



CITY OF LEADVILLE

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LEADVILLE, CO 80461

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday,
September 19, 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:** CM Thomas, CM Grant, CM Luna-Leal, MPT Greene, CM Hill, Mayor Labbe
- b. **Absent:** CM Lauritzen

Staff Members Present: Deputy City Clerk Hannah Scheer, City Administrator Laurie Simonson, Planning Director Chapin LaChance, Human Resources Director Erin Lusin, Chief Dailey, Officer Hanson, Animal Shelter Manager Caitlin Kuczko, and acting as City Attorney, Evin King

3. **Optional Pledge of Allegiance or Moment of Silence**

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

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

5. **Housekeeping Matters:**

a. **CM Grant**

- i. Dismayed and disappointed about County's behavior regarding the City's purchase of the community center.

b. **CM Luna-Leal**

- i. City Commissioners took interest in City's proposal to increase minimum wage.
- ii. Not interested in getting rid of the Housing Authority - schedule joint work session.

c. **Mayor**

- i. Cloud City Jr. class was at City Hall yesterday. They spoke with several departments about what it's like to work here and how people came to work at City Hall.
- ii. Irish Memorial was a spectacular and special event. Irish representatives took a Colorado flag back with them to represent the relationship between Colorado and Ireland.
 - 1. City paid \$100 for the Tabor event and funded rooms for the 3 guests from Ireland.

2. Denver Pipe and Drum was here for the practice St. Patrick's Parade.
3. Used new speaker system
4. Lifetime supplied the chairs for the dedication, and at least 500 people attended the dedication.

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

7. Consent Agenda:

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

REVISIONS: *Rotomill* on page 2; Clarify there is no Leadville Urban Renewal Authority meeting for the month of September.

8. Department Reports:

a. City Administrator's Report:

- i. The police department has received several letters of commendation.
 1. Troy Briggs thanks Sergeant Ortega for his duties while he was here for the unexpected passing of a family member.
 2. Officer Porzelt received thanks from Deputy Philips on 9/1/23 for helping to locate a missing woman. Thanked her for her collaboration with the Sheriff's Department.
 3. Chief Chavez received thanks for helping a community member with their vehicle over one of the race weekends.
- ii. Thanked the Police Department and the Street Department for making sure all of the events over the summer went smoothly.
- iii. Met with Amy Tait of Centennial Real Estate - she will be the new property manager for 809 Spruce.
- iv. 9/7 - Parklet ribbon cutting ceremony. Will work out caretaking responsibilities
- v. Thanked Nancy Bailey for help with grant money
- vi. Salary survey will be done by the end of the month, in time for budget season.
- vii. 9/26 - Goal setting work session as a t-up to budget season.
- viii. Will be scheduling budget work sessions soon.
- ix. New Finance Director, Krystal Hewlitt will start on 10/9
- x. Received severance tax - \$400,000 instead of \$80,000.
- xi. Mayor and City Administrator will attend Climax meeting
- xii. Working on hiring police officers, an administrative assistant, 2 street department workers, and a police chief.
 1. Unsure of when the police chief position will be published.

- xiii. A new City Attorney will be selected this evening.

Department heads gave their monthly reports.

9. Presentations and Discussions:

a. Economic Development Corporation Update

- i. Shout-out to the Police Department, Street Department, and City Council
- ii. Wants to make sure they have a collective impact, clear team rolls established
- iii. Strengthening organizations and businesses - will have a greater impact by working together and not competing for resources.
- iv. Working toward being a data collection entity
- v. Working on short, mid, and long term goals
- vi. 9/25 - Recreation Center conversation - working with all stakeholders
- vii. 10/13 - final strategy meeting

b. Audit Presentation

- i. Paul Backes - CPA, CGMA
 1. Making sure the City's assets are handled appropriately
 2. Bills being paid on time
 3. Making sure money that is said to be in the accounts is accounted for - Equity, correct reserves, money in each fund, ballot questions, statutes, compliance
 4. Last IRS audit went well
 5. Audited financial statements
 6. Provided letter of recommendations

10. Action Items:

a. Resolution No. 19, Series of 2023 - A Resolution Appointing the City Attorney for the City of Leadville and Approving a Professional Services Agreement

CM Luna-Leal moved to approve Resolution No. 19, Series of 2023 - A Resolution Appointing the City Attorney for the City of Leadville and Approving a Professional Services Agreement, MPT Greene seconded.

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

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

b. Resolution No. 20, Series of 2023 - A Resolution Authorizing a Contribution to the Stories Worth Telling Film Festival

CM Hill moved to adopt Resolution No. 20, Series of 2023 - A Resolution Authorizing a Contribution to the Stories Worth Telling Film Festival in the amount of \$2000; MPT Greene seconded.

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

11. Executive Session:

Executive Session under Section 24-6-402(4)(b) of the Colorado Revised Statutes for legal advice on specific legal questions concerning a settlement agreement between the City of Leadville and RFSCLVG, LLC

MPT Greene moved to go in to executive session; CM Luna-Leal seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

The executive session began at 8:31 pm and ended at 8:53 pm. The regular city council meeting resumed at 8:59 pm.

12. Action Items:

- a. **Resolution No. 21, Series of 2023 - A Resolution Ratifying the Approval of a Settlement Agreement Between RFSCLVG, LLC and the City of Leadville**

MPT Greene moved to approve **Resolution No. 21, Series of 2023 - A Resolution Ratifying the Approval of a Settlement Agreement Between RFSCLVG, LLC and the City of Leadville**, CM Luna-Leal seconded.

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

- b. **Ordinance No. 5, Series of 2023 - An Ordinance Amending Section 2.40.0160 of the Leadville Municipal Code Concerning the Compensation of Incoming City Councilmembers**

CM Luna-Leal moved to approve **Ordinance No. 5, Series of 2023 - An Ordinance Amending Section 2.40.0160 of the Leadville Municipal Code Concerning the Compensation of Incoming City Councilmembers on first reading**, CM Grant seconded. Second reading is scheduled for 10/17/2023 at 6:00 pm.

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

CM Thomas	*			
CM Hill	*			

13. Public Comments:**a. Steve Prestash**

- i. A hounddog was 50% of the public per the councils movement to executive session
- ii. Strong opposition to the community center, thinks the building should be demolished and have affordable housing units created.
- iii. Would like to see members present on Zoom verify their location.
- iv. Would like Leadville Urban Renewal Authority meetings to be held in person rather than online.
- v. The Railyard project was committed to building affordable housing, is unsure why the plan was reduced to 1 lot. Asked for clarification. Mayor clarified that the same number of units will be built, but in the fashion of an apartment building. Each unit will have 1600 square feet. There is a commitment to the land, not the number of buildings.

14. Council Reports:**a. CM Luna-Leal**

- i. Debacle regarding the Regional Housing Authority - a County employee did not communicate about a presentation to proper parties.
 - 1. Jackie has come twice with a request for funds without specific details
 - a. Met for over an hour for the "who, what, and why"
 - 2. Need a joint work session with the County to determine who is taking care of what
 - 3. City Administrator Simonson offered to help Jackie come up with a budget presentation
 - 4. Only pushback is from Commissioner Fiedler that said the City can't afford the Regional Housing Authority request because the City bought a building.

b. MPT Greene

- i. Requested to change the Mayor's responsibility description
- ii. Mayor clarified that the change would need to be made via a ballot decision

c. CM Grant

- i. Asked to add the security of the Municipal Court for future discussion

15. Mayor's Report: N/A**16. Public Meetings Planner:**

- a. 9/20 - Regional Housing Authority meeting at 5:30 pm at Colorado Mountain College in the AMX Room

- b. 9/22 - Harvest Dinner
- c. 10/17 - CM Grant is unavailable

Adjournment: 9:22 p.m.

APPROVED this 3rd day of October, 2023 by a vote of 6 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining, and 1 absent.

CITY OF LEADVILLE, COLORADO

ATTEST:

By



Deputy City Clerk



