

MINUTES
Lefors City Council Meeting
August 11, 2025 - Regular Session

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Michael Ray. Present were Council members Ashley Miller, Jerry Stegall, James Gee, Savannah Kingcade, and Aaron Hunt.

Mayor Ray led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilman Gee said the Invocation.

No public comments were made.

Judge Kurt Curfman submitted a written report: For the month of July, we had \$0.00 in receipts and three new complaints or citations filed with the Court. These were for state or city ordinance violations. Currently, we have an outstanding balance of fines and court costs due to the City of Lefors of \$376.00, plus warrants of \$9,070.00. All local, state, and federal reports are current at this time.

Mayor Ray thanked Savannah Kingcade and Haley Smith for all the volunteer work they have done to the civic center and said it is looking great. Mayor Ray also reported that Clay Aufleger resigned but is allowing us to work under his water license.

Public Works Director, Chad Young, reported to Council: The water tower is now completely off-line. The water shortage has come back in line and was probably due to the tower leaking. Public works replaced 350' of water main on First Street and 3 taps and 2 service lines were affected; a leak was repaired on N. Mclean on a line that went from 4' to 2 3/8 inch tubing; will be replacing 100' of poly on Sixth Street this week; the sewer plant is 100% up and running. DMR reports show how bad the samples were January-December and good samples April-June. The last two DMR's submitted showed no violations and were within permit boundaries; Young reported he will be testing for his wastewater license. The generator we use at the sewer plant is in the shop and it is repairable. Rats chewed up all the wiring harness and Philips Generator Service is going to build a new harness. Had to replace the valve on the blowdown at on Gray 17 at Archie Summers, the valve in the can was damaged. The brakes went out on the trash truck and had to be repaired. Also, have been doing lots of mowing and spraying weeds.

Councilwoman Miller made a motion to approve the consent agenda, which includes minutes of the July 22, 2025, special meeting, bills, and department reports. Councilman Hunt seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

At 7:20 pm, Council held a public meeting on the adoption of the Gray County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. No comments or questions. Public Meeting was closed at 7:25 pm.

Councilwoman Miller made a motion to approve amendments and adopt the amended budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. Councilwoman Kingcade seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Councilwoman Kingcade made a motion to approve and re-adopt the City's Investment Policy Ordinance No. 2000-0801. Councilwoman Miller seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Councilwoman Miller made a motion to approve the fee to sell small cemetery plots for cremations at \$100.00 per plot and adopt Ordinance No. 2025-0714 with the change to fees. Councilman Stegall seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Councilman Hunt made a motion to adopt Resolution R-2025-0811-3, a Resolution by the City Council of the City of Lefors, Texas, adopting the 2025 updated Gray County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Councilwoman Kingcade seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Councilwoman Ashley Miller made a motion to allow Barbara McDonald to use the building previously used as the marshals' office as a Somebody Cares Ministry pantry/storage. Councilman Stegall seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

The council reviewed and discussed the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2025-26.

Councilwoman Kingcade made a motion to set the proposed tax rate at \$1.07 /\$100 evaluation. Councilwoman Miller seconded. Councilwoman Miller-For, Councilwoman Kingcade-For, Councilman Stegall-For, Councilman Hunt-For, Councilman Gee-For. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Councilwoman Miller made a motion to set a public hearing for the proposed tax rate and budget for August 25, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the Lefors Civic Center. Councilman Stegall seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Councilwoman Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Stegall seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

City Secretary

Mayor