

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF FANNIN §

March 14, 2023

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT the City Council of the City of Leonard, Fannin County, Texas held a Regular Meeting in the Council Chambers of City Hall on March 14, 2023, at 6:30 P.M.

Members Present: Mayor Michael Pye, Councilmembers Billy Wayne Martin, Al Stephens, Debra Wilcox, and Garry Doyle

Staff present: City Administrator George Evanko, City Secretary Melissa Verde, Utility Billing Clerk Kim Davis, Police Chief Brian Meserole, and Public Works Director Woody Patrick

Registered Guests: Pam Tedder, Sheryl Stanley, Cathy Songer, Sandra Messinger, Betsy Blevins, Margy Hall, Janie Ware

MINUTES

1. Call Meeting to Order, Verification of Quorum

Mayor Michael Pye called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. A quorum was present in person.

2. Invocation, Pledges of Allegiance to the United States and Texas Flags

3. Approval of Previous Minutes- February 14, 2023

Councilmember Wilcox moved to approve. Second by Councilmember Martin. Mayor Michael Pye called for a vote – all in favor, the minutes were approved as written.

4. Department Reports

- a. Police Department presented by Chief Meserole
- b. Public Works update from Director Woody Patrick
- c. Administrative update from City Administrator George Evanko
- d. Financial Report was given by City Secretary Melissa Verde

5. Open Forum:

No one spoke in open forum.

6. Agenda Request: “Property out of compliance” (Sandra Messinger, resident). Ms. Messinger spoke about the condition of a vacant adjacent rental property attracting pests and nuisances.

7. Agenda Request: Annual picnic request to allow the sale and consumption of beer and wine at the city

park on Friday and Saturday during the picnic. Ms. Sheryl Stanley requested permission for vendors to serve beer and wine from 6 PM-10 PM Friday and 4 PM – 10 PM Saturday during the picnic, noting that no coolers would be allowed at the picnic. Upon a motion by Councilmember Martin and a second from Councilmember Stephens, the motion passed unanimously.

8. Planning & Zoning: Discussion and action regarding a replat of property ID 80375, legal description A0780 M Moore, Acres 3.667, also known as 16660 S Hwy 78, for plat change from one lot to five. George Evanko read the item. Upon a motion by Al Stephens and a second from Debra Wilcox, the request to replat the property was approved, unanimously.
9. Planning & Zoning: Discussion and action regarding a replat of property ID 89254, legal description College Addn, Block 5, Lot 7, 8; also known as 607 N Poplar, for plat change from one lot to two. George Evanko read the item. Upon a motion from Al Stephens and a second from Billy Wayne Martin, the request to replat was approved unanimously.
10. Presentation, discussion, and acceptance of Certification of Unopposed Candidates for Other Political Subdivisions. Upon a motion by Debra Wilcox and a second from Al Stephens, the council approved the certification of unopposed candidates for the election on May 6, 2023.
11. Presentation, discussion, and adoption of Ordinance 031423 canceling the general election which would have taken place on May 6, 2023. Upon a motion by Debra Wilcox and a second from Al Stephens, the council unanimously approved the ordinance canceling the election on May 6, 2023.
12. Presentation, discussion, and adoption of Resolution 031423-2 regarding a finance contract for the purpose of financing “jetter and vac-trailer”. Al Stephens moved to approve the financing contract option with 10 payments, contingent on the correction of a typo in the finance schedule. After being duly seconded by Billy Wayne Martin, the council approved the resolution unanimously.
13. Presentation, discussion, and adoption of Ordinance 031423-3 approving the opening of a Public Funds Insured Cash Sweep (ICS) account for the city funds. Upon a motion from Al Stephens and after being duly seconded by Garry Doyle, the council adopted the ordinance with a vote of three for and none against, with Debra Wilcox abstaining.
14. Presentation, discussion, and adoption of Ordinance 031423-3a approving the opening of a Money Market account for the city funds. No action.
15. Presentation, discussion, and adoption of Ordinance 031423-3b approving the opening of a Money Market account for the city funds. No action.
16. Set dates for the city-wide cleanup (Spring and Fall) Upon a motion by Garry Doyle and after being duly seconded by Billy Wayne Martin, the city-wide clean-up dates were set for April 14-15 and October 21-22.
17. Announcements
18. Adjournment. Councilmember Doyle moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 PM. With a second from Councilmember Martin, the meeting adjourned.

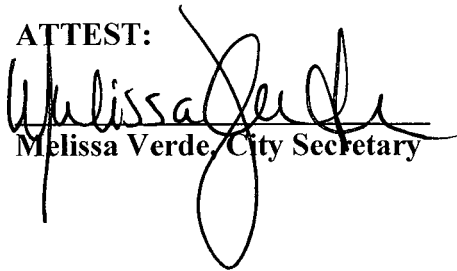
CITY OF LEONARD, TEXAS

APPROVED:



Mayor Michael Pye

ATTEST:



Melissa Verde, City Secretary