

**CITY OF LEONIDAS
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

December 6, 2022

7:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Milton called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The City Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Attendance

Present: Mayor JoAnne Milton, Councilor Charlotte Gerulli, Councilor Jay DeRoos, Maintenance Leroy Roos, Treasurer Rebecca Elko Clerk McKenzie Clinton
Guest Present: Brian Otto, Cassie Cave

3. Adopt Agenda

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

4. Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes of November 30, 2022 City Council Meetings
- B. Approval of Payroll ending 11/30/2022
- C. Approval of Claims ending 11/30/2022

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

5. Reports

- A. Clerk’s Report –October

Clerk McKenzie Clinton reported that she had been working on year-end financial reports. She stated that everything was set for the two newly elected city councilors to be sworn in in January.

- B. Treasurer’s Report – October

Treasurer Becky Elko reported that the clerk’s and treasurer’s reports all match.

- C. Maintenance

Maintenance Leroy Roos stated the he is working on finding a replacement light post. He spoke to two different companies who are trying to find the same type of light pole. Mayor Milton spoke about the need to repaint the lamp poles in the spring. Leroy Roos also reported that he purchases sand for the roads and that a lot of snow is expected in the near future.

- D. Hall Manager

Hall manager Charlotte Gerulli reported that everything is going well with hall rentals. There is one rental in January. A discussion took place about the best way to handle hall rentals moving forward. A website for the city will be explored as an option. There have been no interested parties for the hall manager position at this time. Once Hall manager Charlotte Gerulli is retired in January, Mayor Milton and Clerk Clinton will handle hall reservations until a hall manager is hired.

6. Old Business

7. New Business

A. Hired Clerk Position

Since the Plan A city plan was voted in by the residents, the Clerk position is now a hired position. A brief discussion about this followed. The council voted to hire McKenzie Clinton at a rate of \$25.00 an hour for up to 40 hours a month, extra Hours will be allowed in emergency situations. The other terms that were set in the current agreement will be followed. The current employment agreement will expire on December 31st 2022 and the new agreement will begin on January 1st, 2023.

Motion by Gerulli, second by DeRoos to hire McKenzie Clinton at the terms specified above. Ayes – All. Motion carried.

B. Noxious Weed Report

The County Agriculture Inspector asked the City to designate a local weed inspector. The local weed inspector will be the contact person for any noxious weed in the city. Councilor Jay DeRoos volunteered to be the Local Weed inspector. Training has previously been available in Virginia, Clerk Clinton will check if there are any upcoming training events.

C. 2023 Election Polling Place

The 2023 Election Polling place was certified as the St. Louis County Government building in Virginia, MN.

D. Final Levy Certification

The 2023 Levy was set at \$25,000.00.

Motion by DeRoos, second by Gerulli to set the levy at \$25,000.00. Ayes – All. Motion carried.

E. LMC Insurance

The City received the paperwork for Workers Comp. Insurance from the League of Minnesota Cities. The Cost for 2023 is \$441.00.

The City Also received paperwork for the property insurance from the League of Minnesota Cities. A brief discussion about this occurred. It was decided that the City should continue with LMCIT.

Motion by DeRoos, second by Milton to continue with LMCIT for property insurance. Ayes – All. Motion carried.

F. EPD- National Child Safety Council donation

The council voted to donate \$125.00 to the Eveleth Police department for the National Child Safety Council.

Motion by DeRoos, second Milton to make a donation. Ayes – All. Motion carried.

G. Hall Manager Pay

The Council decided to wait and discuss this until a decision is made about how to handle hall reservations.

H. County Board meeting

The City received an email asking to hold the November 28, 2023 County Board Meeting at the Leonidas City Hall. The city council had no objections to this. Clerk Clinton will respond and let the County know that the hall is reserved for them for that day.

8. Adjourn

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

JoAnne Milton, Mayor

Attest: _____