

CITY OF LEONIDAS

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

April 8, 2025 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 Jay DeRoos, Councilor Casandra Cave, Councilor Nathaniel Rock, Maintenance Lenny Kuizenga, Clerk McKenzie Clinton. Councilor Brian Otto was absent

Two representatives from Durable Coating were also in attendance.

3. Adopt Agenda

Clerk Clinton asked to add the hall floors to the agenda. Motion by Cave, second by Rock to adopt the agenda. Ayes – All. Motion carried.

4. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes of April 8th, 2025 City Council Meeting

B. Approval of Payroll ending 03/31/2025

C. Approval of Claims ending 03/31/2025

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

5. Reports

A. Clerk's Report

Clerk Clinton reported that Bollig is continuing to apply for funding and that they recently applied for Congressional Direct Funding. Clerk Clinton will update the Council as she receives information.

B. Maintenance

Maintenance reported that the Loader is not starting and will need to be serviced. Maintenance Rock stated that he has spoke to McCoy Construction in Duluth and that it would cost \$1298.00 just for a mechanic to come look at the loader. Maintenance Lenny Kuizenga suggested that the maintenance department look at it and try to find a solution before hiring McCoy Construction. He also stated that Road Machinery and Supplies in Virginia works on John Deere loaders and that they would probably be less expensive than McCoy. The loader will be looked at by maintenance before hiring someone.

Maintenance Rock then spoke about the drainage issues behind city hall. He believes that the issues could be fixed by adding additional drain tile. Clerk Clinton had concerns about doing any work because Bollig has been applying for grants/funding for the storm drain issues. She stated that she would like to speak to them before any final decisions are made. This will be discussed further at the next meeting once estimates are received and Bollig is contacted.

C. Hall Manager

Hall Manager Jessica Johnson and the maintenance department painted the interior of the hall. Jessica Johnson reported that there has been an increase in bookings

due to the new paint. Maintenance Rock reported that a new door handle is need on the janitor's closet. New Smoke alarms were also installed.

6. Old Business

Nothing New to report,

7. New Business

1. City Wide Clean up

The City of Eveleth is starting their alley clean up on May 26th, and residents are able to drop off trash and rubbish to the city garage located in Eveleth from May 5th-16th. Because Leonidas residents pay for refuse services from Eveleth, they are able to participate. Eveleth will pick up yard waste in Leonidas alleys and Leonidas Residents are able to bring household refuse to the Eveleth City Garage. A brief discussion occurred about Leonidas doing a one-time pickup of trash and refuse from the residents in Leonidas. The council felt that it was a helpful service to provide for residents and that doing so would result in less waste and blight in Leonidas. Maintenance will pick up rubbish in the alleys on May 13th-16th and dispose of it at the Eveleth city garages. A letter regarding this will be sent out to residents.

Motion by Cave, second by DeRoos to offer a one-time pickup service for Leonidas residents. Ayes – All. Motion carried

2. Hall Floors

Due to the drainage issues around city hall, there has been some flooding in the hall. This flooding has damaged the floors and mold was recently discovered under the tiles. A discussion took place about how to best remove the mold and replace the floors. There were concerns about water seeping in and causing mold again. Councilor Rock spoke with Durable Coatings and received an estimate of \$16,200.00 to remove the tile and install polyurea flooring through the hall including the kitchen, bathrooms, and hallways. The polyurea flooring would create a moisture barrier and would be durable enough that it can withstand the water issues that have previously occurred at the hall. The floors also have a lifespan of 10-15 years and would be durable enough for community traffic. A brief discussion about Durable Coating took place. Mayor Milton stated that because there is mold, it is a public health issue that needs to be immediately addressed and that she was in favor of hiring Durable Coating. After reviewing samples and speaking to durable coating, it was determined that this would be the best option for the city. It was also decided to upgrade to a premium flake floor for an additional \$600.00

Motion by Cave, second by DeRoos to hire Durable Coating at a cost of \$16,800.00. Councilor Rock abstained due to a conflict of interest. Ayes – All. Motion carried

1. Adjourn

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

JoAnne Milton, Mayor

Attest: _____