

City of Leola -- Council Meeting Proceedings

October 7, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Council President Michael Yost. Other present council members: Richard Reis and Alan Wimer. Jackie Rau and Jackie Leibel called into the meeting. Brett Schaible was absent. City personnel present: Jeff Tschappat, Terry Lehmann, and Sondra Waltman. Others in attendance included Mike Geditz and MiKayla Weisser.

Reis moved with a second from Wimer to approve the minutes for the regular and special meetings. All in favor, motion carried.

Reis moved with a second from Rau to approve the treasurer's report. All in favor, motion carried. The bank account balances are as follows: General Fund, \$498,431.34; Revolving Loan Fund, \$25,833.39; and Project Account \$9,638.41.

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

Bills to be Considered for October 2024		
A1 Sanitation	Oversized Dumpster	\$ 762.90
Agtegra	Paint, oil, filters, washer fluid, antifreeze, shop towels	\$ 209.75
Beck Law	Ordinance, City Council Meeting	\$ 682.70
CHS	Propane (shop)	\$ 350.11
CorTrust Visa	Intuit (payroll processing fees)	\$ 95.58
Dependable Sanitation	Garbage Collection	\$ 110.00
DRN	Web security, technical support	\$ 308.30
Gene's Oil Company	Gas/Fuel	\$ 393.69
J&R Plumbing, Heating & A/C	Pool heater install/repairs	\$ 784.44
Lehmann, Terry	Mileage	\$ 81.60
McPherson Co. Herald	Minutes, notices	\$ 359.73
McPherson Co. Highway Dept	Tack oil, hauled gravel, fuel, labor & equipment use	\$ 16,924.42
McPherson Co. Joint Law	Q4 Contracted Law Enforcement	\$ 12,600.00
Menards	Water heater, paint (used rebates)	\$ 173.71
Montana Dakota Utilities	Utilities	\$ 2,394.29
Runnings	Park repairs (paint, hinge, plate, screen)	\$ 95.91
Rural Development	150th Payment for Sewer	\$ 4,021.00
SD Dept of Revenue	Sales Tax - Pool	\$ 238.23
SD Unemployment Ins	Fees	\$ 25.00
Telespire	Cell Phone	\$ 65.00
Valley	Telephone, Fax, Internet	\$ 323.55
Vestis	Supplies	\$ 233.00
Waltman, Sondra	Mileage	\$ 81.60
WEB Water	Water for Sept	\$ 8,447.73

Zarnoth Brush Works, Inc	Broom	\$ 811.39
	September Payroll	
Payroll	Pool	\$ 425.97
Payroll	Mayor/Council	\$ 6,150.00
Payroll	Parks Fund	\$ 6,850.34
Payroll	Finance Office	\$ 3,766.66
Payroll	Government Buildings	\$ 481.00
Payroll	Library	\$ 1,145.10
Payroll	West Nile Spraying	\$ -
Payroll	Zoning	\$ 100.00
Payroll	Credit Board	\$ -
Payroll	SD Health Pool - October	\$ 2,622.90
Payroll	SS, Med, W/H, SDRS with Matches	\$ 3,062.76
	Total	\$ 75,178.36

Derek Weisser joined the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

New Council Chairs – After reviewing options, Reis moved with a second from Wimer to purchase eleven Waleaf Home Office Chairs on sale for \$104.99 from Walmart.com to replace the existing council and office chairs. All in favor, motion carried.

Water Tower – Funding options are being explored to help defray the expense of the proposed project from Midco Diving & Marine Services to clean/improve our water storage tank/tower.

Surplus Items – The surplussed generator was not listed for sale due to the school expressing interest. If the school is not interested, it will be listed in the SDML magazine.

John Hoyle joined the meeting.

New Homes: Tiny House & 1302 Conklin St/Mobile Home – A variance is not needed for the tiny home, due to the pending ordinance adoption. Discussion resumed on moving a mobile home to 1302 Conklin Street. Yost moved with a second from Reis to allow the requested exception to the ordinance as was previously stated in the September meeting and uphold the existing agreement of improvements and moving permit. Wimer abstained due to a conflict of interest. Roll call vote: Rau, nay; Leibel, nay; Reis, aye; Yost, aye. In the event of a tie, the Mayor, or Acting Mayor, has the authority to break the tie. Acting Mayor Yost voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried by majority.

Agtegra Building Permit – Mike Geditz shared building plans for Agtegra’s proposed bunker north of the elevator. He addressed concerns regarding traffic flow/truck routes, drainage, location and annexation into city limits. Reis moved with a second from Wimer to allow Agtegra to obtain a building permit and move forward with construction plans. All in favor, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Hay Storage – Discussion was held regarding hay in town.

Mitigation Meeting – Discussion was held for the McPherson County Mitigation Plan Update at the meeting held on September 16th in Leola regarding the McPherson County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, in which the county and all municipalities can participate in. Topics covered included how to engage the public in the process, natural hazards that occur in the county and critical structures in town. The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 21st at 1 pm. The public is welcome to attend. By participating in and adopting a mitigation plan, each jurisdiction is eligible to apply for FEMA grants for certain upcoming projects.

MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Multiple updates were shared regarding overall community improvements. There have been reports of racoons in town and live traps have been set accordingly. The Walker mower needs a new gear box, but the other mower is still operable. A quote was obtained to grind 36 stumps around the ball field for \$1,250 from Brian Walz Stump Grinding. Two curb stops were replaced, and winter equipment is ready to go.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Streets, Alleys & Restricted Use Site – The oversized dumpster will be in Leola from September 16 through October 18 to aid with fall cleanup efforts. There is no update regarding the CAG (grant) to repair Leola Avenue by the school. The gravel roads in Leola need to be bladed. Additional concrete will be hauled out of the RUS in November.

Water & Sewer – The lead survey deadline is October 15.

Park, Recreation & Pool – The pool/bathrooms/campgrounds will be winterized before freezing temps. Reis moved with a second from Wimer to grind the 36 stumps at the ball field for \$1,250. All in favor, motion carried.

Buildings & Equipment – Reis moved with a second from Wimer to purchase a new gear box for the Walker mower to replace over the winter months. All in favor, motion carried. The Piggy Bank requested use of the basement to sort donations.

Code Enforcement, Law Enforcement & Library Reports – The monthly library report was reviewed along with September's law enforcement report. The third quarter Joint Law recap was also reviewed. There was no code enforcement report for review. Tickets were discussed.

Zoning – The next Zoning Meeting will be 11/4 at 6:30 pm. Discussion was held regarding going through our Zoning Ordinances. Building permits issued in 2024 were reviewed.

COMPLAINT FORMS: None. The council encourages concerned citizens to file a complaint form (available online or at the city office), attend a monthly meeting, or to get involved by running for city council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

UPCOMING EVENTS: October 14th is a holiday and city offices will be closed. The office will be closed on the afternoon of Monday, October 21 for a mitigation meeting at the courthouse, which is open to the public. The next city council meeting will be Monday, November 4 at 7 pm.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Wimer moved with a second from Rau to enter executive session for personnel at 8:18 pm. All meeting attendees, including city employees, left the meeting at this time. Executive session ended at 8:26 pm with no action taken. Waltman returned to the meeting.

ADDITIONAL TOPICS: None.

At 8:27 pm, Reis moved with a second from Leibel to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Michael Yost

Sondra Waltman

Michael Yost, President, City of Leola

ATTEST: Sondra Waltman, Finance Officer, City of Leola

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