



## CITY OF LEADVILLE

800 HARRISON AVE.  
LEADVILLE, CO 80461

### REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday,  
December 19, 2023**

**6:00 P.M.**

**Council Chambers & Zoom**

**1. Call to order** of regular council meeting at 6:00 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:** City Administrator Laurie Simonson, Administrative Assistant Lori Tye, Administrative Assistant Andrew Cummins, Finance Director , Planning Director chapin LaChance,

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

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

**Agenda Revisions:** None

**5. Housekeeping Matters:**

- a. CM Grant said thank you for the City Party
- b. CM Thomas wanted to acknowledge Staff Member Tye and The City for supporting the St. George Grant
- c. Mayor Labbe clarified there will be no meeting on the 2nd of January and appointments and swearing in of the new Council Members and Mayor will be on the 9th of January.

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

- a. Steve Prestash urged council to read a news article from the Denver Post regarding a proposed law in Vermont that would bar commercial corporations from owning single family homes.

**7. Consent Agenda:** CM Luna-Leal recused himself from this vote due to a conflict of interest regarding C4, who is his employer.

**CM Lauritzen moved to approve the consent agenda, CM Thomas seconded. All present were in favor.**

- a. Minutes of December 5th, 2023
- b. Resolution No. 29, Series of 2023: A Resolution Authorizing a Financial Contribution to the Lake County Early Care and Education Fund
- c. Resolution No. 30, Series of 2023: A Resolution Authorizing a Financial Contribution to the Chaffee Housing Trust
- d. D. Resolution No. 31, Series of 2023: A Resolution Authorizing a Financial Contribution to the Cloud City Conservation Center (C4)
- e. Resolution No. 32, Series of 2023: A Resolution Authorizing a Financial Contribution to the Lake County Community Fund
- f. Resolution No. 33, Series of 2023: A Resolution Appointing Three New Board Members to the Leadville Housing Authority

**8. Presentations and Discussions:**

- a. Award's Presentation by the Mayor

**9. Department Reports:**

- a. **City Administrator's Report:** City Administrator Laurie Simonson updated the council on the following items
  - i. A new admin Assistant Andrew Cummins joined City Hall staff
  - ii. Mr. Prestashe's Denver Post article will be emailed to council
  - iii. The Central Mountain Regional Emergency Response Advisory Council awarded Chief Steve Boyle the Public Safety Official of the Year award.
  - iv. Mayor Labbe and Finance Director Hewlett met with the Mr.Parsons from the Colorado Trust
    - 1. Leadville was one of the first clients of the Colorado Trust back in 1986
    - 2. the City could get a better return on money in operating accounts
    - 3. Mr.Parsons will join the Jan 16th meeting to speak about a resolution to rejoin the Colorado Trust
  - v. Completed the National Cyber Security Review with Mr.Rabinowitz
  - vi. January 23rd the City Attorneys will join the Work Session for training new city council members
  - vii. The temporary Moratorium on off-highway vehicles will expire on January 18th

- viii. January 9th meeting will be mostly ceremonial
- ix. The city website will be updated using the company Civic Plus

Department heads gave their monthly reports.

#### 10. Action Items:

- a. **A. Public Hearing for 821 Harrison Rezoning Request 7:32pm**
  - i. Staff gave presentation (for more information please refer to council packet)
  - ii. The applicant made several points for why his property should be allowed to have a short-term rental license (for more information please refer to council packet)
  - iii. Public comments Debbie Lopez spoke in favor of Applicant
  - iv. Public comment Colin M. spoke in favor of Applicant
  - v. Public comment Mr.Prestash spoke in favor of applicant
  - vi. Public comment (over Zoom) Mrs and Mr. Stites spoke in favor of applicant
  - vii. Public comment (over Zoom) Heather Lindh spoke in favor of applicant
  - viii. Public comment (over Zoom) Matt Graham spoke in favor of Applicant
  - ix. Public comment (over Zoom) Ben spoke in favor of applicant
  - x. City Council Motioned in favor of applicant
- b. **Resolution No. 34, Series of 2023: A Resolution Adopting and Entering into the Trust Agreement for the Colorado Firefighter Heart, Cancer, and Behavioral Health Benefits Trust and Taking Other Actions in Connection Therewith**

CM Grant moved to approve Resolution No. 34, Series of 2023: A Resolution Adopting and Entering into the Trust Agreement for the Colorado Firefighter Heart, Cancer, and Behavioral Health Benefits Trust and Taking Other Actions in Connection Therewith; CM Thomas seconded.

	YES	NO	Abstain	Absent
CM Lauritzen	x			
CM Luna-Leal	x			
MPT Greene	x			
Mayor Labbe	x			
CM Grant	x			
CM Thomas	x			
CM Hill	x			

- c. Resolution No. 35, Series of 2023: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Leadville Adopting the 2024 Annual Budget for the City and Appropriating Monies for Implementation of the Budget for the Calendar Year Beginning on the First Day of January 2024, and Ending on the Last Day of December 2024**

CM Hill moved to approve; Resolution No. 35, Series of 2023: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Leadville Adopting the 2024 Annual Budget for the City and Appropriating Monies for Implementation of the Budget for the Calendar Year Beginning on the First Day of January 2024, and Ending on the Last Day of December 2024 CM Luna-Leal seconded.

	YES	NO	Abstain	Absent
CM Lauritzen	x			
CM Luna-Leal	x			
MPT Greene	x			
Mayor Labbe	x			
CM Grant	x			
CM Thomas	x			
CM Hill	x			

- d. Resolution No. 36, Series of 2023: A Resolution Certifying and Levying the Mill Levy of the City of Leadville for 2023 to Defray the Costs of Government for the City of Leadville for the 2024 Budget Year**

CM Hill moved to approve; Resolution No. 36, Series of 2023: A Resolution Certifying and Levying the Mill Levy of the City of Leadville for 2023 to Defray the Costs of Government for the City of Leadville for the 2024 Budget Year CM Greene seconded.

	YES	NO	Abstain	Absent
CM Lauritzen	x			
CM Luna-Leal	x			

MPT Greene	x			
Mayor Labbe	x			
CM Grant	x			
CM Thomas	x			
CM Hill	x			

**11. Public Comments:**

- a. Mr. Prestash give a reading of poem he wrote in college, dedicated to all the people who voted in the last election.

**12. Mayor's Report:**

- a. Mayor Labbe's last city council meeting

**13. Council Reports:**

- a. CM Luna-leal reminded the council of the regional housing authority meeting, and informed council members of the purpose of the Regional Housing Authority
- b. MPT Greene was able to tour a sight for a gold and silver reclamation project
  - i. Project may interrupt recreation pathways
  - ii. This project seems to have received proper environmental permits

**14. Public Meetings Planner:**

- a. No city council meeting on the 2nd of January
- b. Fire Safety meeting on the 5th of January

**Adjournment:** 9:32 p.m.

**APPROVED** this 16th day of January, 2024 by a vote of ☒ in favor ☒ against, ☒ abstaining, and ☒ absent.

CITY OF LEADVILLE, COLORADO

ATTEST:

By



Deputy City Clerk



