

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

Mayor Michael Ray called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Present were Council members Ashley Miller, Keith Franks, and James Gee. Council member Savannah Kingcade was absent. Mayor Ray led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilman Gee said the Invocation.

Larry Franks addressed the Council during public comments. He presented each Council member and the City Secretary with a drink from Sonic and said that was in appreciation of their service to the City. Franks also stated that a lack of communication between the citizens and the City is what fuels rumors and suggested the City look into getting a web page. Franks also asked where citizens can put limbs. (There is a roll off in the shop yard for limb disposal.)

In his written report Judge Kurt Curfman reported for the month of February 2021, the City had receipts of \$20.45, and 1 new complaint or citation was filed with the court from the Marshal. At this time, there is an outstanding balance of fines and court costs due the City of \$9,425.55, and the City is current with all local, state, and federal reports.

Public Works Director Brody Crupe reported to Council that one pump has been pulled at the sewer plant because it burned up. B & G Electric is working on a different system for the effluent as it is losing prime. The ground storage tank needs to have lines put in place to install a pressure gauge and the chlorination of the City water will be changed to chlorinate as its coming into the tank instead of going out, waiting on a quote from Odessa Pumps. There is a water main leak on Thut and Main that will be repaired tomorrow. The water system will be shut down as the break is located right under a gas line and a water shut off valve cannot be located.

Mayor Ray informed Council that he has a call scheduled on Thursday with Texas Water Development Board Director Kathleen Jackson. Hopefully, after the call we will have some answers on the delay on the approval of the plans submitted by Parkhill to begin the bidding process for construction at the wastewater plant.

Councilwoman Miller made a motion to approve the consent agenda including minutes of the February 22, 2021 special meeting, bills, and department reports. Councilman Gee seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Councilwoman Miller made a motion to add fire department vehicles, building, and workman's comp coverage to the City policy, with Fire Department reimbursing the City quarterly and agreeing to fully comply with the policies of the City of Lefors regarding the conduct of its members which will be in compliance with the City's rules, regulations, and policies as contained in the City of Lefors Employees Handbook and outlined in an agreement between the City and the Lefors Volunteer Fire Department. Councilman Gee seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Councilman Gee made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-0308-2, a resolution denying Southwestern Public Service Company's proposed rate increase and authorizing the City's continued participation with other cities in the Alliance of Xcel Municipalities (AXM). Councilman Franks seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

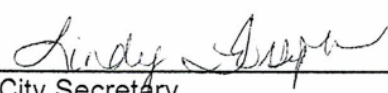
Council convened into executive session at 7:32 p.m. to discuss personnel issues 1) a complaint filed against an employee, and 2) discuss appointing a deputy marshal.

Council returned to open session at 8:00 p.m.


Councilman Gee brought forth his motion made in executive session for the City to carry the TCOLE commission for Larry Rumrill and to appoint him part time volunteer deputy Marshal with no compensation. Councilwoman Miller seconded. Gee and Miller for. Franks against. Motion passed.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.



City Secretary



Mayor