

**CITY OF LEONIDAS
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

June 20, 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 Cassandra Cave, Councilor Jay DeRoos, Councilor Brian Otto, Councilor Nathaniel Rock, Maintenance Leroy Roos, Clerk McKenzie Clinton

Guests: Jessica Johnson, Jeff Mostad, Dale Mostad, Kris Ambuehl

3. Adopt Agenda

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

4. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes of May 9, 2023 City Council Meetings

B. Approval of Payroll ending 05/31/2023

C. Approval of Claims ending 05/31/2023

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

5. Reports

A. Clerk's Report

Clerk Clinton stated that she has been working on filing in the office and has been discarding old files and paperwork. She also stated that there was a resident interested in purchasing 4 lots and she is working with the lawyer to get the paperwork ready. Clerk Clinton also stated that she had not received any information about the Eveleth Community Foundation Grant that was applied for. She will update with any information received

C. Maintenance

Maintenance Leroy Roos stated that he had replaced the light bulbs in some of the street light posts. Leroy Roos then spoke about mowing the trails. He also stated that it has been dry and mowing has not been needed often.

D. Hall Manager

Jessica Johnson was hired as hall manager and has been handling hall rentals since the end of May. She stated that there are a lot of hall rentals in June and July. She also stated that she is looking at new soap dispensers for both bathrooms. Mayor Milton then spoke about an upcoming 3-day rental, she believes that she originally quoted the renters at

\$300.00 for the rental instead of the usual \$360.00. The council felt that the renters should be charged the quoted amount of \$300.00.

5. Old Business

Clerk Clinton stated that she had been in contact with the Eveleth City Administrator in regards to the Fire protection contract and the Police protection contract, The Eveleth City Council will discuss these during their July Meeting and make a decision then. This will be discussed further once contracts are received from Eveleth.

6. New Business

A. Construction Project Presentation

Kris Ambuehl from Bollig Engineering gave a presentation about Bollig and what services they could offer the city. Bollig focuses on small cities and has financial specialist on staff that specialize in grant and funding opportunities. The roads and alleys will be the top priority for funding and repairs. Kris Ambuehl also explained that funding is available for bigger projects and the city could benefit from asking for funding for a higher amount that covers multiple projects. A brief discussion about this occurred. The roads, alleys, and city hall drainage issues will all be looked at and included in the estimates. This will be discussed further once estimates are received and funding opportunities are known.

Bollig Engineering prepared a task order for the city that would include looking at all the various projects and providing the city an estimate. The task order would be at no cost to the city.

The council decided they would like to move forward with receiving a free estimate from Bollig. Councilor Otto was designated as the contact person between Leonidas and Bollig Engineering. Clerk Clinton asked that any official estimates or contract also be sent to the city's email.

Motion by Rock, second by Otto, to sign the task order and move forward with Bollig Engineering. Ayes – All. Motion carried.

B. Investments/CDs

A brief discussion occurred about purchasing a CD. North Ridge Credit Union has the best annual percentage yield (APY) for CDs and would generate the most interest for the city. The council decided it would be best to receive estimates for the road and alley projects and then take another look at investments and the city's finances.

C. Designate official Newspaper

The council designated the Mesabi Daily News as the City of Leonidas official newspaper.

Motion by DeRoos, second by Otto to designate the Mesabi Daily News as the city's official newspaper. Ayes – All. Motion carried.

D. Appoint Acting Mayor

The Council appointed Councilor Jay DeRoos as the acting mayor if Mayor Milton is unable to attend a meeting.

Motion by Otto, second by Rock to appoint Jay DeRoos as the acting Mayor if Mayor Milton is unable to attend a meeting. Ayes – All. Motion carried.

E. Community Picnic

Mayor Milton spoke about the city hosting a community picnic when the Eveleth Fire Department is hosting their National Night Out and asking the Eveleth Fire Department to come to the Leonidas city Hall. Councilor Rock stated that he has a contact with the fire department and will speak to them about this. The event will be held at 5:30 if the Eveleth Fire Department is available at that time.

F. Park Lease with Eveleth

A brief discussion occurred about signing a new park lease with Eveleth, the city council had concerns about park maintenance being performed by Eveleth and wanted to wait to sign any former contracts until these concerns could be addressed. Clerk Clinton stated that she will speak to the Eveleth City Administrator about the maintenance concerns. This will be discussed further during the July City Council Meeting.

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: _____

