

CITY OF LEONIDAS
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

February 9, 2024 10:00 a.m.

1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Milton called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The City Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Attendance

Present: Mayor JoAnne Milton, Councilor Cassandra Cave, Councilor Jay DeRoos, Maintenance Leroy Roos, Clerk McKenzie Clinton, Nathan Feist and Kris Ambuehl from Bollig were also in Attendance.

Councilor Nathaniel Rock and Councilor Brian Otto were absent

1. Adopt Agenda

2. New Business

A. Needs assessment with Bollig Engineering

Nathan Feist and Kris Ambuehl from Bollig Engineering went over their suggestions for the streets and alleys that need repairs in Leonidas. (Full text on file) Bollig had suggested adding an additional sewer main and an additional water main in the 1st street alley. Kris Ambuehl stated that doing so would improve the quality of the water and would provide better sanitation for the sewer lines. This would also make the pipes more accessible for any future repairs needed. Kris Ambuehl then explained there is limited grants/funding available for streets and roads whereas there is a lot more opportunities for funding/grants for water and sewer repairs.

Bollig suggested asking for funding to update the water and sewer systems, which would also cover the repairs needed on the streets and alleys. Mill and overlay were recommended for 2nd street and the alley behind it whereas the alley behind 1st street would need to be fully reconstructed. The storm water system was also discussed during this time. In order to prevent some of the flooding and water pooling that is currently happening, drain tile would be added around city hall, and the storm water system would need to be reworked especially around the 1st street alley. A brief discussion about this occurred. There was also a brief discussion regarding the tennis court and what the best use of that space would be for the community. Kris Ambuehl said that unfortunately there isn't a ton of funding opportunities for smaller recreational projects but that there may be some local grants available. Mayor Milton suggested looking at the Eveleth Community Foundation's grants depending on what the council wanted to do with the space. Some suggestions were to put in a splash pad, repair the current tennis court, or turn the space into a basketball court. This will be discussed further in the future once more information is available.

Clerk Clinton asked how involved the grant and funding process would be and if the audit that was done in 2020 would be sufficient or if a new audit would need to be conducted. Kris Ambuehl stated that they are fully involved with all grants and funding

opportunities and that the 2020 audit should be adequate and that any other financial information necessary could be provided by the Clerk. Councilor Deroos the asked when the grant process could be started and what the timeline for completion of the entire project would be. Kris Ambuehl stated grant/funding applications could be started as soon as a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) was completed and that the timeline for the fully completed project would be 3-5 years.

During the meeting Bollig explained that the next step to move forward would be to approve Task Order No. 2 which would allow Bollig to prepare a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER). This report is needed to apply for funding and grants, and would allow for a more complete plan for the projects. The cost for the PER is \$45,000.00 which would be billed hourly over the next 3-6 months. Bollig explained that there may be a way to recoup part of the cost of the PER in the future depending on funding opportunities. A brief discussion about Bollig's suggestions occurred. The council felt that all the current street and alley issues had been addressed and would be taken care of with the proposed work.

Because two of the city councilors were unable to attend this meeting, the councilor felt that it would be best to wait and discuss the Task Order with a complete city council before moving forward. A decision regarding the task order will be made at the meeting on February 12th.

3. Adjourn

Motion by Cave, second by DeRoos to adjourn the meeting. Ayes – All. Motion carried.
The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

