

THE STATE OF TEXAS §  
COUNTY OF FANNIN §

April 11, 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 April 11, 2023, at 6:30 P.M.**

**Members Present:** Mayor Michael Pye, Mayor Pro Tem Noel Nixon, 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, and Police Chief Brian Meserole.

**Registered Guests:** Teresa Nixon, Margy Hall, Doug & Debbie Morfeld, Janie Ware, Sheryl Stanley

### 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- March 14, 2023**

Upon a motion by Debra Wilcox and a second by Garry Doyle, the council approved the minutes as written by a vote of four in favor, with Noel Nixon abstaining.

**4. Department Reports**

- a. Chief Meserole presented the Police Department update.
- b. City Administrator George Evanko covered the Public Works department update.
- c. City Administrator George Evanko gave the Administrative Report.
- d. City Secretary Melissa Verde briefly covered the financial position of the city.

**5. Open Forum:**

Benjamin Mooney expressed his appreciation and told the council they were doing a good job.

**6. Discussion and possible action on approving an event permit for the 144th Annual Leonard Picnic to be held July 20-22, 2023. (Sheryl Stanley, Leonard Chamber of Commerce). Ms. Sheryl Stanley requested that the permit be approved, and the fee be waived. Upon a motion by Debra Wilcox and a second from Billy Wayne Martin, the motion passed unanimously to approve the event permit and waive the permit fee.**

7. Discussion and possible action on filling a vacancy on the Planning & Zoning Commission. Upon a motion by Garry Doyle and a second from Debra Wilcox, Darrell Grintz was appointed to fill the vacancy unanimously.
8. Discussion and possible action on adopting the 2018 International Residential Code Appendix Q as it pertains to providing standards and regulations for tiny homes. Upon a motion by Al Stephens and a second from Noel Nixon, the 2018 IRC Appendix Q was tabled unanimously.
9. Discuss and consider the adoption of an Ordinance 041123-1 authorizing the issuance of the City of Leonard, Texas Combination Tax and Surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2023A, in the principal amount of \$815,000 and awarding the sale of such certificates of obligation to the Texas Water Development Board. Upon a motion from Al Stephens and a second from Noel Nixon, Ordinance 041123-1 was adopted unanimously.
10. Discuss and consider the adoption of an Ordinance 041123-2 authorizing the issuance of City of Leonard, Texas Combination Tax and Surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2023B, in the principal amount of \$2,035,000 and awarding the sale of such certificates of obligation to the Texas Water Development Board. Upon a motion from Garry Doyle and a second from Al Stephens, Ordinance 041123-2 was adopted unanimously.
11. Discuss and consider the adoption of Resolution 041123-3 approving the execution and delivery of a Principal Forgiveness Agreement for sewer system improvements and resolving other matters relating to the subject. Upon a motion from Al Stephens and a second from Noel Nixon, Resolution 041123-3 was adopted unanimously.
12. Discuss and consider the adoption of Resolution 041123-4 authorizing and directing the establishment of three Construction Accounts and an Interest and Sinking Fund with a depository bank pursuant to Bond Ordinances and Principal Forgiveness Agreement with the Texas Water Development Board; appointing authorized signatories with respect to such Accounts; and resolving other matters relating to the subject. Upon a motion from Al Stephens and a second from Billy Wayne Martin, Resolution 041123-4 was adopted unanimously.
13. Discuss and consider Resolution 041123-5 rejecting the bid for CDBG TDA 2021 Grant Project CDV21-0040 from Hayes Construction in the amount of \$466,169.00. Upon a motion from Garry Doyle and a second from Debra Wilcox, Resolution 041123-5 was adopted unanimously.
14. Discuss and consider Resolution 041123-6 submitting a Performance Statement Amendment to TDA to reduce the scope of the project for CDBG TDA 2021 Grant Project CDV21-0040 in order to rebid the project within the approved budget. Upon a motion from Noel Nixon and a second from Debra Wilcox, Resolution 041123-6 was adopted unanimously.
15. Discuss and consider the adoption of a resolution 041123-7 regarding a finance contract for the purpose of financing “police vehicles and upfitting.” Upon a motion from Debra Wilcox and a second from Garry Doyle, Resolution 041123-7 was adopted unanimously.
16. Discussion and possible action on participation in the third round of opioid class-action lawsuits against four new entities Allergan, CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart. Upon a motion from Al Stephens and a second from Debra Wilcox, participation was approved unanimously.

17. Discuss and consider Resolution 041123-8 approving midyear increases for city staff. Upon a motion from Al Stephens and a second from Noel Nixon, the council adopted Resolution 041123-8 for a one-time incentive retention with a vote of four in favor and Debra Wilcox opposing.
18. Discussion and possible action on abating substandard structures as code enforcement. No action.
19. Announcements. Councilmember Wilcox thanked the community for their support, her husband Rusty Wilcox, mom Margy Hall, and neighbor Janie Ware. She also thanked the council for what they have challenged her with and what she has learned from them and encouraged them to continue transparency, collaboration, and finishing long-standing items. Councilmember Wilcox shared Proverbs 18:13 "He that answers a matter before he hears it is folly and shame on him," and stated the importance of listening to the community and what their needs are. Mayor said it has been an honor and a pleasure working with Councilmember Wilcox and the council.
20. Adjournment. Councilmember Wilcox moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 PM. With a second from Councilmember Martin, the meeting adjourned.

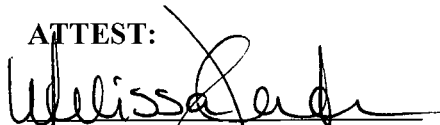
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APPROVED:

  
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Mayor Michael Pye

ATTEST:

  
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Melissa Verde, City Secretary