

City of Leola -- Council Meeting Proceedings

SPECIAL MEETING – YEAR END

December 30, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Council President Michael Yost. Other council members present: Brett Schaible, Alan Wimer, Jackie Leibel and Jackie Rau. Richard Reis was absent. Finance Officer Sondra Waltman was also in attendance, along with community members Brandon Swate, and Mike & Marsha Lapka.

The council reviewed and discussed the 2024 financials.

Reis joined the meeting at 6:06 pm.

The year end bills were presented. Wimer moved with a second from Schaible to pay the proposed bills. All in favor, motion carried.

Bills to be Considered for December 2024 - YEAR END MEETING		
Agtegra	Tire repair, nuts/bolts/blade	\$ 317.74
CHS	Propane (shop)	\$ 512.16
CorTrust Visa	postage, payroll fees, Microsoft Office renewal	\$ 160.69
Curt's Repair	Battery	\$ 250.00
Dakota Pump	Repairs	\$ 1,034.97
EMC Insurance	2025 Renewal	\$ 35,491.00
Gene's Oil Company	Gas/Fuel, heating oil	\$ 1,679.89
Lehmann, Terry	Mileage	\$ 40.80
Menards	Paint, supplies	\$ 320.55
Montana Dakota Utilities	Utilities	\$ 3,049.20
Runnings	Drill, batteries	\$ 249.98
Significant Digits, Inc.	Software Support	\$ 650.00
SDML	Annual Dues	\$ 630.00
SD Public Health Lab	Water testing	\$ 15.00
Vestis	Supplies	\$ 123.53
	Total	\$ 44,525.51

OLD BUSINESS

Contingency Transfer – Wimer moved with a second from Raul to adopt Resolution No. 2024-03: Contingency Transfer Resolution. All in favor, motion carried. The resolution is as follows:

Resolution No. 2024-03: Contingency Transfer Resolution

WHEREAS, The City of Leola did approve a line for contingency transfers in the 2024 annual budget in accordance with SDCL 9-21-6.1; and,

WHEREAS, The City of Leola finds it necessary to transfer from said contingency line;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Leola City Council, that the following amount(s) be transferred:

From: General Fund Contingency –101-41150 (\$21,948.26 remaining budget)

To: General Fund – 100-45120-41100 Salary – Pool \$5,000

Dated: December 30, 2024

Michael Yost

Sondra Waltman

Michael Yost, President, City of Leola

ATTEST: Sondra Waltman, Finance Officer, City of Leola

Insurance Renewal – After reviewing the revised proposed policy from EMC Insurance, Wimer moved with a second from Reis to renew the policy for 2025. Leibel abstained. All remaining members voted in favor, motion carried.

Contract Reviews – After discussion, the code enforcement contract with Code Enforcement Specialists will not be renewed for 2025. The current contract expires 12/31/2024.

NEW BUSINESS

Set 2025 Rates – After discussion, the rates for 2025 were updated. Wimer moved with a second from Rau to adopt the rates for 2025. All in favor, motion carried. A copy will be posted on the city's website and is available in the city office.

Set 2025 Appointments – Reis moved with a second from Wimer to designate the following for 2025: CorTrust Bank as the official depository, the McPherson County Herald as the official newspaper, and Vaughn Beck with Beck Law as official city attorney. All in favor, motion carried.

Set 2025 Wages – Minimum wage increases from \$11.20/hour to \$11.50/hour January 1, 2025. Further setting of wages will be temporarily tabled for Executive Session.

Public Computer Policy – After review and discussion, Wimer moved with a second from Rau to adopt a policy for public libraries to restrict access to obscene materials on public access computers, per South Dakota Codified Law 22-24-56. All in favor, motion carried. The policy is as follows:

Leola Library – Computer Policy

- The Leola Public Library supports the right of all members of the community to have free and equal access to the entire range of library resources, regardless of content, approach, format or amount of detail. The Leola Public Library upholds and affirms the right of each individual to have access to constitutionally protected materials and also affirms the right and responsibility of parents to determine and monitor their children's use of library materials and resources.

- In compliance with South Dakota law, the library does not collect materials found to violate Section 22-24-27(11).
- Library staff are not responsible for the supervision of children in the library. Parents or adult caregivers must assume responsibility for their children's access to, and use of library resources. Parents and adult caregivers are expected to monitor and supervise children's use of library resources, including the internet, in selecting material that is consistent with personal and family values. Parents are cautioned that the library and its available resources may contain materials that some find controversial.
- As with other library materials and services, parents or legal guardians are responsible for the information selected or accessed by children. Parents or legal guardians are ultimately responsible for their child's use of the Internet. An Internet Use Agreement Form is available and to be completed/filed accordingly.
- In compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act, the library utilizes a technology protection measure that blocks access to images deemed (a) obscene; (b) child pornography; or (c) harmful to minors (for computers that are accessed by minors). The Leola Public Library does not monitor and has no control over the information published by third parties that is accessed through the Internet and cannot be held responsible for any such content access on the Internet.

UPCOMING EVENTS – The city office will be closed January 1 for New Year's Day. The next regular council meeting will be on Monday, January 6th at 7 pm.

ADDITIONAL TOPICS – Council President Yost asked the community members if they had any input for the council. Ideas/suggestions were shared regarding the open Mayor seat, community development, housing and nonprofits.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – At 6:48 pm, Rau moved with a second from Leibel to enter executive session for personnel matters. All in favor, motion carried. At this time, the community members and Waltman left the meeting. Executive session ended at 7:08 pm and Waltman returned to the meeting. Rau moved with a second from Wimer to set the following wages for 2025. All in favor, motion carried. Salaried employees will receive a 3% wage increase; the head librarian and custodian will receive a \$3.30/hour wage increase; the fill-in librarian will be at minimum wage; and all pool employees will receive a \$0.30/hour wage increase. The mayor, council, council, zoning and credit board members will all be paid the same.

At 7:13 pm, Rau 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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