

City of Leola -- Council Meeting Proceedings

March 4, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Royce Erdmann. Present council members: Michael Yost, Jackie Leibel, Richard Reis, Alan Wimer, Jackie Rau, and Brett Schaible. City personnel present: Jeff Tschappat, Terry Lehmann and Sondra Waltman.

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

Schaible moved with a second from Wimer to approve the treasurer's report. All in favor, motion carried. The account balances are as follows: General Fund, \$512,523.45; Revolving Loan Fund, \$71,602.89; and Project Account \$9,638.41. A notice from the McPherson County Treasurer was shared regarding property the county can take by tax deeds.

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

Bills to be Considered for March 2024		
Agtegra	Nuts, bolts, repairs	\$ 131.87
American Solutions for Business	Office supplies	\$ 121.19
Aramark	Supplies	\$ 104.56
CHS	Shop propane	\$ 483.00
CorTrust Visa	Intuit (payroll processing fees), postage	\$ 41.36
Dependable Sanitation	Garbage Collection	\$ 65.00
DRN	Web security	\$ 15.80
Gene's Oil Company	Gas/Fuel	\$ 169.24
Harland Clarke	Checks	\$ 451.68
Lehmann, Terry	Mileage, supplies for benches	\$ 117.39
McPherson Co. Herald	Minutes/Notices	\$ 127.60
Menards	Supplies for park benches	\$ 188.29
Montana Dakota Utilities	Utilities	\$ 2,997.01
Public Health Lab	Testing	\$ 15.00
Rural Development	143rd Payment for Sewer	\$ 4,021.00
SD Assoc of Towns & Townships	Annual Dues	\$ 248.50
Share Corp	Cleaner	\$ 406.90
Telespire	Cell Phone	\$ 65.00
Ten-45	Paint roller, glue	\$ 16.04
Valley	Telephone, Fax, Internet	\$ 340.68
Walz, Pam	Mileage	\$ 40.80
WEB Water	Water for February	\$ 7,449.33
	FEBRUARY PAYROLL	
Payroll	Finance Office	\$ 3,466.66

Payroll	Government Buildings	\$ 240.50
Payroll	Library	\$ 1,079.00
Payroll	Mayor/Council	\$ 22.40
Payroll	Water Fund	\$ 6,463.67
Payroll	SD Health Pool - March	\$ 3,374.64
Payroll	SS, Med, W/H, SDRS with Matches	\$ 3,075.52
	Total	\$ 35,339.63

At 7:15 pm a public hearing was held for the temporary liquor license for Fireman’s Fun Night to be held on March 9 (snow date March 16). With no objections from the public, Wimer moved with a second from Schaible to approve the temporary liquor license. All in favor, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance Book – Discussion was held on Title 12. Title 13 will be discussed at the next meeting.

2024 Election – There will not be an election for 2024. Richard Reis (Ward 1), Michael Yost (Ward 2), and Jackie Rau (Ward 3) turned in petitions for their current council seats for another 2-year term. There was no petition for Mayor.

At 7:25 pm, Leola Golf Association members (Brady Weiszhaar, Matt Waltman, Max Waltman, Trevor Zantow, Chuck Schaunaman and Mike Bell) joined the meeting. Mayor Erdmann allowed them to discuss the golf course at this time. Weiszhaar shared ongoing projects and updates with the council, discussed tournaments, overall community use and the potential of the high school golf team hosting a tournament. Weiszhaar requested a \$6,000 donation from the city to help cover maintenance expenses. After discussion and questions from the council, Reis moved with a second from Yost to donate the requested \$6,000 to the Leola Golf Association. All in favor, motion carried. The LGA members left the meeting following discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

Community Cleanup – Maintenance Supervisor Terry Lehmann proposed a “Day of Caring” this spring that included high school students partnering with the city to clean up lots/areas of town (via raking, picking up garbage, painting, etc.). Contact has been made with the school and will compile a priority list and a date later in April when the weather is favorable.

Pool – Discussion was held regarding pool employees and how to encourage more applicants. Schaible moved with a second from Wimer to set the wages as follows: \$15/hour for new lifeguards, \$16/hour for returning lifeguards, \$17/hour for Assistant Manager and \$18/hour for Manager. All in favor, motion carried.

Golf Donation – Previously discussed.

Equalization Meeting – The local board will meet on Monday, March 18th at 7 pm. Appeals are due March 14.

District Meeting – The annual District 6 Meeting will be held in Groton on April 10th.

MAINTENANCE UPDATE

The plow truck is ready to go. Park benches are being refinished and are coming along nicely. Branch cleanup is a work in progress as residents clean up and make piles near the right of way for the city to pick up and dispose of.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Street, Alley & Restricted Use Site – The oversized dumpster will be in town Monday, April 22 through Friday, May 17. It will be at the Restricted Use Site (the city dump) or by the shop if the road is wet/too soft. Wimer contacted the county to discuss the grading of gravel roads and checking on oil availability.

Water & Sewer – The lead pipe survey was discussed. If you'd like the city to complete the survey on your behalf, please contact the finance office to set up an appointment. Drainage was discussed on Pearl Avenue. A priority list will be compiled for and updates/curb replacements the city needs.

Park, Recreation & Pool – None.

Building & Equipment – An electrician will be consulted before any generators are purchased for the Municipal Building to be used as an emergency storm shelter.

Code Enforcement, Law Enforcement & Library Reports – The monthly code enforcement report was reviewed and discussed. Wimer notified the council that he will be dog sitting for his daughter while she is at training for a few months. The monthly county law report was reviewed, and further discussion included the illegal parking on Sherman Street and the concerns of accidents. The monthly and annual library report was reviewed, along with notifying the council of the library's updated hours: Monday 1-5:30, Tuesday-Thursday 1-6.

Zoning – A demo permit expired before the work was completed. A renewal permit is required at the \$100 fee.

COMPLAINT FORMS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Lehmann will attend a training in Mitchell April 16-18. The city will follow what the McPherson County Commissioners grant for Easter holidays. If Easter Monday is granted as a holiday, the regular council meeting will still be on April 1 at 7 pm.

CORRESPONDENCE: A thank you card was shared from Leone Hoffman, along with a letter from A-1 Sanitation asking to extend services to Leola.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

ADDITIONAL TOPICS: None.

At 8:41 pm, Wimer moved with a second from Leibel 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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