



CITY OF LEADVILLE

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LEADVILLE, CO 80461

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday
February 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:** 6 - Mayor Labbe, CM Lauritzen, CM Hill, CM Luna-Leal, MPT Greene, and CM Forgensi
 - b. **Absent:** 1 - CM Grant

Staff Members Present: Deputy City Clerk Hannah Scheer, City Administrator Laurie Simonson, , Director of Finance Dawna Schneider, Planning Director Chapin LaChance, Fire Department Chief Dan Dailey, Interim Police Chief Ken Chavez, Street Department Manager Tony Medina, Animal Shelter Managers Caitlin Kuczko and Jenna Geldreich, and City Attorney Christiana McCormick

3. **Approval of the agenda:** CM Hill **moved** to approve the agenda, and MPT Greene **seconded**. All present were in favor.
 - a. **Agenda Revisions: None**

4. **Housekeeping Matters:**

CM Lauritzen requested that a grid of who voted and how be added to the City Council Meeting minutes.

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

6. **Consent Agenda:**

CM Luna-Leal **moved** to approve the minutes of 2/7/2023; CM Hill **seconded**. All present were in favor.

7. **Presentations & Discussions:**

- a. **St. George:**
 - In 1992 community meals began – hope food programs will become a staple.
 - In 2020 the food pantry was formed as a direct result of COVID; they now have a mobile pantry as well.
 - In 2021 St. George made efforts to prioritize healthy and culturally relevant food.
 - There is now a community kitchen available.
 - St. George is losing its SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) funding.

- Many families and individuals in our community are homeless or transient.
- \$1 = 1.81 lbs. of food or 1.5 meals at St. George
- Focus is on providing a welcoming and safe space for people to eat.
- St. George's projected budget for food in 2023 is \$250,000 with a \$50,000 gap. – They have asked the City for help filling that gap.
- MPT Greene asked what other sources they are looking into for funding such as grants, flexible funding, and revenue generating options.
- Mayor Labbe asked for a formal proposal to City Council, including a fact sheet.

b. Transit Update - CANCELLED

c. Title 17 - National Historic Landmark District Amendments: Schedule and Process

- Proposed Amendment #1 – Address the 6-month demolition loophole
- Proposed Amendment #2 – Allow sight visits by staff
- Proposed Amendment #3 – Expand applicability of code
 - From:
 - Retail Core
 - Vacant Residential
 - Demolitions
 - To include:
 - Additions
 - Exterior Modifications
 - Commercial
 - Within National Historic League District
- Current Status:
 - Majority support of City Council
 - Minor technical amendments requested by City Council
- Draft Proposed Process:
 - Two (2) separate ordinances:
 - Ordinance A:
 - Address 6-month demolition loophole
 - Allow site visits
 - Ordinance B:
 - Expand applicability
- Draft Proposed Process and Timeline:
 - Ordinance A (6-month demo loophole and site visits)
 - Planning and Zoning Commission public hearing: 3/22
 - City Council 1st reading: 4/4
 - City Council 2nd reading: 5/16
 - Then can remove demolition moratorium (effective until 11/14/2023)

- Ordinance B (Applicability)
 - 1st Open House @ HPC (Historic Preservation Commission): 4/11
 - 2nd Open House @ HPC (Historic Preservation Commission): 5/9
 - Planning and Zoning Commission public hearing: 5/24
 - City Council 1st reading: 6/6
 - City Council 2nd reading: 7/18
- Purpose of Draft Process:
 - To allow time for open houses to discuss expanded applicability without unnecessarily dragging out 6 month demolition loophole ordinance, allowing for the demolition moratorium to be lifted at least 2 months sooner.
- Purpose of Open Houses:
 - Clarify intent of expanded applicability:
 - Allow staff, HPC (Historic Preservation Commission), and/or City Council the opportunity to review additions, exterior modifications, commercially protect the character, charm, and authenticity of the City's National Historic League District.
 - Think: Modern character façade replacements, attached multiple - story ADU's, bars, restaurants, offices, in traditional residential areas.
 - Provide simple, administrative, staff level process for homeowners to obtain approval for maintenance projects including reroofs, window replacements, painting, etc.
 - Think: 1-page form available online, email, or in-person "over-the-counter" approval, small fee.

d. The City Administrator updated the public on the following:

- Community Justice Center:
 - Had a board meeting with the design team
 - Costs have risen from \$44 million to \$60 million
 - Options are to continue with the current design – or – look at phasing of development/renovating current building.
 - Would prefer thoughtful planning as opposed to a rush for the next construction season.
- Facilities:
 - Comprehensive look at what other cities have done.
 - Some used local architects, had ideas for renovation.
 - Gypsum had a comprehensive analysis done that cost \$126,000.
 - Heat in City Hall – Tolin Mechanical assessed the boiler and said it may work for another year, or could quit tomorrow.
 - It would cost roughly \$115,000 for a new boiler to be placed beside the old boiler, as it is too expensive to move the old boiler.

- **Parklet:**
 - Construction has resumed and is on track for completion.
 - Trestles are up, and they're putting plywood down for the roof.
 - Discussing plants and landscape plan.
 - Hope to do a community paver project – when the pavers go in to lay the cement, community members could potentially design their own space on the sidewalk.

- **2A Revenue:**
 - Distributed \$70,000 to the Housing Director, pro-rated for 2022
 - \$20,000 in September 2022, \$50,000 in February 2023 – Regional Housing Authority as per the intergovernmental agreement with Lake County. Now has operating funds.
 - Tourism Panel: 1.92% allocation

- **City Hall Expenses:**
 - Copier use cost is down \$200/month since City Council started using tablets instead of paper.

- **Main Street:**
 - Still a stand-alone entity
 - Offices at the Tabor Home
 - Lake County Community Fund 501C3 Sponsor

- **Brittany Petterson – US Representative**
 - Friday, February 24th
 - Elected Officials Meeting 1:30pm at City Hall
 - Community Event 5:00pm at the Golden Burro
 - Thank you/introduction/meeting with all the communities

- **Lake County Community Fund – State of the Community Event**
 - 3/30/2023 5:00pm - 7:00pm at the Freight

- **City Council Work Session with Planning and Zoning**
 - Regarding short-term rentals
 - 2/28/2023 at 6:00pm

- **Police Department**
 - Former Chief Edwards last day was 2/3/2023.
 - Interim Chief Chavez will be here to help as long as needed.
 - Process to obtain a new Chief of Police will begin in the near future.

- **Human Resources Director:**
 - Promising candidate
 - In the process of checking references – so far only glowing reviews

8. Departments gave their monthly reports.

9. Public Meetings Planner:

- Sanitation is the second Wednesday of the month
- 3/30/2023 – State of the Community at 5:00pm at the Freight
- 3/7/2023 – Tourism Town Meeting at 8:30om

10. Mayor's Report:

- 2/23/2023 – Vero Open House at Mineral 1886 at 5:00pm
- 2/24/2023 – Brittany Petterson at City Hall at 1:30 pm and the Golden Burro at 5:00 pm
- 2/25/2023 – Leadville Lopper

11. Council Reports:

- CM Luna-Leal – Housing
 - Chaffee Housing issues with development board
 - Homelessness 12 + 29 = actively without resources
 - Advocates application with HUD was denied for expansion

12. Adjournment: 8:10 p.m.

APPROVED this 7th day of March 2023 by a vote of 6 in favor 0 against, 0 abstaining, and 1 absent.

CITY OF LEADVILLE, COLORADO

ATTEST:

By



Deputy City Clerk

