

CITY OF LEONIDAS
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

January 9, 2024 6:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Milton called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The City Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Attendance

Present: Mayor JoAnne Milton, Councilor Cassandra Cave, Councilor Jay DeRoos, Councilor Nathaniel Rock, Councilor Brian Otto, Maintenance Leroy Roos, Clerk McKenzie Clinton.

3. Adopt Agenda

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

4. Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes of December 12, 2023 City Council Meetings
- B. Approval of Payroll ending 12/31/2023
- C. Approval of Claims ending 12/31/2023

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 filed the Quarter 4 941 federal taxes and the quarter 4 state withholding taxes. She also reported that she is working on filing all of the year end taxes including employee W2s, and independent contractors 1099s. Clerk Clinton then spoke about the year-end financial reports that will need to be filed in the upcoming weeks.

B. Maintenance

Maintenance Leroy Roos reported that he had taken down the Christmas decorations from the street lights and at city hall. He also reported that he had fixed some bulbs and had replaced the windshield wipers on the truck. There has not been a lot of snow for plowing but the equipment is ready for any snowfall that may occur.

C. Hall Manager

A brief discussion occurred about a recent city hall rental. The renter had not cleaned up properly and had left the hall a mess after the rental. The renter also had alcohol on the property after signing the rental agreement stating that there would be no alcohol present. The Hall Manager Jessica Johnson felt that the damage deposit should not be returned to the renter due to the issues stated above, the council agreed with Hall Manager Jessica Johnson. The renters damage deposit check will be deposited into the city's account.

Motion by Cave, second by Otto to deposit the rental check. Ayes – All. Motion carried.

5. Old Business

A. Animal Control

Clerk Clinton has been in contact with Contented Critters regarding animal control. It was determined that a case-by-case contract was the best option for the city due to the low number of strays within the city. Contented Critter had emailed the city asking what the city would like to do if a stray animal from Leonidas was sick and needed vet care. The council felt that it would not be beneficial to residents to cover any vet bills beyond the agreed upon spaying/neutering and vaccines.

Motion by Otto, second by Rock to not cover any additional vet costs associated with animal control from Contented Critters. Ayes – All. Motion carried.

6. New Business

A. 2024 Meeting Schedule

Monthly City Council meetings for 2024 were scheduled. (Full Text on File) There will be a meeting with Bollig Engineering on February 9th at 10:00 a.m. The next monthly City Council meeting will be held on February 13th at 6:30 p.m.

B. 2024 Budget

The Council looked over 2023 expenditures and adjusted the 2024 budget where necessary. A full look at the budget had not been done in a number of years so multiple categories were adjusted to better reflect current finances and spending. The total disbursement budget for 2024 was set at \$86,000.00 and the total receipts budget for 2024 was set at \$71,800.00. (Full text on File) The Council expressed their desire to continue to monitor the budget and make adjustments as needed in regards to upcoming projects. The meeting with Bollig engineering in February should offer more clarity in budgeting for the roads and alley projects.

Motion by Cave, second by Rock to set the 2024 budget. 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