

MINUTES
Lefors City Council Meeting
November 8, 2021 - Regular Session

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

Mayor Ray led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Gee said the Invocation.

No citizens comments.

Landon Roberts, Public Works Supervisor and City Marshal submitted an oral report: Public Works-The aerator is repaired and running at the wastewater plant, two water leaks have been repaired, and have had several sewer main plugs which have been cleared. The chlorine building should be ready after Thanksgiving, Have been pricing buildings for wells. A 64x64 building for well 7 will be \$700.00. A larger building will be needed for well 8 because of how the pipe is and an 80x80 is too short but that size is \$1800.00. The wells need to be covered to protect the SCADA system that will be installed soon. The chlorine scales are not working correctly and we need new scales. Marshal-1 arrest, 2 citations, several agency assists, 1 dog bite, and some drugs were confiscated off the street.

City Judge Kurt Curfman submitted a written report:

For the month of October 2021, we had receipts of \$234.00. There were two new complaints or citations filed with the Court from the Marshal. These were for state law and City Ordinances. At this current time, we have an outstanding balance of fines and court costs due the City of \$7,554.00. All local, state, and federal reports are current.

Councilman Hunt made a motion to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes from the October 11, 2021, regular meeting, bills, and department reports. Councilman Gee seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

A discussion was held with Trey Fankhauser with Panhandle Corrosion, LLC. He stated that he is interested in purchasing the gas system but he has many things to consider, one of which that the system is in bad shape and could cost millions to repair. He is concerned about the integrity of the pipeline and the safety that the cathodic protection has provided. The City has a high gas loss, and that is another factor of concern. More discussion will be held at a later date.

Councilman Hunt made a motion to split the City's 11 votes for Gray County Appraisal District's Board of Directors, giving four votes each Peter Denney and Jeff Haley, and three votes to David Haynes. Councilman Gee seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Discussion was held regarding adopting a plan for expenditures and a Project Report for the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CLFRF) in the amount of \$59,518.63 allocated to the City. It was agreed that the funding should be used for infrastructure. A plan will be drafted and placed on the agenda at a future meeting.

Councilman Hunt made a motion to add the Trackback feature, which is a link that allows viewing of the original Ordinance, in our online Code of Ordinances with Franklin Legal for the amount of \$650.00 per year. Councilwoman Hess seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Councilman Gee made a motion to set the compensation amount at \$400.00 per month for the office of Mayor, which will begin at the start of the next term of office. Councilman Hunt seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Council convened into executive session at 8:04 pm.

Council returned to regular session at 8:15 pm.

Councilman Hunt brought forth his motion made in executive session to set Christopher Ryan's pay rate at \$16.00 per hour. Councilwoman Hess seconded. Vote unanimous Motion passed.

Councilman Gee brought forth his motion made in executive session to pay Chad Young \$16.00 per hour for contract labor. Councilman Hunt seconded. Vote unanimous Motion passed.

Councilwoman Hess brought forth her motion made in executive session to increase Maxine Stephen's pay from \$10.00 to \$14.00 per hour. Councilman Gee seconded. Vote unanimous Motion passed.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.



City Secretary

Mayor