



CITY OF LEADVILLE

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday,
February 7, 2023

6:00 P.M.

Council Chambers & Zoom

1. Call to order of regular council meeting at 6:05 p.m.
2. Roll call:
 - a. Present: 6 - Mayor Labbe, CM Grant, CM Hill, CM Luna-Leal, MPT Greene, and CM Forgensi
 - b. Absent: 1 - CM Lauritzen

Staff Members Present: Deputy City Clerk Hannah Scheer, City Administrator Laurie Simonson, Chief Dan Dailey, Director of Finance Dawna Schneider, Planning Director Chapin LaChance, City Attorney Christiana McCormick

3. **Approval of the agenda:** CM Grant moved to approve the agenda, and CM Luna-Leal seconded. All present were in favor.
 - a. **Agenda Revisions:** Move item 8D to after item 8F

4. Housekeeping Matters:

CM Luna-Leal would like to consider the need to have a Leadville Police Department. Suggested some of the money the City puts into the police department could go to the Sheriff's office and let them "get the ball rolling" to make sure we have functioning law enforcement. and perhaps in the future, come back to reconsider having a police department. Mentioned he doesn't understand why we need a police department and a sheriff's office if the goal is the same.

CM Grant spoke on human trafficking awareness. She attended a professional development class and thinks it would be beneficial for others to attend as well. It is a 3-hour course and would like to bring it to City Hall and have it in the forefront of the minds of our first responders.

MPT Greene suggested the City have signs in the public restrooms for awareness of human trafficking and a contact number for help. CM Grant expanded on that and said the signs should be in both English and Spanish.

Chief Chavez said it is important to educate hotels and motels as far as what to look for regarding human trafficking. He can help train officers and hotel/motel workers to be aware of what the tell-tale signs of trafficking look like. They are easy to spot if you know what you're looking for.

5. Public comments for items not on the agenda:

Cisco Tharp commented on the current situation with the Leadville Police Department. Mentioned the situation regarding former Chief Edwards looks concerning from the outside, the public does not know

what is going on. This has affected the whole Edwards family. Cisco knows we are at a place where law enforcement has to earn back trust. Requests that those elected officials in charge of accountability keep a critical eye on the situation. Did former Chief Edwards do anything to warrant this? How much money is this costing the tax payers to manage? Was it handled well? Are these officers fit for duty? Did the officers act with integrity when they wrote the letter in October? Officers have a lot of power, and as a community member and an advocate, he wants to make sure that these officers are acting with high integrity with that power.

Devin Cannel agrees with most of Cisco's points. He is concerned about the timing of the situation with former Chief Edwards. Is this an HR or a public issue? This situation affects how he views the Leadville Police Department and City leadership. He trained as an officer under former Chief Edwards and said he experienced professionalism while there. He did experience negative attitudes and disgruntled officers during Covid, blaming the Chief for things not under his control. Understands that these issues are not cut and dry and that the public does not have all of the information, but wanted to communicate his experience and the impression he is receiving from the public.

6. Consent Agenda:

CM Hill **moved** to approve the minutes of 1/17/2023; CM Luna-Leal **seconded**. All present were in favor to approve the minutes with revisions below.

- a. "CIRSA" not "CERSA"
- b. The County's Off-Highway Vehicle Ordinance is not a ban
- c. Barb Abeyta was appointed by Mayor Labbe, not Dan Osborn
- d. The Mining Museum is negotiating with the House with the Eye regarding displays to have on show

7. Presentations & Discussions:

- A. **City Administrator Report** – Laurie Simonson gave a year-in review of the City Departments and their accomplishments in 2022.

8. Actionable Items:

- A. Ski-Joring - Altitude Network Streaming Funding Request of \$6000

MPT Greene **moved** to approve the funding, and CM Forgensi **seconded**. The vote was 5-1-0-1

- B. Resolution No. 3, Series of 2023 – A Resolution Adopting an Updated Fee Schedule for the City of Leadville

CM Forgensi **moved** to approve the Resolution, and CM Grant **seconded**. The vote was 6-0-0-1

- C. Resolution No. 4, Series of 2023 – A Resolution Approving a Memorandum of Understanding with Lake County Acting Through the Lake County Sheriff's Office for Services by the Victim Services Unit

CM Luna-Leal **moved** to approve the Resolution, and CM Grant **seconded**. The vote was 6-0-0-1

- D. Ordinance No. 1, Series of 2023: An Ordinance Establishing a Temporary Moratorium on the Acceptance, Processing, and Approval of Any New Business Licenses for the Rental, Leasing, or Guiding of Off-Highway Vehicles in the City of Leadville – Second Reading

Public Hearing Opened at 7:48 p.m.

Public Hearing Closed at 7:51 p.m., CM Hill **moved**, CM Luna-Leal **seconded**.

CM Luna-Leal **moved** to approve the Ordinance, and MPT Greene **seconded**. The vote was 5-1-0-1

- E. Ordinance No. 12, Series of 2022: An Ordinance Amending Section 2.48.020 of the Leadville Municipal Code and Adding New Sections 2.36.080 and 2.48.060 to Permit Members of the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Historic Preservation Commission to Receive Meeting Stipends Approved by City Council – Second Reading

Public Hearing Opened at 7:52 p.m.

Public Hearing Closed at 7:57 p.m., CM Grant **moved**, CM Forgens **seconded**.

CM Hill **moved** to approve the Ordinance, and CM Luna-Leal **seconded**. The vote was 6-0-0-1

- F. Resolution No. 5, Series of 2023: A Resolution Setting a Meeting Stipend for Regular Members of the Planning and Zoning Commission and Historic Preservation Commission

CM Grant **moved** to approve the Resolution, and CM Luna-Leal **seconded**. The vote was 6-0-0-1

9. Public Meetings Planner:

2/28/2023 – City Council Work Session regarding short-term rentals at 6:00 p.m.

Sanitation Department changed their meeting is the second Wednesday of every month at 5:00 p.m. The next meeting is 2/8/2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Parkville Water’s meeting is the second Thursday of each month.

Tourism Panel has meetings every other month, but none in February or April.

10. Mayor’s Report:

The City bought a speaker system for Leadville and has final say on who uses it and how, as we want to make sure it is being properly taken care of.

The Board of County Commissioners placed a moratorium on Off-Highway Vehicles

Packed weekend coming up the weekend of March 4th and 5th:

3/3/2023 – Spirit of the Shaft at the Mining Museum 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
 3/4/2023 - Colorado Conference National Snowshoe Race
 3/4/2023-3/5/2023 - Ski-joring
 Mineral Belt Mayhem
 Sprints on the Avenue for High School kids

11. Council Reports:

MPT Greene asked that we add the City Council’s and Mayor’s wages to an upcoming work session.

2/21/2023 Work Session – CM Grant will be absent

CM Luna-Leal noted that the current homeless count in Leadville is 29 people on a regular basis. People are doubling up in homes which can lead to discomfort, abuse, couch-surfing, etc. He also mentioned that the State of Colorado is set to repeal the ban on rent control. He wants to make sure Leadville is being properly represented – it is becoming unlivable to the point where people in the community have to drive to another town to work and/or live.

CM Grant mentioned that her church is working with a family of 9 that is currently homeless.

CM Forgensi is on his second week in Idaho Springs. He has noticed a demand for recreation, and Idaho Springs has a recreation center, which he feels Leadville should implement as well. There are more and more people interested in living in Leadville. Leadville and its residents should be prepared for an influx (almost double) of tourists.

12. Adjournment: 8:18 p.m.

APPROVED this 21st day of February 2023 by a vote of 6 in favor 0 against, 0 abstaining, and 1 absent.

CITY OF LEADVILLE, COLORADO

ATTEST:

By



 Deputy City Clerk

