

MINUTES
Lefors City Council Meeting
August 15, 2022 - Regular Session

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Michael Ray. Present were Council members James Gee, Savannah Kingcade, and Aaron Hunt (by teleconference). Council members Codi Hess and Keith Franks were absent.

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

No public comments made.

Judge Kurt Curfman submitted a written report: For the month of July, we had \$334.00 in receipts and zero new complaints or citations filed with the Court from the Marshal. There have been 15 warnings issued as of August 12th by the new Marshal, Hayden Gray. Currently, we have an outstanding balance of fines and court costs due the City of Lefors of \$8,673.00. All local, state, and federal reports are current at this time.

Public Works Director, Nick York, reported that Public Works is still working on the installation of the new water line at Archie Summers, there are two water leaks off of Main St. that are on the schedule to repair, the aerator at the sewer plant has been repaired and is running, and the jet rodder is in the shop being repaired.

City Marshal, Hayden Gray submitted the following report: Monthly Activity Report (7/27/2022-8/14/2022) Complaints received: -Animal Complaints: 1 (Ticket issued) -Traffic Complaints: 0-Accumulation of Junk: 1 (Verbal warning with plan for compliance) -Excessive Weeds: 1 (in regard to city property not being in compliance, person was advised) Calls for service: On duty: 2 Call-out: 3 Reports: Criminal Reports: 2 Information Reports: 0 Ordinance Violation: 0 Traffic Stops: 12 Citations issued: 1 (City Ordinance Violation) Warnings issued: 12.

Councilwoman Kingcade made a motion to approve the consent agenda, which includes minutes of the July 11, 2022, regular meeting, bills, and department reports. Councilman Hunt seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Council reviewed and discussed the proposed budget for fiscal year 2022-23.

Councilwoman Kingcade motioned to set the proposed tax rate at \$0.93/\$100 evaluation. Councilman Gee seconded. Kingcade-For, Hunt-For, Gee-For. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Councilwoman Kingcade motioned to set a public hearing for the proposed tax rate and budget for August 29, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. Councilman Hunt seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Councilwoman Kingcade made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-0815-1, a Resolution denying Southwestern Public Service Company's proposed increase in rates; authorizing the City's continued participation with other cities in the Alliance of Xcel Municipalities (AXM) to direct the activities of lawyers and consultants; authorizing the hiring of attorneys and consultants; authorizing the intervention and participation in related rate proceedings; and requiring reimbursement of reasonable legal and consultant expenses. Councilman Gee seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Consideration of Policy and Procedures Manual for the City Marshal's Office was tabled until the next regular meeting.

Councilwoman Kingcade made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Gee seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



Cindy Sowyn
City Secretary

Mayor