

MINUTES
Lefors City Council Meeting
January 15, 2024 - 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, Ashley Miller, Jerry Stegall, and Aaron Hunt.

Mayor Ray led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Gee said the Invocation.

There were no comments from citizens.

City Judge Kurt Curfman presented written reports: For the month of November 2023, we had receipts of \$388.00. 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 \$10,304.00. All local, state, and federal reports are current. For the month of December 2023, we had receipts of \$2,629.00. There were 14 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 \$11,560.00. All local, state, and federal reports are current.

City Marshal Hayden Gray submitted written reports for November and December

2023: Monthly Activity Report

(11/1/2023-11/30/2023)

Complaints received:

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

Calls for service:

On duty: 2 Call-out: 1

Reports:

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

Traffic Stops: 28, Traffic Citations issued: 9, Warnings issued: 19

City Ordinance Citations Issued: 0, City Ordinance Warnings issued: 2

Activity Report

(12/1/2023-12/31/2023)

Complaints received:

- Animal Complaints: 0
- Traffic Complaints: 6
- Noise Complaint: 0
- Accumulation of Junk: 0
- Excessive Weeds: 0
- Other: 2

Calls for service:

On duty: 2 Call-out: 11

Reports:

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

Traffic Stops: 25, Traffic Citations issued: 13, Warnings issued: 13

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

Yearly Activity Report

(1/1/2023-12/31/2023)

Complaints received:

- Animal Complaints: 21
- Traffic Complaints: 16
- Noise Complaint: 8
- Accumulation of Junk: 0
- Excessive Weeds: 0
- Other: 10

Calls for service:

On duty: 38 Call-out: 62

Reports:

Criminal Reports: 23, Traffic Stop Reports: 6, Information Reports: 8, Ordinance Violation: 5

Traffic Stops: 283, Traffic Citations issued: 112, Warnings issued: 174

City Ordinance Citations Issued: 11, City Ordinance Warnings issued: 33, Class "C" Citations Issued: 1, Arrests: 15, EDO: 1, EDO transport: 1

Public Works Director, Nick York reported they have been working to clear the sewer mains on Main and Thut, and all the manholes on the west side of Thut were full of sand. A pump truck was called in and the lines are now clear. Three manholes were located by the City Shop that had been buried.

Councilwoman Kingcade made a motion to approve the consent agenda which included minutes from the November 13, 2023, regular meeting, bills, and department reports. Councilman Hunt seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Max Seymore with PRPC joined the meeting by speaker phone and presented the Section 3 goals and requirements as it relates to the City's Texas Community Block Grant (TXCDBG) Water System and Wastewater System Improvements Project No. CDV21-0173. Seymore also included information on employment opportunities of low and very low-income people as well as residents residing in the community as required by Section 3. The City has received a \$350,000 grant for repair of water and sewer lines in the infrastructure of the City.

Caleb Martinez addressed Council regarding the bids received for the CDGB Project. A bid was received in the amount of 356,616.00 from Bo Simon Inc., and a bid in the amount of \$239,271 from West Texas Utility Contractors Inc. Councilwoman Miller made a motion to award the bid to West Texas Utility Contractors Inc. who submitted the lowest bid, including associated alternates, in the amount of \$239,271.00 for the City's TXCDGB Community Development Project #CDV21-0173. Councilwoman Kingcade seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Paul Kruger with Parkhill addressed the Council regarding the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) project for the wastewater treatment plant. Kruger went over some history of the project, stating bids originally went out in the summer of 2022 and all bids came in high. The clarifier was removed from the project and a change order was applied for from the TWDB. The TWDB approved the change order in June of 2023. In the meantime, the screw pumps had doubled in price, so a different type of pump will be used. Kruger said all the parts should be received in February and work should begin the first part of March and will take a couple of months to complete. The project replaces the aerator, two pumps, draw off valve, and optional screens.

Uriel Garcia, Resound Networks, presented request to Council to change to Resound Networks as the City's phone/internet provider. Garcia provided a plan that included one a one-time charge of for equipment and installation of \$1,146.68 which includes City Hall,

Municipal Court/City Marshal offices, and the City Barn. Monthly cost for phone and internet service will be \$246.80. Garcia stated the City would be a priority if there was an outage and would be put back online as soon as possible. Councilman Stegall made a motion to accept proposal from Resound. Councilman Gee seconded. Council members Stegall, Gee, Miller, and Hunt voted for. Council member Kingcade abstained. Motion passed.

A bid from JCH for new signal transmitters for the existing McCrometer flow meters on Well 7 and Well 8 was tabled until the next meeting.

Councilwoman Kingcade made a motion accept bid from Jerry Stegall in the amount of \$2,500.00 to repair the fence around the old dump ground that was damaged in the wildfire. Councilman Hunt seconded. Council members Kingcade, Hunt, Miller, and Gee voted for. Councilman Stegall abstained. Motion passed.

Councilwoman Miller made a motion to refinance and extend the loan with Government Capital Corporation. Councilman Hunt seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Marshal Gray presented the annual Racial Profiling Report for Council review. No action taken.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

City Secretary

Mayor