

CITY OF LEONIDAS
CITY COUNCIL Minutes
August 27, 2024 6:00 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 Nathaniel Rock, Councilor Brian Otto, Clerk McKenzie Clinton
Councilor Jay DeRoos was absent
Guests: Nathan Feist, the project engineer from Bollig Engineering

3. Adopt Agenda

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

4. New Business

A. Bollig PER Report

Nathan Feist, the project engineer from Bollig Engineering presented the preliminary engineering report to the city council. Nathan Feist feels that the main areas of concern are Alley 1 and Alley 2. 2nd Street and 1st Ave N are still in fair condition and mill and overlay would be sufficient. The estimates costs for the necessary road repairs would be between \$430,000.00 and \$650,000.00 The original plan was to look into updating the water and sewer lines which would have allowed for more funding opportunities. However, the water and sewer lines are not in extreme need of repairs which makes it difficult to secure grants and funding. The storm drain system does need to be address, particularly around the city hall. Nathan Feist explained that the city may be better off applying for USDA loans to cover the cost of the road repairs needed and continue to look for grants for the storm drain system.

Nathan Feist's suggested adding a water basin in front of the city hall. The council had concerns about the location of the basin and suggested placing it between the hall and the park. That area is not used and would be a safer and more convenient spot for a basin. This would also help with the issue of storm water. It is unknown what shape the pipes that carry the water to Eveleth's treatment center are in. Nathan Feist suggested hiring a sewer televising company to clean and record the pipes. By televising the sewers/storm drain, the city will be able to determine what shape the pipes are in and if any major repairs are needed. There are concerns about a section of the pipes that has multiple trees growing on top of it. The roots from the trees can grow into the pipes and cause damage and blocks. This was discussed further later on in the meeting.

Improvements on the walking trail and tennis court were also discussed. There may be some recreational grants available to cover the cost of making improvements

on both the walking path and tennis court. Bollig Engineering will continue to look into this.

The idea of adding a splash pad was discussed. The council felt that it is a good idea on theory but had concern about the practicality of having and maintaining a splash pad. Because of staffing, the splash pad would not be monitored often. There is also concern about the safety of it and it was questioned if additional insurance would be needed. The cost of maintaining it and the cost of water were also a concern. The council felt more research into the logistics of installing and maintaining a splash was necessary before any final decision could be made.

B. IRRR Resolution

The council given a copy of Resolution24-2 which would allow Bollig Engineering to make applications to and accept funds from Iron Range Resource and Rehabilitation on behalf of the city. (Full text on file)

Motion by Rock, second by Otto to approve the resolution to allow Bollig to make applications and accept funds from IRRR on behalf of the city. Ayes – All. Motion carried.

C. LMC Resolution

Resolution24-1 was presented to the council to allow for Bollig Engineering to apply for and accept funds from a League of Minnesota Cities grant. The purpose of the grant is to help ease the process of identifying matching funds to city projects and aid in the grant application projects. (Full text on file) This grant can be used to pay for funding administration from Bollig

Motion by Cave, second by Otto to approve the resolution to allow Bollig to submit an application and accept funds from LMC on behalf of the city. Ayes – All. Motion carried

D. Task order #3

Nathan Feist, the project engineer from Bollig Engineering, submitted task order No. 3 to the City Council. (Full text on file) This task order would allow Bollig to coordinate, prepare, submit, and administer Federal, State, Local, etc. funding sources associated with the city infrastructure improvement projects. The cost of the task order would be billed hourly and would not exceed \$10,000.00 A brief discussion about this followed. Clerk Clinton stated that she felt the funding administration from Bollig engineering would be highly beneficial to the city because there are a variety of different grant and funding options that all have different requirements and can be hard to navigate. Bollig Engineering has experience with a wide array of funding opportunities and knows the application process. Bollig engineering also has the staffing that will allow them to explore many options that the city would not otherwise have the capability to do. The council all felt that the city had a greater chance of securing grants and funding by allowing Bollig to apply for those funds on behalf of the city.

Motion by Rock, second by Cave to approve task order No. 3 from Bollig Engineering. Ayes – All. Motion carried

E. Sewer Televising

Nathan Feist spoke about the need to have the sewer / storm drain system televised. This has not been done in around 10 years and it is recommended for it be done every 5 years. Nathan Feist estimates that this would cost the city around \$12,000.00. A motion was passed to allow for Nathan Feist to speak to and receive an estimate from a sewer televising company on behalf of the city of Leonidas.

Motion by Rock, second by Otto to allow for an estimate from a sewer televising company. Ayes – All. Motion carried

5. Adjourn

Motion by Rock, second by Otto to adjourn the meeting. Ayes – All. Motion carried.
The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

JoAnne Milton, Mayor

Attest: _____

