

CITY OF LEONIDAS
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

September 12, 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 Cassandra Cave, Councilor Brian Otto, Councilor Nathaniel Rock, Maintenance Leroy Roos, and Clerk McKenzie Clinton

3. Adopt Agenda

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

4. Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes of August 15, 2023 City Council Meetings
- B. Approval of Payroll ending 08/31/2023
- C. Approval of Claims ending 08/31/2023

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

5. Reports

A. Clerk's Report

Clerk Clinton reported that she has been in contact with Techbytes and the website is almost ready. There are a few changes and additions needed before it can be launched. She has also been reviewing the Livable City Code of Ordinance which will be discussed further later on in the meeting.

B. Maintenance

Maintenance Leroy Roos reported that he had made repairs on some of the folding tables at the hall. There are 2-4 more tables that need repairs that Leroy will look at. He also oiled the chair racks and cleaned off old tape from the tables. Leroy Roosevelt reported that not much mowing has been needed but there may be an increased need with all the rain there has been in the last week.

C. Hall Manager

The Hall chairs have been gone through and any broken or damaged chairs were replaced. There was a brief discussion about purchasing a cell phone booster for the hall because of the poor service available. Councilor Rock stated that because of the area the hall is in, a cell phone booster will likely not improve the service. Other solutions were briefly discussed.

6. Old Business

A. Fence Ordinance

The fence ordinance with the updated wording regarding existing fence lines and height requirements was reviewed. The Fence ordinance was passed with the new updates. *Motion by Otto, second by Rock to approve the new fence ordinance. Ayes – All. Motion carried.*

7. New Business

a. Levy

The preliminary 2024 Levy is due to the County by September 30th. A brief discussion occurred about what to set the Levy at. The Levy has been set at \$25,000.00 the last few years and the council felt that it was adequate for the city. A motion was passed to adopt the Levy at \$25,000.00.

Motion by DeRoos, second by Otto to adopt the Levy at \$25,000.00. Ayes – All. Motion carried.

b. Election Allocation Fund

A letter was received from St. Louis County asking Leonidas to sign an agreement to allow St. Louis County to use State Election funds that are allocated to Leonidas. The funds total \$2.65. St. Louis County handles all elections in Leonidas and therefore incurs all cost associated with holding elections. The council agreed to allocate those funds to St. Louis County.

Motion by DeRoos, second by Otto to allocate the election funds. Ayes – All. Motion carried.

c. Updated MN Basic Code-LCC

The updated 2023 Livable City Code of Ordinances was sent to the city. A brief discussion about this occurred. Clerk Clinton explained that most of the code was the same but some updates regarding state statutes had been made. Clerk Clinton will fully review the code and bring forth any concerns she has regarding the code with the city council. A full ordinance will need to be approved and published before the code is legal. This will be discussed further at the October meeting.

Motion by DeRoos, second by Cave to approve the adoption of the updated 2023 Livable City Code. Ayes – All. Motion carried.

d. NRCCU- CD Maturity

The CD the city purchased through North Ridge Community Credit Union reached maturity on September 8th, 2023. The CD will automatically renew on September 18th, 2023. The City has the option of cashing out the CD and depositing the funds into the city's checking account or allowing it to automatically renew with NRCCU. A brief discussion about this occurred. The council felt that it would be best to allow the CD to automatically

renew for a period of 24 months and then reevaluate the city's financial situation at that time. With the upcoming alleys and streets project, it was determined that it would be more beneficial to have the funds continue to collect interest until they are needed for the project.

Motion by DeRoos, second by Otto to allow the CD to automatically renew. Ayes – All. Motion carried.

e. Fall Clean up

The city of Eveleth sent out letters stating that their fall clean-up would begin on September 18th and that they will start pick-up of yard waste on October 9th, 2023. A brief discussion took place about Leonidas offering a one-time pick-up of household refuse to Leonidas residents. The council felt that it was beneficial to residents to offer the one time pick-up and that it helps keep the city clean. The council passes a motion to offer the one-time pick up of household refuse on September 27th and 28th, 2023. Maintenance Leroy Roos and Jay DeRoos will pick up the refuse and bring it to the Eveleth City Garage for disposal. A letter regarding this will be sent to all residents.

Motion by Rock, second by Otto to offer a one-time pick-up service to residents. Ayes – All. Motion carried.

8. Adjourn

Motion by Rock, second by Cave to adjourn the meeting. Ayes – All. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Attest: _____

JoAnne Milton, Mayor

