.82
Moser Excavating & Trucking, LLC	Curbstop repairs and locates	\$ 1,125.00
Rural Development	130th Payment for Sewer	\$ 4,021.00
SD Assoc of Towns & Townships	Member Dues	\$ 248.50
SD Public Health Lab	Water Testing	\$ 15.00
Telespire	Cell Phone	\$ 65.00
Valley	Telephone, Fax, Internet	\$ 317.10
Walz, Pam	Mileage	\$ 40.80
WEB Water	Water for January	\$ 10,510.83
Payroll	Finance Office	\$ 3,333.34
Payroll	Library	\$ 925.20
Payroll	Mayor/Council	\$ 21.60
Payroll	Streets	\$ 6,808.40
Payroll	SD Health Pool - Feb	\$ 2,304.46

Payroll	SS, Med, W/H, SDRS with Matches	\$ 2,840.99
	Total	\$ 46,929.94

At 7:03 pm, 4-H representative Tom Schnabel joined the meeting. He came before the council to present upgrades to the 4-H grounds that had been discussed in prior years but haven't been completed due to Covid restrictions. These upgrades include a 16' x 22' cement pad to the north of the existing one, continuous paneling to prevent it from being driven over, along with a 16' swinging gate. Wimer moved with a second from Reis to allow 4-H to continue with their planned upgrades. Rau abstained. All remaining council members voted in favor; motion carried. Schnabel left the meeting following the discussion.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Ordinance Updates - Discussion was held regarding updates and changes to Title 5 of the ordinance book. Title 6 will be discussed at the next meeting.

Electricity/Pole – MDU can add electricity to existing streetlights at no cost, but each outlet/pole will be metered/billed individually. The county has been made aware of this.

2023 Election – The city election will be Tuesday, April 11. Two-year terms that expire in 2023 for city wards include: Jackie Leibel, Ward 1; Brett Schaible, Ward 2; Alan Wimer, Ward 3. Petitions can be circulated January 27 through February 24 at 5 pm.

CAG Grant (Leola Ave) – The city is reluctant to apply without hard monetary estimates available regarding the total cost of the project along with a pledged amount from the school at this time.

At 7:15 pm, as advertised, a public hearing was held for a Special Events Liquor License for the annual Fireman's Fun Night to be held at the Legion Hall on March 4 (snow date March 11). Wimer moved with a second from Leibel to approve the special events liquor license. All in favor, motion carried.

At 7:20 pm, as advertised, a public hearing was held regarding a variance at 812 Lundquist Street for a garage on the SE corner of the property which is currently 5.8' into Pearl Avenue. After discussion and review, Reis moved with a second from Wimer to agree with the Zoning Board's recommendation and approve the variance for 5.8' for the useful life of the garage. If the existing garage would be moved or demolished, a new structure is not permitted under this variance. All in favor, motion carried.

At 7:30 pm, McPherson County Deputy Sheriff Allie Erdmann 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.

At 7:30 pm, city attorney Vaughn Beck joined the meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

2023 Pool – The city is looking for summer pool manager(s) and lifeguards. Reis moved with a second from Yost to set the summer pool wages: certified lifeguards beginning at \$11/hour and certified manager(s) at \$14/hour. Both lifeguards and manager(s) receive a \$0.25/hour increase for each returning year, along with an additional \$0.25/hour increase if an additional refresher course is

successfully completed. All in favor, motion carried. Leibel suggested council reviews the pool's policies and procedures.

2023 Donations – The Leola Fire Department requested a donation for their annual Fireman's Fun Night. Schaible moved with a second from Wimer to donate \$500 to Fireman's Fun Night. Reis and Yost abstained; Rau and Leibel opposed. The motion failed to pass. A request for financial statements for other organizations looking for donations was noted.

McPherson County 4-H – The upgrades were previously discussed in the meeting.

Equalization Board – The equalization board meeting is set for Monday, March 20, 2023, at 7 pm in the back room of the Municipal Building.

MAINTENANCE UPDATE: The monthly maintenance report was reviewed and discussed. Waltman will sign Tschappat and Lehmann up for the 2023 MSHA Annual Refresher & Safety Training meeting in Aberdeen on March 14. Discussion was held regarding applicator licenses. Some high-vis apparel will be ordered.

At 7:40 pm, Troy Grabowska, Donna Grabowska, Steph Daly and Shane Moser joined the meeting.

At 7:45 pm, discussion was held regarding the surfaced water between the homes on 1031 Pearl Avenue and 1008 Conklin Street. Concerns were shared by the homeowners and representatives. Moser, with Moser Excavating and Trucking, LLC, shared his findings. After discussion, council asked the homeowners to present estimates of damages at the next council meeting on March 6 for further discussion. T. Grabowska, D. Grabowska, S. Daly and S. Moser left the meeting.

At 8:15 pm, as advertised, the bid opening for surplus equipment was held. Waltman asked three property owners appraise the value of the 1968 Chevy CE51703. No bids were received to purchase it. Wimer moved with a second from Reis to sell it at Community Consignment Auction Sale in May. All in favor, motion carried. An offer was made on the 11' two-way straight snowplow that was surplus on September 7, 2022. Wimer moved with a second from Reis accept the offer of \$1,000 from the City of White Lake. All in favor, motion carried.

At 8:20 pm, Rau moved with a second from Wimer to enter executive session to discuss legal matters with City Attorney Vaughn Beck. All in favor, motion carried. At 8:49 pm, executive session ended with no action taken. Attorney Vaughn Beck left the meeting following executive session.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Street, Alley & Restricted Use Site – A streetlight (Elm & Broadway) is out and is waiting for repair by MDU.

Water & Sewer – 22 late notices were issued and 8 disconnect notices. A damaged fire hydrant was discussed by Curt's Repair.

Park, Recreation & Pool – None.

Building & Equipment – Discussion was held regarding the Citizen's Building. The furnace filters have been replaced, a reported leaks near the chimney and some water damage on ceiling tiles. Further exploring will be done to fix/cap the chimney. The city also intends to continue following the local fuel bids set by McPherson County.

Code Enforcement, Law Enforcement & Library –There was no monthly code enforcement report to review. The library report was reviewed.

Zoning – None.

COMPLAINT FORMS: A complaint form from Joyce Carman regarding garbage was reviewed and discussed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

UPCOMING EVENTS: The next regular council meeting will be at 7 pm on Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. The Equalization Board will meet at 7 pm on Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: This was held previously in the meeting when Attorney Vaughn Beck was available for questions.

At 9:13 pm, Leibel moved with a second from Rau 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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