

MINUTES
Lefors City Council Meeting
November 14, 2022 - Regular Session

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Michael Ray. Present were Council members Codi Hess, Keith Franks, James Gee, and Aaron Hunt. Council member Savannah Kingcade was absent.

Mayor Ray led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Gee said the Invocation.

Kade Parks and Thomas Ham, representing Lefors ISD, spoke to Council regarding painting on the road from the school to the football field. Parks said they would like to paint a Pirates Path from the one-way street in front of the school down Main Street to Third Street and then post signs on Third Street to the football field. Ham added they wanted to paint a pirate map type with orange, black and white lines 2"x 1 yd long, with an X marks the spot over the gate at the football field made out of swords. Ham also stated that the welding class will make the signs and they will maintain the paint every two to three years and keep it water sealed. Item to be placed on January 2023 Agenda.

Larry Franks presented a written statement to Council, which he read aloud, and asked that it be included in the minutes. Verbatim, the statement reads:

When this City Council choses or votes for items that increase spending, they are not spending the City of Lefors's money, they are deciding to spend the people of Lefors's money.

Perfect example is the New Civic center that Amarillo City Council is trying to build. They believe the city needs it. The people voted NO. The council is trying to get this project done without the people's vote.

We are in times right now that can be described as inflation and a possible recession. Now is not the time to make increases of any kind.

Larry Franks.

Public Works Director Nick York submitted the following report to Council:

1. Replaced bearings on aerator.
2. Repaired service lines on 2nd and McLean, and 4th and court.
3. Repaired sewer line in the alley between 5th and 6th street.
4. Had the valves and packing done on the jet machine.
5. Received 15 new dumpsters and Chad is replacing worn out dumpsters as he can.
6. Insulated well #7 and #8.
7. Insulated Ground Storage Tank chlorine building and added circuits for a light and heater.
8. Rewired the chlorine building at wastewater plant.

City Judge Kurt Curfman submitted a written report:

For the Month of October 2022, we had receipts of \$1,109.00. There were 5 new complaints or citations filed with the Court from the Marshal. These were State or City Ordinances violations that were reported. Marshal Gray also had 5 warning. At this current time, we have an outstanding balance of fines and court costs due the city of Lefors of \$11,740.00. We are current with all local, state, and federal reports.

City Marshal Hayden Gray submitted an oral report to the Council:

Monthly Activity Report
(10/1/2022-10/31/2022)

Complaints received:

- Animal Complaints: 3
- Traffic Complaints: 3
- Noise Complaint: 1
- Accumulation of Junk: 0
- Excessive Weeds: 0

Calls for service:

On duty: 4 Call-out: 12

Reports:

Criminal Reports: 0, Traffic Stop Reports: 2, Information Reports: 1, Ordinance Violation: 1

Traffic Stops: 20, Traffic Citations issued: 3, Warnings issued: 17

City Ordinance Citations Issued: 2, City Ordinance Warnings issued: 1

Councilman Hunt made a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda including minutes from the October 10, 2022, regular meeting, bills, and department reports. Councilwoman Hess seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Councilwoman Hess made a motion to approve the amended budget for fiscal year 2021-2022. Councilman Hunt seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Councilman Hunt to adopt an Ordinance increasing the City match on employee contributions to TMRS from 5% to 10%. Councilman Gee seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Councilman Hunt made a motion to approve a resolution renewing membership in the Texas SmartBuy Program. Councilman Gee seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Councilman Hunt made a motion to a Policy and Procedure Manual for the City Marshal's Office. Councilwoman Hess seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Consideration of organizing a Police Explorer's Program was tabled.

Discussion was held regarding security cameras. Tabled until next meeting.

No action taken regarding window bid for City Marshal/Judge Office.

Council went into Executive session at 7:31 p.m. to discuss hiring a full-time employee and setting pay rate.

Council returned to regular session at 7:48 p.m.

Councilman Hunt brought forth his motion made in Executive session to hire Courteney Gee and set pay rate at \$16.00 per hour. Councilman Franks seconded. Council members Hunt, Franks, and Hess voted for. Councilman Gee abstained. Motion passed.

Councilwoman Hess made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Hunt seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

City Secretary

Mayor