

City of Leola -- Council Meeting Proceedings

March 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.

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

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

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

Bills to be Considered for March 2023		
Agtegra	Fuel, oil/filters, misc. repairs	\$ 450.08
Aramark	Supplies	\$ 54.59
CHS	Propane	\$ 1,158.83
CorTrust Visa	Postage/Payroll Processing Fees	\$ 101.18
DMI	Parts	\$ 39.30
Dependable Sanitation	Garbage Collection	\$ 60.00
EMC Insurance	Policy Change	\$ 95.00
Farmers Union Oil	Tank rental	\$ 100.00
Gene's Oil Company	Gas/Fuel	\$ 784.31
McPherson Co. Herald	Minutes/Notices	\$ 216.14
Menards	Cleaning Supplies	\$ 87.90
Montana Dakota Utilities	Utilities	\$ 2,835.87
Rural Development	131st Payment for Sewer	\$ 4,021.00
SD DOT	Sand/Salt Mix	\$ 9,030.00
SD Public Health Lab	Water Testing	\$ 15.00
Telespire	Cell Phone	\$ 65.00
Ten-45	Air freshener	\$ 6.18
Valley	Telephone, Fax, Internet	\$ 315.17
Walz, Pam	Mileage	\$ 40.80
WEB Water	Water for February	\$ 7,937.00
Payroll	Finance Office	\$ 3,333.34
Payroll	Government Buildings	\$ 138.00
Payroll	Library	\$ 924.60
Payroll	Mayor/Council	\$ 21.60
Payroll	Streets	\$ 5,945.84
Payroll	SD Health Pool – March	\$ 2,304.46

Payroll	SS, Med, W/H, SDRS with Matches	\$ 2,630.09
	Total	\$ 42,711.28

At 7:15 pm, Leola Golf Association President Brady Weiszhaar and Chuck Schaunaman joined the meeting. The LGA’s financials were reviewed along with discussion on the greens improvement project. Fundraising options were also talked about. Reis moved with a second from Yost to donate the requested \$6,000. All in favor, motion carried. Weiszhaar and Schaunaman left the meeting.

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.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance Updates – Before updating Title 6, the council would like to review the ordinance book that Attorney Vaughn Beck has revised for other communities. If a copy isn’t received by the next meeting, Title 6 revisions will be discussed at that time.

2023 Election – The city will have an election on Tuesday, April 11th for Ward 3. Alan Wimer and Brandon Lehmann submitted petitions for the two-year term. Jackie Leibel, Ward 1 and Brett Schaible, Ward 2 submitted petitions and ran unopposed for two-year terms. The city will have a joint election with the Leola School Board Election. Voting will be conducted at the Leola School on April 11th from 7 am to 7 pm.

CAG Grant (Leola Ave) – Discussion was held. Council inquired about additional infrastructure requirements and cost estimates for the project. With the lack of information, the council opted to table the topic.

Water Leak/Pearl Ave – Repair estimates from the water leak were requested after discussion at the previous meeting. Instead of an estimate, actual repair expenses will be available for the April meeting.

Equalization Board – The Local Board of Equalization will meet on Monday, March 20 at 7 pm in the back room of the Municipal Building.

NEW BUSINESS

NECOG – Grant options were discussed regarding park improvements, projects, and locations.

Tax Deed Notices – McPherson County Auditor sent the city notices of 6 delinquent properties that received a “Notice of Taking Tax Deed by County.” Discussion was held.

2023 Pool – The city is looking for summer pool manager(s) and lifeguards. The council reviewed and discussed the pool rules. Updates will be discussed and finalized at the next meeting.

MAINTENANCE REPORT: Discussion was held regarding the white dump truck that is out of service. An estimate was reviewed from Curt’s Repair to fix the transmission. Schaible moved with a second from Wimer to repair the truck at Curt’s Repair for \$5,000 or less. All in favor, motion carried. Tschappat stated the cutting edge on the loader needed to be replaced and shared a few pricing options with the council. The SD Federal Surplus in Huron had some double sided cutting edges available.

Measurements will be made to verify they fit. Reis volunteered to look at them this week in Huron. If the cutting blades at the SD Federal Surplus site do not fit, the cutting blade purchase will be tabled until next month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Street, Alley & Restricted Use Site – Snow removal was discussed.

Water & Sewer – 27 late notices were issued, 5 disconnect notices and 1 disconnect.

Park, Recreation & Pool – Reis shared his finding regarding the fish at Lundquist Dam, along with opportunities for grants, cleaning the dam and restocking fish.

Building & Equipment – None.

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

Zoning – None.

COMPLAINT FORMS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Tschappat and Lehmann will attend the MSHA Safety Training in Aberdeen on March 14. The Local Board of Equalization will meet at 7 pm on Monday, March 20 in the back room of the Municipal Building. The District 6 Annual Meeting is Tuesday, March 21 in Hecla. Rau, Leibel and Waltman plan on attending.

The next regular council meeting will be at 7 pm on Monday, April 3rd.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

The council reviewed personnel hours.

At 8:49 pm, Wimer 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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