



CITY OF LEADVILLE

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday,
December 5, 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 Luna-Leal moved to approve the agenda, and CM Grant seconded. All present were in favor.

- a. **Agenda Revisions:** None

5. **Housekeeping Matters:**

- a. **Mayor:**
 - i. Colorado Gives Day - Councilmember Grant and the Mayor made a list of places to donate. They also added the Stage and Rail Trail and the Job Fair for donations.

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

- a. **Steve Prestash:**
 - i. In the news this week he saw that Silverton had a similar issue as Leadville with the Pledge of Allegiance at their city council meetings.
 - ii. When he ran for office part of his platform was to rebuild the police department. He is glad that 2 people are also in favor of this.
 - iii. Stated that he has noticed that Leadville continues to have a problem with politics and enforcing city ordinances.

7. Consent Agenda:

CM Luna-Leal moved to approve the consent agenda, MPT Greene seconded. All present were in favor.

- a. Minutes of November 8th, 2023
- b. Minutes of November 21st
- c. Resolution No. 26, Series of 2023: A Resolution Designating the City's Representative to the County Health Pool
- d. Resolution No. 27, Series of 2023: A Resolution Authorizing a Financial Contribution to the Stage and Rail Trail
- e. Resolution No. 28, Series of 2023: A Resolution Adopting the Emergency Operations Plan for the County of Lake, State of Colorado

8. Action Items:**a. Public Hearing Regarding the City's Fiscal Year 2024 Budget**

- i. 6:24 pm - Mayor opened the public hearing
- ii. 6:25 pm opened public comment
- iii. City Administrator learned that the City can make money on investments/high interest savings account
- iv. Lorraine Trotter assessed the City's finances and recommended investing City money in better ways.
- v. A Colorado Trust representative will come speak and discuss investment opportunities. Most cities go for "prime plus" - will need to figure out what that entails.
- vi. Money invested will be liquid (available)
- vii. Will need to pass a sample resolution
- viii. Inquiry from T. Bergman regarding the Animal Shelter. There is about a \$60,000 change split between the City and County. Law enforcement is trained for criminal matters and animal shelter employees are not POST certified officers. It is clear we need an animal control officer.
- ix. Acting Chief Breyer and Brenda Caraveo are looking in to what training would be needed and shelter manager Caitlin Kuczko will put together a description of what duties an animal control officer would have.
- x. Billed the County for their part of shared payments ~ \$500,000
- xi. \$3.1 million dollars due in sales tax

- xii. Snow removal - had a frequent flyer call on Sunday morning - the Street Department is on it - they can't work more than 14 hours per day or 60 hours in one week - these are Department of Transportation guidelines
- xiii. 7:18 pm - Public comment:
 - 1. Steve Prestash
 - a. Was told by a police chief that he should keep world events out of city council meetings but would like to see the potential for Leadville to have a "sister city" for donations for kids like books. Suggested places like Israel, Gaza, Ukraine and Russia for donations.
- xiv. Motion to close public hearing - CM Hill moved, CM Grant seconded, all present were in favor
- xv. 7:23 pm Public Hearing closed
- xvi. Mayor is committed to sending out a budget before December 19th so City Council can review it for approval. 1/10/2024 is the very last day budgets can be approved.

9. Presentations and Discussions:

a. City Administrator's Report:

- i. Street Department took out the flashing bulbs from the street lights, looking in to what we would need in order to fix them.
- ii. The Type III for the Fire Department is working out great
- iii. 12/5 - All staff meeting - would like all employees to opt-in to FAMLI
- iv. Office of Emergency Management Director Claire Skeen is working on updating the hazard mitigation plan, there will be a live public survey in English and Spanish.
- v. Would like City employees to have trainings regarding best practices, ethics, etc. with our attorneys
- vi. Had a meeting with the police department regarding shift coverage and a contract with the County on evidence management. Morale with PD is good right now. Perla and Joanna have helped keep the team together. Perla is doing excellent work taking on a leadership role.
- vii. Acting Chief Breyer put together an operations plan for the Parade of Lights
- viii. There is a meeting with the County this Thursday

10. Public Comments: N/A

11. Mayor's Report:

- a. 12/15 - City employee holiday party at the Silver Dollar
 - i. 2 employee of the year awards
 - ii. Drink tickets and food

- b. MPT Greene and the Mayor attended a Mayor summit. Mentioned how many people talked about how uncivil their councils and communities are to each other and was proud to say Leadville doesn't have that issue.
- c. Robert's Rules - short and sweet rules about how to operate in a municipality - potential to put them in to an ordinance

12. Council Reports:

- a. CM Grant
 - i. May be late to the Leadville Urban Renewal Authority meeting
- b. CM Luna-Leal
 - i. Was approached by a Hispanic outdoors group. Was invited to join the conservation leadership team. This group focuses on environmental impact on Latino and Hispanic communities. There is a quarterly Zoom meeting with big leadership teams working on solutions to issues impacting their communities.
 - ii. Housing - feeling comfortable with the land acquisition. The land from the hospital has already been acquired - now looking to school land. Would like a plac to see directly where the money is going. Match is tied to DOLA grant. More land will be needed in 2024. The County is funding rental assistance with Full Circle.

13. Public Meetings Planner: N/A

Adjournment: 7:56 p.m.

APPROVED this 19th day of December, 2023 by a vote of 7 in favor, 8 against, 0 abstaining, and 0 absent.

CITY OF LEADVILLE, COLORADO

ATTEST:

By



Deputy City Clerk

