



## CITY OF LEADVILLE

800 HARRISON AVE.  
LEADVILLE, CO 80461

### REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**Wednesday,  
November 8, 2023**

**6:00 P.M.**

**Council Chambers & Zoom**

**1. Call to order** of regular council meeting at 6:01p.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, Planning Director Chapin LaChance, and City Attorney Hilary Graham

**3. Optional Pledge of Allegiance or Moment of Silence**

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

- a. Agenda Revisions:** None

**5. Housekeeping Matters:**

- a. CM Lauritzen**
  - i. There is a 4 vote difference in the Mayoral race. There are 8 ballots that could be cured. There are 8 days to cure the ballots.
- b. Mayor Labbe**
  - i. December 15th is already reserved at Freight, so we need to find a different venue for the City employee party. There is a potential to host it at the Silver Dollar.
  - ii. Proposition HH was not passed - will we provide tax relief another way? Potential to have a work session before the Mill Levy certification

**6. Public comments for items not on the agenda:** N/A

**7. Consent Agenda**

- a. CM Hill **moved** to approve the minutes of October 3rd, 2023; CM Grant **seconded**. All present were in favor.  
REVISIONS: None
- b. CM Hill **moved** to approve the minutes of October 17th, 2023; CM Grant **seconded**. All present were in favor.  
REVISIONS: None

**8. Presentations and Discussions:****a. Colorado Gives Day Proclamation**

- i. Mayor Labbe made an official proclamation that the City of Leadville will participate in Colorado Gives Day on December 5th.

**b. Railyard Phase 1 Subdivision Improvement Agreement Enforcement/Escrow Update**

- i. Planning Director LaChance gave updates regarding recent deadlines, new agreements, upcoming deadlines, newspaper coverage, and accounting of multiple escrow accounts.
- ii. Detailed updates are available in the updated packet for this meeting.

**c. Police Department Budget Discussion**

- i. City Administrator Simonson gave a presentation showing 4 options of what we can do to help the immediate situation regarding the Leadville Police Department.
- ii. Option 1 - Maintain the Leadville Police Department and Re-Staff
  - 1. Hire a new police chief
  - 2. Hire additional law enforcement officers over time to ensure 10 hour shifts
  - 3. Maintain the current administration (1 Administrative supervisor, 1 administrative assistant and 2 community service
- iii. Option 2 - Dissolve the Leadville Police Department and Merge with the County Sheriff
  - 1. Transfer all personnel? Salary? Positions?
  - 2. Transfer all vehicles?
  - 3. Transfer all equipment?
  - 4. Order new uniforms, badges, other new equipment
  - 5. Locate space for staff
  - 6. Train all new employees
- iv. Option 3 - Contract for Law Enforcement with the County Sheriff
  - 1. Contract with the Sheriff for law enforcement coverage
  - 2. Keep municipal code functions in the City (Correction - municipal code violations would still be written into the Municipal Court)
  - 3. Keep administrative functions in the City
- v. Option 4 - Combine the County Sheriff with the Leadville Police Department

1. Calls for service, patrol and law enforcement functions in the City
  2. Sheriff to provide statutory duties of oversight of prisoners and jail executions of warrants
  3. Keep municipal code functions in the City (Correction - municipal code violations would still be written into the Municipal Court)
- vi. Most City Council members voted for options 3 or 4, Councilmember Grant strongly agrees with option 1.

**9. Public Comments:**

- a. Sean - Railyard resident
  - i. John Lichtenegger did not do what he promised. He received \$51,000, there are no ADA ramps, no plow service, no actual parks (just open fields). The developer has snubbed his nose at all of us and it's time to hold him accountable.
- b. Christine - Railyard resident
  - i. They were told there wouldn't be any further extensions and that 10/31/2023 was a hard deadline, but now the developer is getting another extension.

**10. Mayor's Report: N/A****11. Council Reports:**

- a. CM Lauritzen
  - i. Property manager of 809 Spruce, Amy Tait, is still not responding to a potential new tenant. The person applying has been waiting 3 weeks and living in her car. Requested that the Mayor call Amy Tait to get the process started immediately.
- b. CM Luna-Leal
  - i. Leadville Lake County Regional Housing Authority meeting location changing from the library to a new location to be determined.

**12. Public Meetings Planner:**

- a. 11/21 - Board of County Commissioners meeting cancelled
- b. 12/15 - Posades gathering at Freight

**Adjournment: 9:09 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

