

MINUTES
Lefors City Council Meeting
July 15, 2024 - Regular Session

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

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

Public Works Director Nick York reported that public works has fixed numerous washouts in the roads as well as the alleys; repaired a sewer main in the alley between Seventh St. and Eighth St.: keeping up with mowing around wells, ground storage tank, water tower, and wastewater plant; repaired several water leaks; doing everything they can to keep trash pumps at the wastewater plant running 24/7; repaired 2006 F-150 struts, shocks, CC joint, tie rod ends and ball joints.

Judge Curfman submitted a written report: For the month of June 2024, we had receipts of \$632.00. There were 2 new complaints or citations filed with the Court from the Marshal. These were for state or City Ordinance violations that were reported. The Marshal will be out for a while, but we are still taking complaints and payments during this time. At this current time, we have an outstanding balance of fines and court costs due to the City of Lefors of \$5,423.00, plus warrants of \$3,720.00. We are current with all local, state, and federal reports. Thank you for your support and confidence.

Mayor Michael Ray reported to Council that the City has received a letter from TCEQ regarding the wastewater plant repairs. It states in the letter that "if TCEQ determines that significant progress is not being made towards compliance with the order" they may proceed with additional enforcement action. City Secretary, Lindy Forsyth, emailed two of the engineers on this project last week and did not receive a response. Mayor Ray stated he is going to speak with the City Attorney, as well as requesting a conference call set up with the engineers, as it is past time that this project be completed.

Councilwoman Miller made a motion to approve the consent agenda including the Minutes of the June 15, 2024, regular meeting, bills, and department reports. Councilman Gee seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

After annual review, Councilwoman Kingcade made a motion to approve and re-adopt the City's Investment Policy Ordinance No. 2000-0801. Councilman Hunt seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Councilwoman Kingcade made a motion to appoint City Marshal Hayden Gray as the Local Rabies Control Authority (LRCA) for the City of Lefors. Councilwoman Miller seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Councilman Hunt made a motion to revise the contract for the use of the trash trailer by residents; to charge the customer a \$35.00 fee for use of the trailer for per week, customer pays mileage at current IRS rate and all landfill fees. Councilwoman Kingcade seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

No action taken regarding revising Employee Handbook, Chapter 7, Section 7.2 regarding use of City vehicles.

Consideration of repairing Well #6, located by the County barn, was tabled.

The council took a break at 7:35.

The council went into executive session at 7:40 p.m. to discuss 1) personnel-working hours, 2) hire a back-up person to be trained as a clerk for the Judge's office.

The council returned to regular session at 8:27 p.m.

Councilwoman Kingcade brought forth her motion made in executive session to cut public works employees' hours to 32 hours per week, cut City Marshal's hours to 20 hours per week, close City Hall one day a week at City Secretary's discretion, a part time person will not be used in City Hall unless City Secretary is gone for more than two days, whether it be work related or personal time. Councilwoman Miller seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

No action taken regarding hiring a clerk for the Judge's Office.

Councilwoman Miller made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Hunt seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

City Secretary

Mayor