

CITY OF LEONIDAS
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

January 14, 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 Jay DeRoos, Councilor Casandra Cave and, Councilor Nathaniel Rock, 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 December 10th, 2024 City Council Meeting
- B. Approval of Payroll ending 12/31/2024
- C. Approval of Claims ending 12/31/2024

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

5. Reports

A. Clerk's Report

Clerk Clinton reported that she is working on year-end tax filings. She also will be submitting the year-end financial report and budget to the state after everything is finalized at tonight's meeting. Clerk Clinton also spoke about the upcoming CDBG meeting that she and Mayor Milton will be attending on January 16th. Bollig will be doing a presentation asking for funds for the streets and alleys project, Clerk Clinton will provide updates when she receives them.

B. Maintenance

Nathan Rock reported that the wreaths were taken down and that they are working on cleaning and organizing the garage. They will also be working on creating a maintenance schedule for all the equipment in the garage.

C. Hall Manager

Nothing new to report.

6. Old Business

1. Maintenance Position

A brief discussion took place regarding the best way to move forward with the maintenance position. The council felt that it would be best to have the three current maintenance employees continue in their roles. A motion was passed to permanently hire Nathan Rock and Lennart Kuizenga and to have Jay DeRoos continue in his current maintenance position.

Motion by Milton, second by DeRoos to permanently hire Nathan Rock and Lennart Kuizenga to fill the maintenance position. Ayes – All. Motion carried. Councilors Rock and Cave abstained due to a conflict of interest.

7. New Business

1. Designate an official newspaper

The Mesabi Tribune was designated as the official City newspaper for all official city business. *Motion by Rock, second by DeRoos to designate the Mesabi Tribune as the official city newspaper. Ayes – All. Motion carried*

1. Select an official depository, by resolution, for city funds.

Clerk Clinton stated that Wells Fargo is the current depository but that an account will be set up with Miner's National Bank in Eveleth and all deposits and disbursements will eventually be processed through that account.

Motion by Rock, second by Cave to designate Wells Fargo as the official depository for city Funds. Ayes – All. Motion carried.

2. Appoint an interim Mayor

Councilor Jay DeRoos was appointed as the interim Mayor and will fill in if Mayor Milton is not able to attend a meeting.

Motion by Rock, second by Cave to appoint Councilor Jay DeRoos as the interim mayor. Ayes – All. Motion carried.

3. 2025 Budget

The 2024-year end financial report was gone through and a 2025 budget was created based on the upcoming needs of the community. The cost of the upcoming road and alley projects was added to the budget and other budget items were adjusted to more accurately reflect the current spending. The total disbursement for 2025 is estimated at \$108,050.00 and total receipts are estimated at \$77,400.00 [Full text on file.]

Motion by Rock, second by Cave to appoint Councilor Jay DeRoos as the interim mayor. Ayes – All. Motion carried.

4. Adjourn

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

JoAnne Milton, Mayor

Attest: _____