

**MINUTES**  
**Lefors City Council Meeting**  
**September 12, 2022- Regular Session**

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

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

Public Comments-Citizen Larry Franks addressed the Council asking why the agenda was posted on the website, but not on the community calendar; told Council he had compared the last three years of the budget and it had increased each year. Franks also said Pampa has a truck that comes and picks up large items from residents in Pampa, and he is concerned about adding a temporary fee to the bills to pay for a roll-off and that he was also concerned about contracting a company to repair a sewer main. Citizen Jennifer Lock told Council she was grateful for what they do and they have her support. Lock also said she and her family are volunteering their time and vehicles to help people clean up their properties and will volunteer as needed.

City Judge Kurt Curfman submitted a written report: For the month of August 2022, we had receipts of \$970.00. There were 16 new complaints or citations filed with the Court. These were for state law or City Ordinance violations. At this time, we have an outstanding balance of fines and court costs due the City of \$9,875.00. All local, state, and federal reports are current at this time. Thank you for your support and confidence.

City Marshal Hayden Gray reported the following to the Council:

Monthly Activity Report

(8/1/2022-8/31/2022)

Complaints received:

- Animal Complaints: 2
- Traffic Complaints: 1
- Accumulation of Junk: 1
- Excessive Weeds: 2 (in regard to city property not being in compliance, person was advised)

Calls for service:

On duty: 3 Call-out: 4

Reports:

Criminal Reports: 2 Information Reports: 1 Ordinance Violation: 0

Traffic Stops: 29 (does not include parking violations) Traffic Citations issued: 15

City Ordinance Citations Issued: 1

Warnings issued: 18 (includes parking violation warnings)

Marshal Gray also expressed to Council that he would like to start a Police Explorers Program youth aged 14-18 and are interested in a career in law enforcement.

Wray Ryan with the public works department reported to Council that they had run into several problems while installing the new water main north of Tumbleweed Road, and that it had been a big job but they will wrap it up this week. Ryan also reported that the sewer plant is running ok and the aerator has been installed and is working good at this time.

Mayor Ray informed the Council that a pre-construction meeting for the sewer plant project is being held on Thursday with the engineers and the contractor.

Councilman Hunt made a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda which included Minutes of the special city council meeting dated August 29, 2022, department reports, and bills. Councilwoman Kingcade seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Councilman Franks made a motion to approve the letter of engagement from Foster, Lambert & Foard to perform the City's audit for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022. Councilwoman Kingcade seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Discussion was held regarding an estimate from Wasteco to set a roll-off for trash and a roll-off for metal for a City cleanup and considering setting a temporary fee on the water bill to cover the cost. Estimates for two roll offs for three months, one for metal (\$810.00) and one for trash (\$830.00). The cost for setting the roll offs, which is \$200.00 each, and the rental, which is \$4.00/day, will not change. The cost to empty them(\$225.00/trash, \$250.00/metal) and the cost per ton(\$45.00/ton) will change, depending on how many times they have to be emptied and the weight, so it is unknown how much that is going to end up costing. Approximately 250 bills are sent out each month. If a fee were set on the water bill based on these estimate, it would be \$5.00 per bill IF the City absorbs the cost of setting the boxes. The \$5.00 will not cover the total expense of dumping them and paying for the trash in tons. The fee would need to be set higher to cover those expenses and they will probably need to be emptied every week to two weeks for the three-month period. Citizen Beverly Klein questioned how long the fee would be on the bill and would it be seasonal or permanent. Klein referred to the LVFD meter match fee, saying she understood it to be a temporary fee and it had been on

the bill for 50 years. Citizen Franks brought up that the Fire Department is no longer letting people dump limbs and asked if they could go in the roll off with wood and trash. Citizen Shephard commented that 40 people had called asking to have limbs picked up for the bonfire. Citizen McMullen questioned how many roll offs were needed. Council tabled the item until the October regular meeting.

Councilwoman Kingcade made a motion to approve Resolution No. R-2022-0912-2 designating the Lefors News as the official newspaper of the City of Lefors. Councilman Franks seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Councilwoman Kingcade made a motion to approve Ordinance Number O-2022-0912-2, and Ordinance of the City of Lefors, Texas, regulating the operation of golf carts on public streets; setting registration permit at \$25.00 per two-year period(includes inspection and decal), and \$5.00 re-inspection if cart fails the initial inspection, and to change the words "Texas issued license plate" on the permit application to "City issued permit decal. Councilman Gee seconded. Council members Kingcade, Gee, and Hunt voted for. Councilman Franks voted against. Motion passed.

Councilman Hunt made a motion to approve estimate from Fix It Right Plumbing in the amount of \$55,009.23, to replace 800 feet of sewer main and tie into three different manholes on Fifth Street. Councilwoman Kingcade seconded. Vote unanimous.

Councilwoman Kingcade made a motion to cast votes for the TML Board of Trustees as follows: Place 6-Allison Heyward, Place 7-Mary Dennis, Place 8-Chris Coffman, Place 9-Carl Joiner. Councilman Hunt seconded. Vote unanimous.

Councilwoman Kingcade made a motion to cast votes for the TML Health Benefits Pool Board of Trustees as follows: Joe Price. Councilman Hunt seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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City Secretary

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Mayor