

MINUTES
Lefors City Council Meeting
February 9, 2026 - Regular Session

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

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

Citizen Mike Steele addressed the Council regarding a water line on Second Street. Steele requested that the City replace the line in the alley behind his property on Second Street from behind 409 E. Second to tie into the new main the city just replaced at Second and Gray. Steele stated he has pressure but no volume on his property.

City Judge Kurt Curfman submitted a written report: For the month of January 2026, we had receipts of \$76.00. There were four new complaints or citations filed with the Court. At this current time, we have an outstanding balance of fines and court costs due the city in the amount of \$752.00 plus warrants of \$8,777.00. We are current on all local, state, and federal reports.

Chad Young, Public Works Director, submitted a written report to the Council: We completed the repair of 250 feet of 6-inch water main on Second Street and installed a new isolation valve to improve water control in the area. Additionally, 120 feet of 2-inch water main on Second Street were repaired, with two isolation valves installed on both the north and south sides of the street for enhanced operational flexibility. A 2-inch poly in front of Nick Miller's house required repairs again. Due to recurring issues, we plan to replace 200 feet of that line in the spring. Several work orders are also in place for replacing meter risers, which are scheduled to commence at the beginning of next month, weather permitting. The aerator at the sewer plant is currently out of service. Ice accumulation on the pontoon caused it to become unbalanced and flip upside down. After discussing the issue with Todd Nester this morning, we expect his crew to address the problem next week. In December, the jet rodder became stuck, necessitating the removal of 30 feet of line from the manholes. We excavated and replaced 30 feet of sewer main after discovering that an old sewer tap had collapsed on the jet rodder line. Based on James White's input, this tap was not replaced as it is no longer in use on his property. We also replaced Mr. Fry's service line, meter, and riser to ensure continued service reliability. The generator at Well Seven failed during the recent snowstorm due to a turbocharger malfunction. Scott Brown installed a new turbo to restore operation. The backhoe will be out of service for a day or two this week as the back bucket cylinder, which has faulty seals and is leaking, is being repaired. We also replaced the hydraulic pump on the dump truck, which was necessary to haul materials for backfilling jobs on Second Street.

Councilwoman Miller made a motion to approve the consent agenda, including minutes from the January 12, 2025, regular meeting, bills, and department reports. Councilman Stegall seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Councilman Hunt made a motion to accept the audit as presented by April Foard with Foster, Lambert, and Foard, LLC. Councilwoman Miller seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Councilwoman Miller made a motion to order a general election to be held on May 2, 2026. Councilman Stegall seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Consideration of replacing fire hydrants was tabled until a later date.

Councilman Hunt made a motion to cast the city's proxy vote for Allen Hawkins for the TX Excavation Safety Systems' Board of Directors election. Councilman Gee seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Consideration of dissolution of the city marshal office was tabled.

Consideration of proposal from Texas Rural Water Association to provide GIS mapping of water/sewer lines for the city was tabled until the April meeting.

Councilwoman Miller made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-0209, adding the phrase "Camping facilities will be charged the business rates for water, sewer, and sanitation". Councilman Hunt seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Council went into executive session at 7:42 p.m. to discuss personnel.

Council returned to regular session at 7:56 p.m.

Councilman Hunt brought forth his motion made in executive session to increase Dalton Cross's pay rate to \$17.50 per hour and to increase Chad Young's pay rate to \$22.75 per hour. Councilman Stegall seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

City Secretary

Mayor