

CITY OF LEONIDAS
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

October 10, 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, Maintenance Leroy Roos, Clerk McKenzie Clinton
Councilor Nathaniel Rock was absent

3. Adopt Agenda

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

4. Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes of September 12, 2023 City Council Meetings
- B. Approval of Payroll ending 09/30/2023
- C. Approval of Claims ending 09/30/2023

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

5. Reports

A. Clerk's Report

Clerk McKenzie Clinton stated that she has been reviewing the Livable City Code of Ordinances and found 4 sections in the Animal Ordinances that she feels the council needs to review. This will be discussed later on in the meeting. She also stated that the city's website is almost ready and that there is a mock-up ready for the council to view. She will continue to work with Techbytes and finish the website.

C. Maintenance

Maintenance Leroy Roos stated that there are some trees within the city that need to be trimmed. He also stated that he is preparing for winter and prepping the snow removal equipment.

D. Hall Manager

There is one rental scheduled for the community center in October.

5. Old Business

Nothing to discuss at this time.

6. New Business

A. Livable City Code (LCC)- Animal Ordinance

The council reviewed 4 sections of the animal ordinance. The first section was regarding the limit of dogs allowed without a kennel permit. The council felt that it would be best to keep the number of dogs allowed per residence at 3 and to allow residents to apply for a variance if the number of dogs were to exceed 3. (Full text on file)

Clerk Clinton spoke about the section of the LCC stating that the city is required to designate an official pound for animal control, she is unsure if this is included in the Police contract with Eveleth. This will be researched and discussed at the next monthly meeting.

Motion by DeRoos, second by Cave to update the dog keeping ordinance. Ayes – All. Motion carried.

The council then reviewed the Chicken keeping ordinance. The council made minor changes to some of the chicken coop requirements and changed the number of chickens allowed per licensed property from 4 to 6. The council also felt it was important to allow for residents to apply for variances in regard to the number of chickens kept. (Full text on file)

Motion by DeRoos, second by Cave to update the Chicken keeping ordinance. Ayes – All. Motion carried.

The council also reviewed the bee keeping ordinance and felt that no bees should be kept on residential properties but should be allowed on other non-residential land within the city. (Full text on file)

Motion by DeRoos, second by Cave to update the Bee keeping ordinance. Ayes – All. Motion carried.

These changes will be reviewed by the city's attorney and then updated in the official copy of the city's ordinance book.

B. Livable City Code Ordinance

Clerk Clinton explained that because the Livable City Code of Ordinances (LCC) was approved by the city council, an ordinance stating this is legally required to be published in the official city paper before it can be legally binding.

A draft ordinance stating all the legally required information was presented to the council. A brief discussion about this occurred. The LCC ordinance was approved, Clerk Clinton will have it published in the Mesabi News Tribune. (Full text on file)

Motion by DeRoos, second by Cave to approve the LCC Ordinance. Ayes – All. Motion carried.

8. Adjourn

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Attest: _____

JoAnne Milton, Mayor