

MINUTES
Lefors City Council Meeting
November 18, 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 Savannah Kingcade.

Mayor Ray led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Gee said the Invocation.

Chad Young reported to Council that Udelhoven has started work on the sewer plant and they are making fast progress. The new aerator has been installed and they have been working to get the electricity hooked up for the past week. The clarifier will be the last thing they hook up. Mike Neil with JCH came out today and gave us a lot of information on some things we did not know about the plant. This past month, the black truck and the red truck have had issues and have been repaired, some roads have been repaired as well as a culvert on the corner of Third and Main that had been hit by a vehicle and pulled up, and there is a lot of backfilling that needs to be done at the cemetery due to all the heavy rains we've had this month.

City Secretary, Lindy Forsyth, reported to Council that she received a letter from the Texas Municipal Clerks Association President, Alicia Richardson, informing her that the President's recommendation to appoint her to serve on the 2025 Audit Committee had been approved by TMCA's Executive Board. The Committee will meet in Round Rock on January 22nd, the day before the Election Law Seminar begins. Forsyth also reported that the utility billing computer is having problems and may need to be replaced soon.

Mayor Ray reported that the roof on the Civic Center is leaking and that Parsons Roofing as well as an adjustor for TML have been contacted. They are expected to be here this week to inspect the roof. Mayor Ray also informed the Council that there will be a potluck supper on December 9th at the Civic Center for the Council, employees, and their families. Brisket and beans will be furnished, and everyone is asked to bring a covered dish for the meal. The City Secretary will be sending out invitations.

City Judge Kurt Curfman submitted a written report:

For the Month of October 2024, we had receipts of \$60.00. There were several new complaints or citations filed with the Court. These were State or City Ordinances violations that were reported. At this current time, we have an outstanding balance of fines and court costs due to the city of Lefors of \$3,255.00, plus warrants of \$9,572.00. We are current with all local, state, and federal reports.

City Marshal Hayden Gray submitted a written report to the Council:

Monthly Activity Report
(10/1/2024-10/14/2024)

Complaints received:

- Animal Complaints: 1
- Accumulation of Junk: 1
- Excessive Weeds: 1

Calls for service:

On duty: 1 Call-out: 1

Traffic Stops: 3, Traffic Citations issued: 1, Warnings issued: 1

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

Councilwoman Miller made a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda including minutes from the October 1, 2024, special meeting, bills, and department reports. Councilman Hunt seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Councilwoman Miller made a motion to update employee acknowledgement form and amend employee handbook to add the following section:

Section 8.1 Prohibited Software/Applications/Developers on City-Owned or Leased Equipment *In accordance with Senate Bill 1893 (codified as Chapter 620 of the Texas Government Code), the City of Lefors prohibits the installation or use and requires the removal of TikTok or any successor application, or any other social media application specified by the Department of Information and Department of Public Safety, on any city-owned or leased electronic device, except to the*

extent necessary for providing law enforcement or developing or implementing information security measures, with the user implementing appropriate risk-mitigating measures.

Councilwoman Kingcade seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Councilwoman Miller made a motion to appoint Chad Young as the Public Works Director.

Councilwoman Kingcade seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

The council went into Executive session at 7:23 p.m. to discuss the pay rate for public works director.

The council returned to regular session at 7:26 p.m.

Councilwoman Miller brought forth her motion made in Executive session to increase Chad Young's pay to \$20.00 per hour and advance the 3% COLA increase normally given in January for a total of \$20.60 per hour and make the effective date retroactive to October 18, 2024. Councilwoman Kingcade seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

City Secretary

Mayor