

MINUTES
Lefors City Council
October 10, 2022-Regular Meeting

Mayor Michael Ray called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Present were Council members Codi Hess, Savannah Kingcade, Keith Franks, James Gee, and Aaron Hunt.

Mayor Ray led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Gee said the Invocation.

Numerous citizens were present, and some addressed the Council.

Teddy Nolte addressed Council regarding the City Marshal, saying that he personally had nothing against the Marshal but that the Marshal hanging around the school zone creates an unsafe situation. Nolte went on to say people's attention should be on the kids and not distracted by the Marshal being there; and that as a representative of the City it would come back on the City if by him being there caused an accident.

Billy McBee addressed the Council, thanking the Council for allowing him to speak and saying he was in support of the Marshal 100 percent. McBee went on to say that the trash cleanup is going very slow in his area and that he is surrounded by trash. McBee also stated that he and some family members were tagged on a Facebook post regarding a petition without permission and he did not appreciate that at all.

Bruce Mize addressed the Council in support of the City Marshal. Mize stated that Lefors is the epitome of small-town USA, adding that the people of Uvalde got up one morning not expecting what was going to happen there that day. That man sitting right there (referred to Marshal Gray) is perhaps the most qualified man to do this job as Lefors has ever had on the payroll, and he is tactically trained. Mize went on to say that he was 100 percent in support of the Marshal and Lefors needs him, adding that every town around here has a school zone with cops in it and they aren't complaining about it; he is there for a reason and it is for the safety of the kids. He is involved with the kids, and the City and community needs that.

Andrew Morriss addressed the Council in support of the Marshal, saying that he was speaking in support of the Marshal and that he has the most qualifications of any Marshal we've ever had; adding that his jurisdiction is the City of Lefors and the school is in the City of Lefors; stating that if you aren't breaking the law you shouldn't worry about him being in the school zone. Morriss went on to say if the Marshal is writing Ordinance tickets, its because we need to get the town cleaned up and he has seen a lot of people cleaning up their stuff on his end of town and he appreciates him doing his job. Morriss also stated that we need to get some stickers put on the car, and Mayor told him they had been ordered.

Deborah Henson spoke to the Council in support of the Marshal and referred to two news items posted on the City website; the first referring to the school zone which was posted August 1st and gave everyone 17 days' notice, and the 2nd one regarding City Ordinance enforcement which gave everyone a months' notice. Henson stated she takes pride in her yard and the surrounding area and has called City Hall numerous times to complain about junk. Henson went on to say, when she drives into town now, she thinks our town is cleaning up and it looks nice, going on to say that its embarrassing to drive through town and there is junk scattered everywhere. Henson commented that the Marshal has done what he said he would do and he's been the only one that has done that and she appreciates him.

Public Works Director, Nick York submitted an oral report:

- 1.) Completed water main off of skyline, near Archie Summers.
- 2.) Repaired water leak on 2nd and Mclean.
- 3.) Repaired water leak on 1st between Court and Main.
- 4.) Repaired sewer main in the alley between Main and Court.
- 5.) Ordered 12 new dumpsters and had 8 rebuilt and will have another 7 rebuilt when the 8 are dropped off.
- 6.) Filled in multiple washouts.

City Judge, Kurt Curfman, submitted a written report: For the month of September 2022, we had receipts of \$2,303.00. There were 17 new complaints or citations filed with the Court from the Marshal. These were for State or City Ordinance violations. Marshal Gray also issued 5 warnings. At this current time, we have outstanding balance of fines and court costs due the City of Lefors of \$11,979.00. We are current with all local, state, and federal reports.

City Marshal Gray submitted an oral report to the Council:

Monthly Activity Report
(9/1/2022-9/30/2022)

Complaints received:

- Animal Complaints: 3
- Traffic Complaints: 2
- Accumulation of Junk: 1
- Excessive Weeds: 2 (in regard to private property, parties were advised)

Calls for service:

On duty: 5 Call-out: 11

Reports:

Criminal Reports: 3, Information Reports: 3, Ordinance Violation: 1

Traffic Stops: 26, Traffic Citations issued: 13

City Ordinance Citations Issued: 3

Warnings issued: 13

Councilwoman Kingcade made a motion to approve the consent agenda including the minutes from the September 12, 2022, regular meeting, bills, and department reports. Councilman Gee seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Councilwoman Kingcade made a motion to adopt a Fraud Policy for the City of Lefors. Councilwoman Hess seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Councilman Hunt made a motion to edit Employee Handbook , Section 4.4, On-Call Duty, by adding: If an employee is called out after regular working hours, the employee will be paid for a minimum of two hours' time. Councilman Gee seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Councilman Hunt made a motion to purchase a trash trailer in the amount of \$2000.00. Councilwoman Kingcade seconded. Council members Hunt, Kingcade, Hess, and Gee voted For. Councilman Franks voted against. Motion passed.

Councilman Gee made a motion to purchase a 1-ton, dually pickup with approximately 30,000 miles on the engine in the amount of \$6,000.00 from the Lefors Volunteer Fire Department. Councilwoman Hess seconded. Council members Gee, Hess, Kingcade, and Franks voted For. Councilman Hunt abstained. Motion passed.

A discussion was held regarding park maintenance and improvement. Items discussed were trying to control stickers by applying a pre-emergent and also coordinating with the Fire Department to burn the park and baseball field. Andrew Morriss volunteered his time to replace some lamps in the lights at the baseball park. Councilman Hunt made a motion to proceed. Councilman Gee seconded. Council members Hunt, Gee, Franks, and Hess voted For. Councilwoman Kingcade abstained.

Council went into Executive session at 7:54 p.m. to discuss personnel under Texas Government Code §551.074 (Personnel Matters).

Council returned to Regular session at 8:25 p.m.

Councilman Hunt brought forth his motion made in executive session to hire Maxine Stephens and Carolyn Simpson, or other retirees as needed, to read meters monthly and to set pay at \$12.00 per hour. Councilwoman Kingcade seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Codi Hess brought forth her motion made in executive session to increase pay to \$17.00 per hour for Wray Ryan and Chad Young, and to \$17.50 for Nick York. Councilman Hess seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Councilwoman Hess made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Kingcade seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

City Secretary

Mayor