



CITY OF LEADVILLE

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LEADVILLE, CO 80461

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday,
November 21, 2023**

6:00 P.M.

Council Chambers & Zoom

1. Call to order of regular council meeting at 6:01 p.m.

2. Roll call:

- a. Present:** CM Thomas, CM Grant, CM Luna-Leal, MPT Greene, CM Hill, Mayor Labbe, and CM Lauritzen
- b. Absent:**

Staff Members Present: Deputy City Clerk Hannah Scheer, City Administrator Laurie Simonson

3. Optional Pledge of Allegiance or Moment of Silence

4. Approval of the agenda: CM Hill moved to approve the agenda, and CM Thomas seconded. All present were in favor.

- a. Agenda Revisions:** None

5. Housekeeping Matters:

- a.** There are street lights that are out. Needs wiring fixed. The Street Department is aware and is working on it.
- b. Election Results**
 - i.** MPT Greene has officially been elected Leadville's first female Mayor
 - ii.** Ward 1 - Joey Edwards
 - iii.** Ward 3 - Cisco Tharp
- c.** January 2nd will be the swearing in ceremony for new members of City Council, Mayor, and appointments for Ward 2, City Clerk, and City Treasurer
- d.** Senator Bennet gave Leadville a U.S. flag that was flown at the U.S. capitol in Washington D.C.

6. Public comments for items not on the agenda:

- a. Steve Prestash
 - i. The homelessness situation needs to be addressed and the City needs to project for that in the future.
 - ii. Worst thing to happen to him in 43 years is the decision to dissolve the police department, which will lead to danger of diminishing residents voice and giving power to the developers. This will strangle the the police department as there is no due diligence for upkeep.
 - iii. This administration has allowed someone to buy up a lot of property over the last 8 years.
- b. Nancy Bailey
 - i. Thanked Mayor and Council
 - ii. Invited everyone to participate in "Shop Small Saturday" on 11/25 from 12-4 p.m. There will be a "melly" auction and other goodies.
 - iii. Excited about next week's presentation.

7. Department Reports: Included in the Packet - No Verbal Presentations**a. City Bills**

- i. MPT Greene **moved** to pay the bills, CM Luna-Leal **seconded** the motion. All present were in favor.

8. Action Items:

- a. **Resolution No. 25, Series of 2023: A Resolution Authorizing a Financial Contribution to Certain Charities for Colorado Gives Day**

CM Luna-Leal moved to approved **Resolution No. 25, Series of 2023: A Resolution Authorizing a Financial Contribution to Certain Charities for Colorado Gives Day**, CM Thomas **seconded**. All present were in favor.

9. Presentations and Discussions:**a. City Administrator's Report:**

- i. Will ask for letters of interest for Ward 2, City Clerk, and City Treasurer. Theses seats will be filled by appointment. City Administrator checked with our attorneys to make sure there was no conflict of interest if deputies are clerks/treasurers. If the Deputy City Clerk and the Financial Director assumed these rolls, it would eliminate confusion.
- ii. January 2nd will be the swearing in of new City Council members, Mayor, and appointment of Ward 2, City Clerk, and City Treasurer. January 8th will be the official day they take office.
- iii. The Tabor received a DOLA grant for a rehabilitation project to finish the last part of the exterior. There was an article in the Summit Dailey announcing this.

- iv. City Administrator is making an offer tomorrow for the roll of administrative assistant who would support the City Administrator and the Finance Director.
- v. Property tax revenue - will there be a credit? reduce mills? Spoke with attorney and they said a credit back would be a better way to go - it's allowed to be temporary.
- vi. Colorado Municipal League announced that the Colorado General Assembly convened to assess property taxes.

b. Leadville Lake County Emergency Operations Plan Presentation:

- i. In October, Emergency Operations Plan Director Claire Skeen came to City Hall to discuss changes to the plan and ask for approval. She was able to incorporate those changes in this city council meeting packet.
- ii. Thanked Chief Dailey for his contributions and edits.
- iii. Feedback outstanding regarding funding mechanisms - this doesn't affect "bones" of the plan.
- iv. There is a formal approval process every 3 years. This is a "living document" that can be reviewed/changed every year.
- v. There was a change in the types of radios emergency responders use - there was a spark that would come out of the old radio when using it in communications that could be dangerous. The new radios are safer to use in dangerous situations and it uses an electrical signal.
- vi. There will be an official resolution for the next City Council meeting to adopt the new Emergency Operations Plan.
- vii. CM Luna-Leal **moved** to adopt the new Emergency Operations Plan, CM Grant **seconded**. All present were in favor.

c. Stage and Rail Trail Financial Request:

- i. Proposed historic route in Lake County:
 - 1. 16 miles of the historic stage and rail route in Lake County is ready for designation pending resolution of private property liability issues along the Pipeline Road.
- ii. Next Steps:
 - 1. Future oversight may be vested in Lake County Parks, Recreation and Open Space Department.
 - 2. Focus shifts from route designation to public education and interpretation.
 - 3. Grant application for two-year support pending with Colorado Parks and Wildlife Trails grant program.
 - 4. Match funding from Lake County and Chaffee County Commissioners, Buena Vista and Salida.
 - 5. Requesting match funding from Leadville City Council: \$1800 cash, \$250 in-kind.

- iii. An official resolution will be presented at the next city council meeting to approve funds. Documentation and an invoice is needed.

d. Further Police Department Discussion:

- i. Continuation of previous discussion - still alot to figure out
- ii. Can do better at making decisions carefully
- iii. City Administrator provided different scenarios in several cities dealing with the same situation. Analyze and pick out best parts of all of the example contracts.
- iv. Have police department cover certain shifts and the sheriff's department cover others
- v. Had a productive meeting with the police department. Wants to prevent burn-out, they said they're ok right now, morale is good. Asked if they would be ok with an interim situation and they said that would work for them.
- vi. POST is vague about interim situations regarding maintaining records, evidence, oversight of community service officers, etc.
- vii. POST wants to know where Leadville stands before they answer other questions.
- viii. Need an animal control officer ASAP. Animal Shelter staff are civilians, law enforcement is not trained to handle animals.

10. Public Comments:

- a. Steve Prestash
 - i. Water issues, change in snowfall, Colorado is in a "brown zone"
 - ii. What would happen if we ran out of water
 - iii. Development and progress are 2 different things
 - iv. We depend on our snowfall - who will be impacted? Switzerland saves snow and tarps it for future water usage.
 - v. Canterbury Tunnel could be a source of water as needs changed based on climate change
 - vi. Camp Hale - Climax water processing facility
 - vii. No rattlesnakes due to harsh weather conditions

11. Mayor's Report:

- a. Attended a fundraiser for PbSwims with a dinner at ZeroDay
- b. Kyle Crawford had an event at his place and made a donation of about \$3000 to PbSwims
- c. People are really rallying for a pool

12. Council Reports:

- a. CM Luna-Leal
 - i. Housing - ballot measure failed, Regional Housing Authority cannot be only entity applying for grants, rentals are out.
 - ii. C4 is looking for funding of \$200,000 for new projects and money towards emergency funds. Would like to have an energy program manager as a representative.

iii. Housing is heading in the right direction

13. Public Meetings Planner:

Adjournment: 8:20 p.m.

APPROVED this 5th day of December, 2023 by a vote of **7** in favor ~~0~~ against, ~~0~~ abstaining, and ~~0~~ absent.

CITY OF LEADVILLE, COLORADO

ATTEST:

By



Deputy City Clerk



