

City of Leola -- Council Meeting Proceedings

December 2, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Council President Michael Yost. Other present council members: Richard Reis, Brett Schaible, Alan Wimer and Jackie Rau. Jackie Leibel was present via speaker phone. City personnel present: Jeff Tschappat, Terry Lehmann, and Sondra Waltman.

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

Reis moved with a second from Wimer to approve the treasurer's report. All in favor, motion carried. The bank account balances are as follows: General Fund, \$555,966.57; Revolving Loan Fund, \$26,732.25; and Project Account \$9,638.41. The budget/expenses to date were reviewed.

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

<b>Bills to be Considered for December 2024</b>		
Agtegra	Fuel, grease, repairs/maint	\$ 110.62
American Solutions for Business	Ink	\$ 133.50
CorTrust Visa	postage, payroll fees	\$ 54.50
Dakota Supply Group (DSG)	Curbstop supplies	\$ 648.30
Dependable Sanitation	Garbage Collection	\$ 80.00
DRN	Web security	\$ 39.50
Gene's Oil Company	Gas/Fuel	\$ 378.45
JGE	Gear box, taillight	\$ 517.31
McPherson County	AED replacement batteries (x4) and pads (x4)	\$ 1,074.52
McPherson Co. Herald	Minutes, notices	\$ 139.30
Menards	Paint, supplies	\$ 73.93
Montana Dakota Utilities	Utilities	\$ 1,359.95
Runnings	Snow Shovel	\$ 54.99
Rural Development	152nd Payment for Sewer	\$ 4,021.00
Share Corp	Supplies	\$ 771.80
SD Public Health Lab	Water testing	\$ 15.00
Telespire	Cell Phone	\$ 65.00
Valley	Telephone, Fax, Internet	\$ 334.70
Vestis	Supplies	\$ 123.53
Waltman, Sondra	Office Supplies	\$ 81.57
WEB Water	Water for Nov	\$ 8,023.25
	<b>November Payroll</b>	
Payroll	Street Fund	\$ 6,700.34
Payroll	Finance Office	\$ 3,466.66
Payroll	Government Buildings	\$ 234.00

Payroll	Library	\$ 1,128.50
Payroll	SD Health Pool - November	\$ 2,622.90
Payroll	SS, Med, W/H, SDRS with Matches	\$ 2,434.62
	Total	\$ 34,687.74

#### OLD BUSINESS

McPherson County Mitigation Meeting – A survey was presented to the council in efforts to identify natural disasters in the county. Every resident of McPherson County is encouraged to complete the survey. Hard copies are available in the city office.

Office Hours –The new Finance Office hours are Monday-Thursday 8:30-12:00, 12:30-3:30 and Friday 8:30-12:30.

At 7:15 pm a public hearing was held to lease city owned property in 2025. With no opposition from the public, Wimer moved with a second from Reis to rent city owned property to the current tenants. All in favor, motion carried.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Contingency Transfers – Contingency transfers will be made at the year end meeting after all expenses for the year have been made.

Insurance Renewals – The 2025 insurance renewal was discussed. Updates were made and a final review will be done at the year end meeting. The 2025 SD Health Pool rates increase from \$874.30 to \$939.00 for an individual plan.

Generator Service Agreement – After discussion, Rau moved with a second from Reis to contract 3E Electrical, Engineering & Equipment Company for an annual service/inspection of the Kohler generator at the pump house for an annual fee of \$550. All in favor, motion carried.

CO2 Pipeline, Intervener Status – After discussion, Leibel moved with a second from Reis to apply for Party Status with the PUC so the city can be aware and educated on projected plans and projects in the area. All in favor, motion carried.

#### MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Multiple updates were shared regarding overall community improvements, concrete hauled out of Leola, and general maintenance.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Streets, Alleys & Restricted Use Site – Street lights were repaired. If there are outages, please contact the city office.

Water & Sewer – None.

Park, Recreation & Pool – Options will be explored to potentially update the tennis court into a pickleball court.

Buildings & Equipment – The elevator in the Citizen’s Building was repaired.

Code Enforcement, Law Enforcement & Library Reports – The monthly code enforcement, county law and library reports were reviewed. Discussion was held regarding contracted code enforcement services after the city’s current contract expires 12/31/2024. A web security law was discussed regarding the public computers in the library.

Zoning – None.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: An aluminum can bank was suggested for Leola.

UPCOMING EVENTS: The Finance Office will be closed for election webinars on December 5 and December 12. City offices will be closed December 23-25 for Christmas. The year end meeting will be on Monday, December 30 at 6 pm.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

ADDITIONAL TOPICS: None.

At 8:32 pm, Rau moved with a second from Reis to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Michael Yost

Michael Yost, President, City of Leola

Sondra Waltman

ATTEST: Sondra Waltman, Finance Officer, City of Leola

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