

City of Leola -- Council Meeting Proceedings

April 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.

The meeting minutes were reviewed. A correction to the March 18th Equalization Meeting minutes is as follows: Wimer joined the meeting at 7:02 pm.

Schaible moved with a second from Yost to approve the regular March Meeting minutes and the Equalization Meeting minutes with the correction. All in favor, motion carried.

Wimer moved with a second from Reis to approve the treasurer's report. All in favor, motion carried. The account balances are as follows: General Fund, \$512,674.96; Revolving Loan Fund, \$72,209.99; 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 April 2024		
Agtegra	Gas/Fuel, batteries, repairs and maint.	\$ 325.11
American Solutions for Business	Office supplies	\$ 41.75
Aramark	Supplies	\$ 116.50
Century Business Products	Toner	\$ 212.44
CNA Surety	Insurance	\$ 724.50
CorTrust Visa	Intuit (payroll processing fees), Meeting registration, funeral plant	\$ 193.46
Dependable Sanitation	Garbage Collection	\$ 65.00
DRN	Web security	\$ 15.80
DSG	Supplies for Curbstop Repairs	\$ 1,154.35
Gene's Oil Company	Gas/Fuel	\$ 593.89
Lehmann, Terry	Mileage	\$ 40.80
Leola Golf Assoc.	Donation for 2024	\$ 6,000.00
MARC	Grease Remover	\$ 160.71
McPherson Co. Herald	Minutes/Notices	\$ 176.13
Menards	Supplies for park benches/tables	\$ 137.18
Milbank Winwater	Supplies	\$ 286.95
Montana Dakota Utilities	Utilities	\$ 3,226.97
Moser Excavating & Trucking, LLC	Curbstop leak repair	\$ 2,040.82
OCCS	Code Enforcement Jan-March	\$ 707.70
Rural Development	144th Payment for Sewer	\$ 4,021.00
Telespire	Cell Phone	\$ 65.00

Towing Plus	Code Enforcement, towing	\$ 390.00
Valley	Telephone, Fax, Internet	\$ 349.44
Walz, Pam	Mileage	\$ 40.80
WEB Water	Water for March	\$ 7,582.61
	March Payroll	
Payroll	Mayor/Council	\$ 7,672.40
Payroll	Water Fund	\$ 6,850.34
Payroll	Finance Office	\$ 3,766.66
Payroll	Government Buildings	\$ 260.00
Payroll	Library	\$ 981.00
Payroll	Zoning	\$ 125.00
Payroll	SD Health Pool - April	\$ 2,622.90
Payroll	SS, Med, W/H, SDRS with Matches	\$ 3,131.22
	Total	\$ 54,078.43

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance Book – Discussion was held on Title 13. Title 14 will be discussed at the next meeting.

Community Cleanup/Day of Caring – The city and school are collaborating for a Day of Caring in April. The tentative date will be April 22 (weather depending). Projects will include raking, picking up branches, collecting garbage, etc. Interested community members can contact the Finance Office.

District Meeting – The District 6 Meeting will be held April 10 in Groton to review updates from the legislative session. Rau, Leibel, Yost and Waltman will attend.

NEW BUSINESS

Community Event – Schaible expressed interest in inviting motivational speaker Billy Molls to Leola for a free community event later this summer.

EMC Insurance Audit – The 2023 EMC Audit was completed, and the city will be receiving a refund.

2023 Drinking Water Report – The report is available to review on the city's website and hard copies may be requested. A direct link was also sent in the April water bills.

Pay 2024 Tax Distribution – Tax dollar distributions were reviewed by the council.

MAINTENANCE UPDATES

Improvements continue with picnic tables and benches. Discussion was held on road settling and raising/lowering some manholes and valves. Hazard paint will be applied to the sidewalk by the Piggy Bank to make patrons aware of the hazard. The lawn mowers are ready.

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. Lein Transportation expressed interest in taking and hauling away the concrete at the RUS. A quote will be obtained for garbage services from A-1 Sanitation.

Water & Sewer – The lead survey is underway. Drainage was discussed on Pearl Ave.

Park, Recreation & Pool – Some pool applications have been submitted. A deadline will be added to incentivize more applicants.

Buildings & Equipment – Discussion was held on adding small playground pieces to the park at the campgrounds. A new pressure washer is needed.

Code Enforcement, Law Enforcement & Library Reports – Monthly reports were reviewed.

Zoning – The next quarterly meeting will be on May 6 at 6:30 pm.

COMPLAINT FORMS: A complaint form was reviewed by the council regarding a dog that was unattended. An anonymous letter was mailed to a council member. The city council will not take action or discuss the contents of any unsigned letter. The council encourages concerned citizens to file a complaint form (available online or at the city office), attend a monthly meeting, or get involved by running for a seat on the council. There is an open seat in each ward every year. The mayor's position is elected every other year.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

UPCOMING EVENTS: The District 6 Meeting is April 10 in Groton. Lehmann will attend training in Mitchell April 15-18. Tschappat will attend training in Aberdeen on April 24. The next regular monthly meeting will be Monday, May 6 at 7 pm with a Zoning Meeting prior to at 6:30.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 8:11 pm, Wimer moved with a second from Leibel to enter executive session to discuss legal and personnel matters. All in favor, motion carried. Lehmann and Tschappat left at this time. Waltman left executive session at 8:24 pm. Executive session ended at 8:32 pm with no action taken.

ADDITIONAL TOPICS: None.

At 8:33 pm, Reis moved with a second from Wimer 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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