

**MINUTES**  
**Lefors City Council Meeting**  
**January 16, 2023 - Regular Session**

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

Mayor Ray led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Gee said the Invocation.

Theresa David addressed Council regarding her water bill, asking why there was an 'E' beside the readings and telling Council the bill was too high. It was explained to Ms. David that due to weather all water bills were estimated and it will auto correct on the next billing.

City Judge Kurt Curfman presented written reports: For the month of November 2022, we had receipts of \$577.00. There were 4 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. Currently, we have an outstanding balance of fines and court costs due the City of \$12,431.00. All local, state, and federal reports are current. For the month of December 2022, we had receipts of \$772.00. There were 2 new complaints filed with the Court from the Marshal. These were for State or City Ordinance violations. Currently, we have an outstanding balance of fines and court costs due the City of \$11,714.00. All local, state, and federal reports are current.

City Marshal Hayden Gray submitted written reports for November and December 2022: Monthly Activity Report

(11/1/2022-11/30/2022)

Complaints received:

- Animal Complaints: 2
- Traffic Complaints: 1
- Noise Complaint: 1
- Accumulation of Junk: 0
- Excessive Weeds: 0

Calls for service:

On duty: 5 Call-out: 2

Reports:

Criminal Reports: 1, Traffic Stop Reports: 0, Information Reports: 0, Ordinance Violation: 0

Traffic Stops: 17, Traffic Citations issued: 5, Warnings issued: 11

City Ordinance Citations Issued: 1, City Ordinance Warnings issued: 4

Activity Report

(12/1/2022-12/31/2022)

Complaints received:

- Animal Complaints: 2
- Traffic Complaints: 1
- Noise Complaint: 0
- Accumulation of Junk: 0
- Excessive Weeds: 0
- Other: 1

Calls for service:

On duty: 3 Call-out: 4

Reports:

Criminal Reports: 2, Traffic Stop Reports: 1, Information Reports: 0, Ordinance Violation: 0

Traffic Stops: 7, Traffic Citations issued: 1, Warnings issued: 6

City Ordinance Citations Issued: 0, City Ordinance Warnings issued: 0, Class "C" Citations Issued: 1

Public Works Director, Nick York to Council they have fixed several water leaks on service lines since the extreme cold we had in December, as well as a leak on a 6" main at the City park. The fence is installed at the ground storage tank, as well as the fan, vent, and light at chlorine building. This was required by TCEQ from the last inspection. There have been many issues at the sewer plant and a new shaft and plate are being built, also a bearing is out.

Councilman Hunt made a motion to approve the consent agenda which included minutes from the November 14, 2022, regular meeting, bills, and department reports. Councilwoman Kingcade seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Councilman Franks made a motion to order a general election to be held on May 6, 2023, to elect three members to the City Council. Councilwoman Kingcade seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Guy Bennett, Panhandle addressed the Council regarding a name change for the PNG's gas system in Lefors. He read the following statement:

*Panhandle Natural Gas (PNG) has recently acquired Greenlight Gas in Wellington, TX. We will be assigning our PNG interests to Greenlight, so you will be seeing the name change shortly and new phone numbers. This will be a name change only and will not affect the ownership &/or operation of the Lefors gas system.*

*Many of you have inquired about other options for paying your bill, we will now have those options of bank draft, etc. and an overall better billing system. We are hoping to have Lefors on the new system by February 1.*

*So, over the next couple of months, please be aware of receiving correspondence from PNG &/or Greenlight Gas concerning this matter as we transition to the new and improved billing and payment system.*

*You may see PNG/Greenlight Gas service vehicles and equipment in town as we are currently making upgrades and improvements.*

*Should you have any questions, please contact Guy at 405-448-0617 or Lisa at 405-448-0196.*

*We appreciate your business.*

*Guy & Lisa*

Consideration of purchasing new doors, tables, and chairs was tabled for a future meeting.

Councilman Franks made a motion to allow students at Lefors ISD to paint a "Pirates Path" on the roads from the School to the Football Field. Councilwoman Hess seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Councilwoman Kingcade made a motion to approve first reading of Ordinance 2023-0109, which updates the fee schedule to remove fees for gas. Councilman Hunt seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Councilman Franks made a motion to approve additions to the Marshal's Policy Manual as recommended by the City Marshal. Councilman Gee seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Council went into executive session at 7:33 p.m. to discuss employee merit raises.

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

Councilman Hunt brought forth his motion made in executive session to increase Maxine Stephens pay rate to \$16.00 per hour. Councilwoman Kingcade seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Councilman Hunt brought forth his motion made in executive session to increase Kurt Curfman's salary to \$700.00 per month. Councilwoman Kingcade seconded. Councilmembers Hunt, Kingcade, Hess, and Gee vote For. Councilman Franks voted Against. Motion passed.

Councilman Hunt brought forth his motion made in executive session to increase Hayden Gray's salary by 1% due to Marshal Gray earning his Intermediate Peace Officer's License. Councilwoman Kingcade seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

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City Secretary

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Mayor