



CITY OF LEADVILLE

800 HARRISON AVE.
LEADVILLE, CO 80461

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday,
July 18, 2023

6:00 P.M.

Council Chambers & Zoom

1. **Call to order** of regular council meeting at 6:02 p.m.

2. **Roll call:**

- a. **Present:** CM Thomas, CM Lauritzen, CM Luna-Leal, MPT Greene, CM Hill
- b. **Absent:** Mayor Labbe, CM Grant

Staff Members Present: Deputy City Clerk Hannah Scheer, Administrative Assistant Lori Tye, City Administrator Laurie Simonson, Planning Director Chapin LaChance, Human Resources Director Erin Lusin, Chief Dailey, Interim Chief Chavez, Animal Shelter Manager Caitlin Kuczko, Street Department Director Tony Medina, and acting as City Attorney, Evin King

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

- a. **Agenda Revisions:** N/A

4. **Housekeeping Matters:**

MPT Greene: Would like to add the Pledge of Allegiance for discussion at future meeting

CM Luna-Leal: May leave the current meeting for medical reason

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

a. **Steve Prestash**

- i. Said Pledge of Allegiance – would like it said at the beginning of each meeting.
- ii. Commented on the multiple conflicts of interest between the City and County
- iii. Comment on corporations

b. **Justin Kurth**

- i. Works for Brittany Peterson, he is based in Penrose
- ii. Here to let us know the services he can provide

- iii. Discussed community project funding requests - i.e. St. Vincent and Lake County Housing Authority have reached out for monetary assistance

c. Jackie Whelihan

- i. Discussed the need for an intergovernmental agreement between the City and the County giving approval for Proposition 123 in order for her to apply on behalf of the City and County
- ii. Applied for additional funding to help with the deficit
- iii. Will make a supplemental budget request in a future meeting

6. Consent Agenda:

CM Luna- Leal **moved** to approve the minutes of July 5, 2023; CM Thomas **seconded**. All present were in favor.

REVISIONS: None

7. Department Reports:

a. City Administrator's Report:

- i. Former CM Forgensi raised a question in a previous meeting about security at City Hall. The following are modifications that are planning to be made:
 - 1. Using phone as a panic button
 - 2. Colorado Information Analysis Center Trooper Jason McCull visited to discuss safety concerns the staff has about the building.
 - a. Fire safety, cameras, etc.
 - 3. Training for an active shooter situation
 - 4. Infrastructure measures
- ii. Parklet is almost finished
 - 1. The sidewalk is being expanded by 1 foot - it was already within ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliance, but widened regardless
 - 2. Close to obtaining the certificate of occupancy
- iii. Salary Assessment
 - 1. Received 3 quotes from 3 companies - chose the company that worked with Salida on their salary assessment
- iv. Thanked the Leadville Police Department and the Lake County Sheriff's Office for handling a barricade situation in which Chaffee County SWAT was also called for assistance
- v. Interim Chief Chavez offered any member of City Council to do a ride-along with an officer or himself to see what a day-to-day shift is like for an officer

- vi. Asked who would like to be on the committee that will be selecting and interviewing our future Chief of Police
- vii. CM Thomas would like to be on the committee for selecting a new City attorney
- viii. Acknowledged Dawna Schneider for her dedication and knowledge of the City - her last day was 7/7
- ix. Thanked Michelle Meroney for picking up duties in the midst of Dawna's departure

Department heads gave their monthly reports.

8. Presentations and Discussions

- a. Economic Development Corporation Update
 - i. CM Hill represents the City at the EDC - Tamira has taken over as president of the board
 - ii. Organized a series of strategic planning sessions
 - iii. Making sure their role within the City is clear
 - iv. Next meeting is 8/4, 6 hour meeting
 - v. Want to work closely with local businesses, tourism, etc.
 - vi. Illuminate the City, County, and the community as a whole
 - vii. Identifying local and outside resources - i.e. - housing, workforce, childcare from funding at a higher level
 - viii. Moving on a more defined path with actual tasks and goals
 - ix. Idea to have a policy advisement team
 - x. Working toward consistency and a timeline that holds the vision of Leadville and where it's going
 - xi. Business/Industrial park could use some work

9. Action Items:

- a. **Resolution No. 14, Series of 2023A Resolution Approving a Services Agreement between the City of Leadville and Metcalf Archaeological Consultants, Inc.**

CM Hill moved to approve **Resolution No. 14, Series of 2023A Resolution Approving a Services Agreement between the City of Leadville and Metcalf Archaeological Consultants, Inc.**, CM Lauritzen seconded.

	YES	NO	Abstain	Absent
CM Lauritzen	*			
CM Luna-Leal	*			
MPT Greene	*			

Mayor Labbe				*
CM Grant				*
CM Thomas	*			
CM Hill	*			

b. Resolution No. 15, Series of 2023A Resolution Authorizing \$3,605 to the Historic Preservation Commission for expenses related to the Cultural Resource Survey

CM Lauritzen **moved** to adopt **Resolution No. 15, Series of 2023A Resolution Authorizing \$3,605 to the Historic Preservation Commission for expenses related to the Cultural Resource Survey**; CM Hill **seconded**.

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

c. RootsRx Change of Ownership Public Hearing

CM Hill **moved** to approve **RootsRx Change of Ownership from Robert Holmes, Jr. to Sun Theory, LLC, Connor Oman**; CM Lauritzen **seconded**.

8:03 p.m. - Public commented opened; 8:04 p.m. CM Luna-Leal **moved** to close the public comment portion, CM Lauritzen **seconded** the motion. 8:07 p.m.- Public Hearing closed

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

d. Ordinance No. 4, Series of 2023: An Ordinance Amending Section 2.40.030 of the Leadville Municipal Code Concerning the Compensation of the Mayor - First Reading

CM Luna-Leal moved to Ordinance No. 4, Series of 2023: An Ordinance Amending Section 2.40.030 of the Leadville Municipal Code Concerning the Compensation of the Mayor on First Reading; CM Lauritzen seconded.

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

10. Public Comments:

a. Steve Prestash

- i. Thanked CM Grant and MPT Greene for re-adding public comment at the end of City Council meetings
- ii. Commented that a statement he had made at a previous City Council meeting was unconfirmed information

- iii. Suggested there be permanent record of City Council meetings other than the minutes and YouTube videos
- iv. Said the State Statutes of Colorado should be on hand to reference during discussions
- v. Objected to the term "community"
- vi. Talked about the "strong-mayor system" versus the "weak-mayor system"

11. Public Meetings Planner:

- a. 7/19/23 - Regional Housing Authority has their next meeting at 5:30 pm at the library - meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of every month
- b. 8/4/23 - Economic Development Corporation meeting
- c. 8/29/23 - Planning and Zoning work session regarding housing variety code amendments
- d. 9/12/23 - Short-term rental work session
- e. Leadville Urban Renewal Authority has meetings every other month
- f. Tourism panel has a bi-monthly meeting, next meeting is 8/15/23

12. Mayor's Report: N/A**13. Council Reports:**

- a. CM Luna-Leal
 - i. Affordable housing - interested land banking
 - 1. Suggested having a work session about what we have versus what we need
 - ii. The City is overdue for a City assessment
 - iii. Housing coalition: activist roll, new funding, narrowing focus, research, deed restrictions, what works for the community

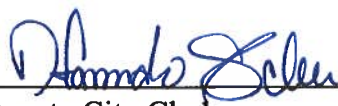
Adjournment: 8:36 p.m.

APPROVED this 1st day of August, 2023 by a vote of 7 in favor 0 against, 0 abstaining, and 0 absent.

CITY OF LEADVILLE, COLORADO

ATTEST:

By


Deputy City Clerk

