

City of Leola -- Council Meeting Proceedings

April 3, 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; Richard Reis was absent. City personnel present: Jeff Tschappat, Terry Lehmann, and Sondra Waltman.

Schaible moved with a second from Yost to approve the meeting minutes from March along with the Equalization meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

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

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

<b>Bills to be Considered for April 2023</b>		
Agtegra	Gas/Fuel/Filters/Repairs	\$ 304.57
Aramark	Supplies	\$ 43.72
CHS	Propane	\$ 541.28
CorTrust Visa	Postage/Payroll Processing Fees/JT Certifications	\$ 97.38
Curt's Repair	Shoe Repair/Transmission Repair/New Frog/Labor	\$ 6,157.76
Dependable Sanitation	Garbage Collection	\$ 60.00
Gene's Oil Company	Gas/Fuel	\$ 2,090.74
JGE	Starter (bobcat)	\$ 346.26
Leola Golf Association	Donation	\$ 6,000.00
McPherson Co. Herald	Minutes/Notices	\$ 215.81
McPherson Co. Law	2023 Q2 Law Enforcement	\$ 12,600.00
Montana Dakota Utilities	Utilities	\$ 3,184.74
Moser Excavating & Trkg	50.75 Hours of Snow Removal	\$ 6,473.23
Pheasantland Industries	Hi-Vis Apparel	\$ 234.48
Rural Development	132nd Payment for Sewer	\$ 4,021.00
SD Municipal League	District 6 Meeting (Hecla; 3 registered)	\$ 48.00
SD Public Health Lab	Water Testing	\$ 15.00
Telespire	Cell Phone	\$ 65.00
Valley	Telephone, Fax, Internet	\$ 345.36
Walz, Pam	Mileage	\$ 40.80
WEB Water	Water for March	\$ 7,994.59
Payroll	Finance Office	\$ 3,633.34
Payroll	Government Buildings	\$ 186.00
Payroll	Library	\$ 876.00
Payroll	Mayor/Council	\$ 7,821.60
Payroll	Streets	\$ 6,095.84

Payroll	Pool	\$ -
Payroll	West Nile Spraying	\$ -
Payroll	Zoning	\$ 215.00
Payroll	Credit Board	\$ -
Payroll	SD Health Pool - April	\$ 2,304.46
Payroll	SS, Med, W/H, SDRS with Matches	\$ 2,943.54
	Total	\$ 74,955.50

At 7:05 pm, School Board Member Trevor Zantow joined the meeting.

At 7:15 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 Book – A revised ordinance book from another community was obtained from Attorney Vaughn Beck and copies were handed out to council for review.

2023 Election – The city will have an election on Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> from 7 am to 7 pm. Schaible moved with a second from Yost to set the election board, pay the workers minimum wage for their time and include two meals (meal expense to be split with the school). Wimer abstained. All remaining council members voted in favor, motion carried. The election board was set as follows: Deb Weiszhaar, Superintendent; Ina Schock, Election Board Worker; Diane Schumacher, Election Board Worker; and Susan Hoffman, Election Board Worker.

At 7:23 pm Troy Grabowska joined the meeting.

Water Leak/Pearl Ave – Troy Grabowska requested reimbursement for damages incurred from the water leak near Conklin Street and Pearl Avenue. He shared the itemized totals for 1031 Pearl Ave and 1008 Conklin Street. After discussion, the request for reimbursement was rescinded. Yost moved with a second from Wimer that there will be no reimbursements made due to the leak being found on one of the homeowner's side of the curb stop. All in favor, motion carried. Grabowska left the meeting following discussion.

2023 Pool – The current pool rules were discussed and updates will be made prior to the season this year, specifically regarding flotation devices and supervision rules. The diving board needs rails and a mat is needed for around the water slide.

NECOG – Grant terms were clarified for the Land and Water Conservation Fund and discussion was held regarding updated playground equipment at Lundquist Dam. The grant match is 50/50 and a minimum reimbursement of \$10,000.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Library Computers – Discussion was held regarding the library budget and the expense of updating the computers after labor.

Administrative Leave – An email was shared from Governor Kristi Noem regarding administrative leave for Good Friday and Easter Monday. Council agreed to follow the county commissioners and grant Good Friday as a holiday.

At 7:30 pm, Trevor Zantow discussed the Community Access Grant (CAG) with the council regarding concerns/plans to improve Leola Avenue in front of the school. After discussion, Zantow was asked to follow up with the engineer for a more exact cost estimate and scope of work. Zantow left following discussion.

MAINTENANCE REPORT: Some culverts/settlements were discussed along with a potential surplus truck from the county for purchase. Further discussion on snow moving and shop work was had.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Street, Alley & Restricted Use Site – A proactive approach to the next snow season was discussed regarding street priorities, parking on the street, and snow being pushed onto city streets by citizens.

Water & Sewer – 23 late notices were issued, 7 disconnect notices and 1 disconnect.

Park, Recreation & Pool – Pool applications were briefly discussed.

Building & Equipment – Further discussion was held on the county surplus truck.

Code Enforcement, Law Enforcement & Library – Code Officer Mike Olson has been waiting for the snow to melt before resuming code enforcement violations. The library report was reviewed, along with the 2022 annual library report.

Zoning – The next zoning meeting will be Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm.

COMPLAINT FORMS: A complaint form was shared regarding culverts and drainage at Gene’s Oil Bulk Plant. A large, metal culvert was requested to replace the plastic pipe that is currently in the alley.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

UPCOMING EVENTS: There will be a special meeting to canvas the election votes on Thursday, April 13 at 7 pm. The next regular council meeting will be at 7 pm on Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, with a zoning meeting prior at 6:30 pm.

CORRESPONDENCE: The city will receive a refund of \$24 based off the worker’s compensation audit.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

At 8:46 pm, Wimer moved with a second from Schaible 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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