



CITY OF LEADVILLE

800 HARRISON AVE.
LEADVILLE, CO 80461

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

Staff Members Present: Deputy City Clerk Hannah Scheer, Planning Director Chapin LaChance, City Administrator Laurie Simonson, and City Attorney Christiana McCormick

3. **Approval of the agenda:** CM Luna-Leal **moved** to approve the agenda, and CM Hill **seconded**. All present were in favor.
 - a. **Agenda Revisions:**
4. **Housekeeping Matters:**
 - Work Session requested on April 11th, 2023
5. **Public comments for items not on the agenda:**
 - -Steve Prestach:
 - Does not feel that City Council wants to hear from the public and is minimizing citizen participation.
 - Believes there is a conflict of interest for Councilmember Lauritzen to be the County Clerk and Recorder as well as a City Council member.
 - Claire Skeen:
 - April 19th at 10:00 am - Emergency Services Council Meeting at CMC in Climax room 401. This meeting is open to all.
 - The purpose is to provide a forum of cooperation, communication, and coordination among the entities providing emergency services to the citizens and visitors of Lake County and Leadville.
 - April 20th at 2:30 pm - Continuity of Operations Plan Training at the public library.
 - April 5th at 10:30 am – Regional field manager to host a training class for Emergency and Disaster Considerations for executives.

6. Consent Agenda:

CM Luna-Leal **moved** to approve the minutes of 3/7/2023; CM Grant **seconded**. All present were in favor.

7. Presentations and Discussions:**a. Rural Jump Start Presentation – Morgan Vankat presenting**

- i.** Tax relief and grant program
- ii.** Benefitting new businesses and new hires who locate into Jump-Start Zones
- iii.** Rural, economically distressed counties as designated by OEDIT
- iv.** Tax Benefits
 - 1.** New business relief:
 - a.** State income tax
 - b.** State sales and use tax
 - c.** County and Municipal business personal property tax
 - 2.** Qualified Employee Relief:
 - a.** State income tax
- v.** Grant Benefits:
 - 1.** \$20,000 Operating Grant
 - a.** 3:1 match of business expenses
 - 2.** \$2500 Grant per new hire
 - a.** Salary above county AAW - \$52,367
 - b.** Full-time, 80% or more of time in zone
 - c.** Employed for at least 6 months
 - 3.** Grant Program Expires on June 30, 2024
- vi.** Business Rules of Rural Jump-Start
 - 1.** Not be operating in Colorado at time of application (Not actively selling product)
 - 2.** Not compete with a similar business in their or an adjacent economically distressed county/zone (ONLY Lake County)
 - 3.** Must export product/service outside of the zone
 - 4.** Must hire at least 5 employees over 4 years at or above county's AAW \$52,637
 - 5.** Must be sponsored by a Designated Institute of Higher Education or and Economic Development Organization (EDO)
 - a.** Southern Colorado Economic Development District
 - b.** CMU/WCC or CMC
 - 6.** Allows local partnerships in the zone
 - 7.** IHE can mean internships, knowledge sharing and future employment
- vii.** Impacts on the County
 - 1.** Relief from county and municipal business personal property tax for the new business
 - a.** Only for RJS approved businesses
 - b.** 4 or 8 years of the RJS program only
 - c.** Does not affect sales and use tax
 - 2.** No fiscal impact until business is admitted to the Rural Jump Start Program
- viii.** Becoming a Jump-Start Zone

1. County Commissioners need to pass a Resolution, apply and be approved by the EDC
 2. Municipalities pass similar Resolution and be approved by the EDC
 3. Waives county and municipal business personal property tax for potential RJS businesses
- ix. Application Process:
1. <https://oedit.colorado.gov/rjs>
 2. Click on 'Create or Log in to an Account'
 3. Follow the steps to apply

b. Transit Update – County Manager Bergman

- i. Received MMOF Funding
- ii. Waiting for determination from CDOT while they wait for an answer from the Federal Government about how the money will flow into the County – Mostly likely will come in through the Division of Transit and Rail (DTR)
- iii. 75/25 split
 1. We were awarded a little over \$1.3 million
 2. The County has set aside \$450,000 for that
- iv. Because County received so much from the MMOF funding, they will not be awarded any Federal Transit money for operations
- v. Does not impact 5311 funding from CDOT
- vi. Moving forward on a capital purchase
 1. Put in for 2 vehicles – 1 as a back-up or when busy, 2 out at once
 2. 15 passenger vans with handicap access
 3. New builds are 18 months out
 4. Potential to use a van the County has for the senior center that has ADA accessibility
 5. May be possible to purchase a vehicle from another jurisdiction
- vii. Need to work out agreements for bus stops within the City
- viii. Completed feasibility study grant and received reimbursement
- ix. Potential timeline for routes to be active is within 6 months
- x. Working with Division of Transit and Rail for potential funding for bus stops

c. Sandwich Board Signs on Harrison Avenue

- i. Sandwich boards are illegal in the City of Leadville
- ii. Inhibits ADA access
- iii. CDOT has given the City jurisdiction to regulate from the curb to the buildings
- iv. Had City Council work session on 9/13/2022
- v. Signs do not have permits
- vi. Don't want to remove signs until there are alternative options available to business owners
- vii. Drafted a notice to businesses and the police department hand-delivered them
- viii. Blueflower Candies reached out and said they've received quite a bit of business from the sidewalk signs. Is supportive of an alternative, would be willing to contribute financially to an alternative that benefits everyone.
- ix. Freight uses sidewalk signs to advertise for events. Would be happy to be part of a marketing solution.

- x. Would like to visit businesses and find out what their preferences are.
- xi. Financials need to be discussed, who is paying for what, some type of collaboration
- xii. Banners might be the way to go

8. Action Items:

Resolution No. 6, Series of 2023, A Resolution Adopting a Further Updated Fee Schedule for the City of Leadville.

CM Luna-Leal **moved** to approve; CM Grant **seconded**. All in present were in favor.

9. Department Reports:

a. City Administrator's Report:

- i. Erin Lusin is our new Human Resources Director
 - 1. Has lived in the County for over 40 years
 - 2. Comes to us from City Market
 - 3. Is currently looking at employee benefits the City could offer, i.e. a gym pass
- ii. An administrative assistant has also been hired and starts March 27
 - 1. Will be helpful backup on tasks like payroll
- iii. Repairs are being made at City Hall
- iv. Having a full staff is really helpful in making progress on important details within the City
- v. The boiler is still an issue, the quote for a new one is a significant amount of money. Conversations will be had around potentially having a new boiler before next winter

b. Department Heads gave their monthly reports.

10. **Executive Session:** At 8:18 pm, Mayor Labbe **moved** to go into Executive Session under Section 24-6-402(4)(b) of the Colorado Revised Statutes for legal advice on specific legal questions concerning options for law enforcement services.

Mayor Labbe further **moved** to reconvene the March 21st regular meeting at the conclusion of the Executive Session in order to proceed with the remaining items on the agenda.

CM Luna-Leal **seconded**; Vote was 6-0-0-1.

At 8:31 pm, the executive session has begun.

At 9:17 pm the executive session concluded.

Participants in the executive session were Mayor Labbe, CM Tracey Lauritzen, MPT Dana Greene, CM Shannon Grant, CM Luna-Leal, City Administrator Laurie Simonson, Deputy City Clerk Hannah Scheer, City Attorney Christiana McCormick, and Interim Police Chief Kenneth Chavez.

11. Public Meetings Planner:

- 3/24 – Cross country ski event
- 3/25 – Awards ceremony at Station II
- 3/30 – State of the Community at the Freight from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
- 4/21-22 – “Future Town” – Increase civic engagement – hosted by Freight, the Library and Lake County Build a Generation

12. Mayor’s Report:

- Lake County Off-Highway Vehicle Ordinance has second reading on April 4th
- Representative Patterson had a good visit. She doesn’t feel like a politician. Her team has good outreach within the community, including the Latino community.
- St. Patrick’s Day parade went well. The Street Department and the Police Department did a nice job setting it up and making sure everyone was safe.

13. Council Reports:

- CM Luna-Leal
 - DOLA grant was approved
 - Cannot use County site – will seek a different site
 - “Just Cause Eviction” – in the approval phase at the State level

Adjournment: 9:34 pm.

APPROVED this 4th day of April by a vote of 7 in favor 0 against, 0 abstaining, and 0 absent with changes.

CITY OF LEADVILLE, COLORADO

ATTEST:

By


 Deputy City Clerk

