**CITY OF LEEDS**

**Minutes**

**March 1, 2023**

**6:07 PM**

A regular meeting of the Leeds City Council was called to order by Mayor Nick Parslow on Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at 6:07 PM at Leeds City Hall. Present were Council Members: Kyle Nelsen, Tony Gratton, Patrick Streyle, and Kris Larson. Also present were city employees: Al Lundstrom, Kari Follman, and Gina Harkness.

**Sheriff Report**

Benson County Sheriff did not attend or provide a report.

**Public Hearing**

Jessica Larson, Leeds Park Board President, provided the council with a report on how to help the Park Board raise some of the funds for the pool remodeling project. Kyle Nelsen made a motion to support the project, have the council attend their meeting, and schedule a public meeting to talk about the project together. Tony Gratton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Public Works**

Joe Morgan, from GSD, quoted Al $220,000 for rehab on the water plant.

Johnson’s Plumbing said we don’t need to do backflow. Rural Water is suggesting we still do it.

Council told Al to order enough mosquito chemicals for the year. Tony suggested checking with Brady to compare prices. Council suggested ordering donuts, these are thrown into standing water to help control mosquitoes.

A motion was made by Patrick Streyle, seconded by Kris Larson, to accept public works’ timesheets. The motion carried unanimously.

 Kris Larson made a motion to accept Public Works Superintendent’s Report, Patrick Streyle seconded motion, motion carried unanimously.

**Financials**

Kris Larson made a motion, seconded by Tony Gratton, to accept the financial report. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Patrick Streyle, seconded by Kris Larson, to approve the minutes for the regular meeting on February 8, 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

Glenn Hoffmann was wondering if we could waive the new account fee for the EDC, they are taking over the Noridian building water account.

**New Business**

A motion was made by Tony Gratton, seconded by Kyle Nelsen to approve the building permit for Cody Smeltzer. The motion carried unanimously.

Patrick Streyle made a motion, seconded by Kris Larson, to publish an ad for gravel bids in the paper. The motion carried unanimously.

A council member was wondering if there were any more zombie properties to add to the list to demolish this summer, Doug Anderson’s old house north of the tracks and Lisa Lauckner’s white house by the City Park was mentioned. The more houses we get, the cheaper it will be per house to demolish; Doug Anderson would like his house to be demolished. We will contact Lisa Lauckner’s children to see what their plans are with her white house.

It was mentioned to send a nuisance vehicle letter to Loren Lunde, for his black pick-up that is located behind his building downtown (in Earl’s Alley), and Mike and Sandy Torgerson for their black car, parked in front of their garage (the snow is almost covering the car).

A motion was made by Patrick Streyle, seconded by Kris Larson, to approve payroll & accounts payable. The motion carried unanimously. The bills are as follows:

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| Ace Hardware  | $36.95 |
| B & J Excavating, Inc | $1,126.59 |
| Bank of ND | $12,892.50 |
| Benson Co. Farmers Press | $213.29 |
| Benson County Sheriff Department | $600.00 |
| Cindy Ritterman | $300.00 |
| Clute Office Equipment Inc. | $105.00 |
| Diane Hoffman | $73.65 |
| Grand Forks Utility Billing | $26.00 |
| Jeff Jacobson | $80.00 |
| Keaton Nelsen | $72.00 |
| Lake Region Corporation | $80.00 |
| LaMotte’s Paint & Glass Supply | $110.58 |
| Leeds Airport Authority | $30,650.47 |
| NCB Electric LLC | $1,852.46 |
| NDTC | $251.00 |
| North Dakota Workforce Safety | $1,687.14 |
| Northern Plains Electric | $734.92 |
| Olivia Follman | $99.00 |
| Ottertail Power Co.  | $2,696.07 |
| Payroll | $13,270.39 |
| Plunkett’s Pest Control | $75.50 |
| Verizon | $363.05 |
| Visa  | $1,903.97 |
| Waste Management  | $5,692.91 |

A motion was made by Patrick Streyle, seconded by Kris Larson, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

