

CITY OF LEONIDAS
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
November 12, 2024 6:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor JoAnne 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 Nathaniel Rock, Councilor Jay DeRoos, Councilor Cassandra Cave, Maintenance Leroy Roos, Clerk McKenzie Clinton.
Councilor Brian Otto was absent

3. Adopt Agenda

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

4. Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes of October 15, 2024 City Council Meeting
- B. Approval of Payroll ending 10/31/2024
- C. Approval of Claims ending 10/31/2024

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

5. Reports

A. Clerk's Report

Clerk Clinton spoke about the ongoing projects with Bollig Engineering. She stated that she has been in contact with the funding department at Bollig and has been sending information as requested. She also stated that Bollig is working on applying for a USDA Rural Development grant. She will provide updates as she receives them.

B. Maintenance

Maintenance Leroy Roos stated that the boards on the fence of the tennis court need to be replaced. He also mentioned that the fence around the tennis court is in rough shape and will need repairs. Leroy reported that he will be burning the burn pile and cleaning up/mulching leaves within the city.

C. Hall Manager

Hall Manager Jessica Johnson had concerns regarding how the hall was left after the City of Eveleth used it for the General Election. The garbage had not been taken out and there was a lot of debris on the front entry rug. A brief discussion about this occurred. Clerk Clinton stated that she would speak to the City of Eveleth before the next election and ensure that they know what is required from them for cleanup.

Mayor Milton proposed hosting a holiday party for residents. She stated that in the past, there was a party with a catered meal provided for residents. A brief discussion about the occurred. Councilor Rock proposed hosting a winter frolic event in January to allow for adequate time for planning and inviting residents. A motion was then passed to host a winter frolic on January 11th at 1:00 pm.

Motion by Rock, second by Cave to host a winter frolic on January 11th. Ayes – All. Motion carried.

6. Old Business

Maintenance Position

Clerk Clinton gave an update on the maintenance position. She stated that the hiring committee had interviewed one candidate and felt that he was a great fit for the position. An interview will be

conducted on Wednesday with another applicant. Once both applicants have been interviewed the hiring committee will determine who they feel is the best candidate. A brief discussion occurred about the timeline of hiring a new employee. The current Maintenance employee Leroy Roos would like to be done on December 31st and there were concerns about waiting until the next meeting to approve a candidate. The council felt that due to timing, the hiring committee should determine the best candidate and move forward with the hiring process. The hiring committee will make a decision and speak further about this at the December city council meeting.

Motion by Rock, second by DeRoos to allow the hiring committee to make the final decision regarding the maintenance position. Ayes – All. Motion carried.

7. New Business

1. Election Results

The election results were as follows:

Mayor

Jo Anne Milton 17

WRITE-IN 2

Council Member (Elect 2)

Jay DeRoos 18

Cassandra Cave 17

WRITE-IN -2

Special Election for Council Member

Nathaniel Rock 20

WRITE-IN-0

Mayor Jo Anne Milton, Councilors Cassandra Cave, Jay DeRoos, and Nathaniel Rock will all serve another term beginning January 1st, 2025. Their Current terms expire December 31, 2024.

2. CDBG Grant Resolution

Bollig engineering asked that the city pass a resolution to allow for Bollig to apply for a grant from the Community Development Block Grant Program through St. Louis County. The resolution would allow Bollig to execute documents, agreement, and contracts, as well as submit an application and provide financial information on behalf of the City of Leonidas.

Motion by DeRoos, second by Cave to adjourn the approve the resolution. Ayes – All. Motion carried.

3. Maintenance Pay

A Brief Discussion took place about hourly pay for the maintenance. It was decided that starting wage of \$23.00 was fair. An additional \$1.00 an hour would be given if an employee were to receive their CDL certification.

Motion by Rock, second by DeRoos to set the maintenance wage at \$23.00 with an additional \$1.00 for a CDL certification. Ayes – All. Motion carried.

8. Adjourn

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

JoAnne Milton, Mayor

Attest: _____