

MINUTES
Lefors City Council
October 14, 2024-Regular Meeting

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

Mayor Ray led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Gee said the Invocation.

Public comments-None.

Public Works submitted a written report: This month we have been busy working on the sewer plant and have modified the way it aerates. We have been working with Clay on the clarifier and have gotten it up and running. We changed up our pumps, we put one on a stand and changed up the direction of the discharge. We have been told that the contractors for the sewer plant should be here sometime this week. We had 3 graves to dig and backfill. We have continued to work on roads when time is available. Ben Schroeder has donated tin for the roof of the concession stand at the ballpark.

City Judge, Kurt Curfman, submitted a written report: For the month of September 2024, we had receipts of \$269.00. There were several new complaints or citations filed with the Court. These were for State or City Ordinance violations. Marshal Gray also issued 5 warnings. At this current time, we have an outstanding balance of fines and court costs due to the City of Lefors of \$2,695.00, plus warrants of \$9,572.00. We are current with all local, state, and federal reports.

City Marshal Gray submitted an oral report to the Council:

Monthly Activity Report

(9/1/2024-9/30/2024)

Calls for service:

On duty: 3 Call-out: 0

Traffic Stops: 6, Traffic Citations issued: 3

Warnings issued: 3

City Ordinance Warnings: 6

Mayor Ray updated the Council on the developments with the TWDB project at the sewer plant. Parkhill, the engineering firm, sent a letter to the bonding company for Udelhoven. The letter was to make them aware of the continual delays and the fact that no delivery of equipment or any progress has been made. It went on to state that the City of Lefors is prepared to consider other alternatives, one of which would be declaration of default by the contractor. Ray stated that the bond company responded with a letter. It does appear that it got Udelhoven's attention. Udelhoven has communicated with Parkhill and told them that they will be on site to begin work the last week of October.

Councilwoman Kingcade made a motion to approve the consent agenda including the minutes from the September 16, 2024, regular meeting, bills, and department reports. Councilman Hunt seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

A discussion was held regarding setting a selling price for the smaller cemetery plots for cremations. Item tabled until next regular meeting.

A discussion was held with Andrew Morriss about seeing what interest there would be in requesting Hemphill County EMS to house an ambulance in Lefors. Morriss is going to continue to explore the possibility. No action taken.

Council went into Executive session at 7:32 p.m. to discuss personnel under Texas Government Code §551.074 (Personnel Matters).

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

Councilman Hunt brought forth his motion made in executive session to, due to budget constraints, that the City Marshal is laid off effective immediately. Councilman Gee seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

City Secretary

Mayor