

MINUTES
Lefors City Council Meeting
April 11, 2022 - Regular Session

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Michael Ray. Present were Council members Codi Hess, Keith Franks, James Gee and Aaron Hunt. Also present was Rick Harris, City Attorney.

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

No citizens' comments were presented.

City Judge, Kurt Curfman, submitted a written report: For the month of March 2022, we had receipts of \$741.00. There was 1 new citation or complaint filed with the Court from the Marshal. At this current time, we have an outstanding balance of fines and court costs due the City in the amount of \$5,270.00. All local, state, and federal reports are current.

City Marshal/ Public Works Director, Landon Roberts, submitted the following written reports: Sewer Report: 400 block E. 8th, 500 block E. 8th, 200 E. 2nd, replaced tap 400 block E.8th in alley and installed double cleanout, also repaired exposed sewer cleanout at the end of main on the east side of road. We are still getting rag type material through the sewer system. Water Report: We have had or currently have water leaks at following locations: 6th & McLean St., repair tap to customer. 3rd St. and Magnolia Main, leak repair. All these leaks have been repaired or currently being worked on. We have been blowing down fire hydrants. All hydrants have been tested with correct locations also with GPM for each hydrant. This list is at City Hall also a copy has been provided to the fire department. Gas Report: Had to submit PS-95 report for RRC. No Gas Leaks currently. Work Order Status: We currently have 5 open work orders. Need to replace fire hydrant at 2nd and Court St., also Main St. and E.1st. Structure fire at 300 blk E. 8th St. Lefors City Marshal Office Report: 0 Arrest, 4 Traffic Stops, 1 Traffic Citation, 3 COV Notices, 1 Agencies Assist.

Councilman Hunt made a motion to approve consent agenda items consisting of minutes of March 14, 2022, regular, bills, and department reports. Councilman Gee seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Guy Bennett, Panhandle Natural Gas, addressed the Council regarding his interest in acquiring the gas system. Mr. Bennett stated the investment his company would have to make to the system would be substantial to get the system within required regulation. Mr. Bennett added that numerous regulators and several miles of gas line would have to be replaced, meters updated and replaced, as well as general maintenance. The City would cease to be responsible for liability, reporting, billing, or meter reading. Panhandle Natural Gas would bill the accounts. Proposal will be sent to City Attorney. Item was tabled until next meeting.

City Attorney, Rick Harris discussed with Council the procedure to condemn properties. The correct owner must be located and verified as the owner. A title company needs to perform a search for the owner, and an advertisement must be placed in the paper in an attempt to notify the owner if they cannot be found. It is an involved procedure and we have a good Ordinance to enforce it. It will cost anywhere from \$300.00-\$500.00 per property. Harris also added that we need an interlocal agreement with the County for added fire protection assistance to burn the properties that are condemned.

Council went into executive session at 7:41 p.m.

Council returned to regular session at 8:01 p.m.

Councilwoman Hess made a motion to approve the expense of doing title searches and advertising on properties that need to be condemned. Councilman Hunt seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Councilman Franks made a motion to advertise that the City will be accepting bids on Property ID 17722, Lots 1-4, Block 9, Thut Heights Addition with a minimum starting bid of \$1000.00. Councilman Gee seconded . Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Mayor Ray updated Council on the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project. Paul Kreuger, an engineer with Parkhill, sent an email to the City that stated: We opened bids on 03/24/2022 and received two proposals. Both proposals were quite a bit over budget and can be seen on the attached bid tab. The low bidder's base bid was \$818,398 with an additive alternative of \$250,667. The additive alternative for this project is a new floating brush aerator, which has recently experienced failures and replacement has become necessary. Therefore, if we were able to decrease cost via change order at the maximum allowable 25% threshold, the low bidders base bid could be decreased to around \$800,000. Meaning the city would still need to produce around \$360,000 of their own funds to cover the remaining portions not budgeted through the board. We do not believe the City will be able to provide this amount and are planning to reject all proposals and re-bid the project.

Council reviewed Ordinance No. 07-0312, an ordinance establish a curfew withing the city limits of the City of Lefors, Texas, repealing all ordinances in conflict thereof and establishing a penalty for violation (Sec. 8.02.031, City Code of Ordinances). Councilwoman Hess made a motion to re-adopt Ordinance as written. Councilman Hunt 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 8:09 p.m.


City Secretary

Mayor