



CITY OF LEADVILLE

800 HARRISON AVE.
LEADVILLE, CO 80461

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

Staff Members Present: Deputy City Clerk Hannah Scheer, Administrative Assistant Lori Tye, Planning Director Chapin LaChance, City Administrator Laurie Simonson, Interim Chief of Police Ken Chavez

3. **Approval of the agenda:** CM Luna-Leal **moved** to approve the agenda as amended, and MPT Greene **seconded**. All present were in favor.

Agenda Revisions:

4. **Housekeeping Matters:**

CM Lauritzen: E. 7th has torn up pavement, will not be fixed for a month - asked if there be some water brought to keep the dust down. Administrative Assistant Lori Tye mentioned it should be done this week.

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

a. **Steve Prestash**

- i. Said the Pledge of Allegiance - many people in the room joined in
- ii. Concerned about the dual roles several people hold in Leadville - mentioned that the "under God" portion was added to the pledge in 1954.
- iii. Read a Secretary of State quote about China
- iv. Stated that realtors make \$35,000 on each unit sold at the Railyard
- v. Stated that the Railyard homes are selling for \$800,000 and renting for \$5,400 and used \$400,000 in CDOT funds
- vi. Stated this is accelerating gentrification, taxes are double, the situation is burdensome and is profiteering off a vulnerable community.

b. **Chris Cary**

- i. Asked for a correction to the minutes from 6/20/2023. The gun show will go forward, the theatrical gun fight will not.

6. Consent Agenda:

CM Lauritzen **moved** to remove the minutes of June 6, 2023 from the consent agenda, CM Luna-Leal **seconded**.

CM Luna-Leal **moved** to approve the minutes of June 6, 2023 with revisions; MPT Greene **seconded**. All present were in favor.

REVISIONS: "Fading West" not "Heading West"

CM Luna-Leal **moved** to remove the minutes of June 20, 2023 from the consent agenda, MPT Greene **seconded**.

CM Luna-Leal **moved** to approve the minutes of June 20, 2023 with revisions; CM Thomas **seconded**. All present were in favor.

REVISIONS: Fix "gun show" verbiage - the theatrical fight is canceled, not the gun show at the gym.
CM Luna-Leal expressed concern having the show or the theatrical fight in the first place.

7. Presentations and Discussions:**a. City Administrator's Report:**

- i. e911 board established - St. Vincent's is the last to sign. Sheriff Speckman, Chief Dailey, Interim Chief Chavez, Office of Emergency Management Director Claire Skeen, Emergency Medical Services Director Jeremiah Grantham have been added to the board.
- ii. Tory Hoffman wrote a letter to the Mayor and the City Administrator regarding raising money for injured veterans and police officers.
- iii. Interim Chief Chavez gave a summary of the recent events in town:
 1. Mountain Bike 100 - The ride-out was on Saturday, there were no accidents or issues.
 2. Tuesday 7/4 was the Firecracker 5k. Signs were put out in the morning, and had an officer do the lead-out for safety and blocking as they went.
 3. July 4th Parade - officer led. Showed support at the airport event as well.
 4. 7/6 is the first summer concert at Zaits Park - the police department will be there as well.
 5. Commented that there would be less calls about fireworks if there were no firework stands in the City/County. Some homes burned down in Denver this last weekend due to fireworks. Having fireworks in such close proximity to homes and trees could be catastrophic.

b. Dark Skies Ordinance Discussion

- i. Luke Finkin
 1. Would like to make Leadville a "dark skies" community

2. This would require adapting lighting systems to point down, recommendations for private property owners to inform how not to contribute to light pollution, a potential ordinance for new builds with a clause for existing fixtures to be switched out.
3. There would be some monetary transitions involved, suggested fundraising events.
4. Can go to darksky.org for more information.
- ii. The question was raised if Xcel participation would be necessary.
- iii. The City Administrator passed a dark skies ordinance in Moab

c. Colorado Municipal League Conference Take-Aways

i. Hannah Scheer

1. Attendees were genuinely interested in what they could do to make their community better for their people.
2. The Municipal Court class gave a lot of scenarios with a question and response section to let people think through our processes and how best we can get resources to our community and have better alternatives to excessive fines and jail time.

ii. Mayor

1. Decision making in municipalities needs to be non-partisan.
2. Senate Bill 213 was controversial because it preempted local zoning, it was not passed. There was no partnership involved, no other organizations were asked to participate.
3. Assessed values and how to handle them at the legislative level. A ballot issue coming out this November, Initiative 303 - changes residential property values. It will be interesting to see what comes of the assessed values before we have to declare our Mills in December.
4. One of the managers of DOLA (Department of Local Affairs) was very concerned that not enough cities and counties were opting in to Proposition 123.
5. Attended a class on the Open Meetings Law - important for City Council not to "reply all" or reply at all to emails to avoid the perception of having a serial meeting.
6. Social media - be careful of the way you use it.

8. Action Items:

a. Flaming Foliage Relay Temporary Use Permit

CM Thomas **moved** to approve the **Flaming Foliage Relay Temporary Use Permit**; CM Lauritzen **seconded**.

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

CM Thomas	*			
CM Hill				*

b. Ordinance No. 2, Series of 2023: Title 17 - Zoning, Definitions/Table of Uses Amendments - 2nd reading

CM Luna-Leal moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2, Series of 2023: Title 17 - Zoning, Definitions/Table of Uses Amendments - 2nd reading; CM Thomas seconded.

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

c. Ordinance No. 3, Series of 2023: Title 17 - National Historic Landmark (NHL) District Amendments, Demolition, Applicability, Site Visits - 2nd reading

CM Thomas moved to Ordinance No. 3, Series of 2023: Title 17 - National Historic Landmark (NHL) District Amendments, Demolition, Applicability, Site Visits - 2nd reading; CM Lauritzen seconded.

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

9. Council Reports:

- a. CM Luna-Leal:
 - i. \$40,000 in grants to mobile home owners to weatherize/modernize home parks
 - ii. C4 is taking the lead
- b. Mayor/Mayor Protem Greene
 - i. The parade was great, it was nice to see the City and County officials participate.

10. Mayor's Report:

- a. Music at Zaitz Park on 7/6 at 6:00 p.m.
- b. Attending Central City Opera opening night
- c. 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee at the Tabor Opera House
- d. The Sanitation Board is soliciting for a new member.

11. Public Meetings Planner:

- a. The Leadville Urban Renewal Authority meeting has been moved to 7/13 at 5:30 p.m.

12. Public Comments:

- a. **Steve Prestash**
 - i. Commented on corporations making money
 - ii. Thanked CM Grant and MPT Greene for re-adding the public comment at the end of City Council meetings.
 - iii. Attended the Planning and Zoning meeting and no members were there in person, they were all on Zoom. He would like to see City and County meetings with members present.
- b. **Kenneth Chavez**
 - i. As a citizen, he would like to see the City reinstate starting City Council meetings with the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - ii. The Pledge of Allegiance was created to show citizenship, patriotism, and civic duty. Words are not said in jest, it is a pledge to the country.
 - iii. We have rights and privileges in this country that others don't have, the words are not hollow.
 - iv. It is standard practice for the House of Representatives and Congress to begin their sessions with the Pledge of Allegiance. It is also the same for the State legislature of Colorado.

Adjournment: 8:18 p.m.

APPROVED this 18th day of July by a vote of 5 in favor 0 against, 0 abstaining, and 2 absent.

CITY OF LEADVILLE, COLORADO

ATTEST:

By


Deputy City Clerk

