

CITY OF LEONIDAS
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

July 18, 2023

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 Jay DeRoos, Councilor Brian Otto, Councilor Nathaniel Rock, Clerk McKenzie Clinton
Councilor Cassandra Cave and Maintenance Leroy Roos were absent

3. Adopt Agenda

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

4. Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes of June 20, 2023 City Council Meetings
- B. Approval of Payroll ending 06/30/2023
- C. Approval of Claims ending 06/30/2023

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

5. Reports

A. Clerk's Report

Clerk Clinton stated that she has filed the state and federal quarterly employee taxes. She also reported that the city had received the Eveleth Community Foundation Grant for 3 new park benches and 2 dog waste stations. A check was received and the dog waste stations have been delivered. The park benches have been ordered and will be delivered in the next few days.

B. Maintenance

It was reported that Maintenance Leroy Roos is working on rotating the light poles so that all the lights on the front street match. He will also be repainting and cleaning up the other light poles.

Councilor Otto has been in contact with Kris Ambuehl from Bollig Engineering. There will be a meeting on August 24th, 2023 starting at 1:00 to review the roads and alleys. The meeting will start by doing a walk through of the alleys and roads and will convene at the City Hall where Bollig Engineering will speak to the mayor and city council, this is expected to be around 2:30.

C. Hall Manager

It was reported that 6 events had been held in June. A brief discussion occurred regarding the WIFI at the city hall. There have been issues connecting to the WIFI, Clerk McKenzie Clinton said that she will look into it and speak to Dustin at Techbytes if necessary.

6. Old Business

A. Community Picnic

The upcoming community picnic was discussed. The Community Picnic will take place on August 1st at 5:30. The Eveleth Fire Department, Police Department and Ambulance services will be attending with their trucks and equipment. It was decided that Hall Manager Jessica Johnson will pick up the majority of food supplies and will be reimbursed. Clerk Clinton will also be ordering and picking up some supplies. Prizes for kids and adults will also be picked up as well as thank you gifts for the three departments that will be attending.

7. New Business

A. Fence Ordinance

After reviewing the current fence ordinance, the council discussed adding a height limit to the ordinance. Councilor Otto felt that an 8-foot limit would be adequate for residents needs, he also felt that it was important to ensure that there was the opportunity for residents to apply for variances if the situation were to arise.

The current fence ordinance also does not include any wording for placement of fences near property lines, a brief discussion about this occurred. The council felt that existing fence lines should be used since almost every house in the city already has established fence lines, and that if no fence lines exist, then property lines will be used. Clerk Clinton will work on updating the ordinance and speak to the city's attorney to ensure the legality of the updated ordinance.

8. Adjourn

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

JoAnne Milton, Mayor

Attest: _____