

**CITY OF LEONIDAS
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

April 11, 2023

6:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Milton called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The City Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Attendance

Present: Mayor JoAnne Milton, Councilor Cassandra Cave, Councilor Jay DeRoos, Councilor Brian Otto, Councilor Nathaniel Rock, Maintenance Leroy Roos, Clerk McKenzie Clinton

Guests: Jessica Johnson

3. Adopt Agenda

Motion by DeRoos, second by Otto to adopt the agenda. Ayes – All. Motion carried.

4. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes of March 14, 2023 City Council Meetings

B. Approval of Payroll ending 03/31/2023

C. Approval of Claims ending 03/31/2023

Motion by DeRoos, second by Otto to approve the Consent Agenda. Ayes – All. Motion carried.

5. Reports

A. Clerk's Report

Clerk Clinton stated that she had applied for the Eveleth Community foundation grant. Because the cost for redoing the walking path exceeded the amount of the grant available at this time, she asked for three new benches and two new dog waste stations for the walking path. Clerk Clinton stated there are other grants available for transportation alternatives and walking paths that the city is able to apply for. Clerk Clinton will look into other grant opportunities.

D. Maintenance

Clerk Clinton stated that when she arrived at the hall at 3:15, there was a significant amount of water inside the hall. Clerk Clinton, Mayor Milton and Maintenance Director Roos spent about 2 hours cleaning up the water with mops and 2 shop-vacs, Roos also placed two pumps outside to divert the rest of the water away from the building so it would not flood again.

Maintenance Leroy Roos stated that he will be putting up the new light pole on 1st street if weather permits. He also spoke about the loader and stated that he had some issues with it. He ordered parts to fix the loader and will be installing them.

Councilor Otto asked about the alleys and 2nd avenue projects. A brief discussion about this occurred. Councilor Otto asked if he could move forward with talking to engineering companies to receive estimates and get started on these projects. The council voted to allow for councilor Otto to speak to companies, but stated that all official work to be done will be decided on by the council.

Motion by Rock, second by Cave to allow Councilor Otto to speak to engineering companies regarding the alley and 2nd avenue projects. Ayes – All. Motion carried.

D. Hall Manager

Mayor Milton asked if anyone is interested in the hall manager job. Jessica Johnson stated that she is interested and would like to apply. Clerk Clinton will get an application prepared and give one to Jessica Johnson. This will be discussed further at the next city council meeting.

5. Old Business

Nothing to discuss at this time.

6. New Business

A. City Clean up

The City of Eveleth is starting their alley clean up on May 15th, and residents are able to drop off trash and rubbish to the city garage located in Eveleth from May 1st-12th. Because City of Leonidas residents pay for refuse services from Eveleth, they are able to participate and Eveleth will pick up yard waste in Leonidas alleys as well. A brief discussion occurred about Leonidas doing a one-time pickup of trash and refuse and bringing it to Eveleth for residents of Leonidas. The council felt that it was a helpful service to provide for residents and that by doing so, there will be less waste and blight in Leonidas. Maintenance Director Leroy Roos will pick up rubbish in the alleys on May 11th and dispose of it at the Eveleth city garages. A letter regarding this will be sent out to residents.

Motion by DeRoos, second by Otto to offer a one-time pickup service for Leonida residents starting May 11th. Ayes – All. Motion carried.

A discussion occurred about Leonidas offering scrap metal pick-up and then selling the scrap metal for income for the city. Mayor Milton expressed concerns with security and safety. She explained that there is not a safe, secure place to store scrap metal before it is taken to be sold and worried about theft it is stored somewhere without locks or security. Maintenance director Leroy Roos also expressed concern about the cost of pick-up versus the revenue it would generate, he believes that the cost for the city to pick-up and dispose of any scrap metal would be greater than the revenue earned.

Councilor Rock also asked about spraying the walking paths for mosquitoes and bugs. A brief discussion about this occurred. The council felt it would be beneficial to spray for bugs and mosquitoes. This will be discussed further at the next meeting once more information can be gathered.

Council Rock then asked about the feasibility of starting a compost site in Leonidas where residents are able to place their yard waste and the city would maintain it until it is useable as black dirt which could then be offered to residents. Mayor Milton expressed concerns about safety, and did not want to make the city liable if someone were to get hurt disposing of

their yard waste. A brief discussion about this occurred. The council agreed that they did not want to make any decisions regarding a compost site at this time.

B. Eveleth Fire Department Donation

Leonidas received a letter from the Eveleth Fire Department asking for donations for their fire safety programs. The city has previously given \$125.00.

Motion by Milton, second by Otto to donate \$125.00 to the Eveleth Fire Department. Ayes – All. Motion carried

8. Adjourn

Motion by DeRoos, second by Otto to adjourn the meeting. Ayes – All. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

JoAnne Milton, Mayor

Attest: _____

