

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 18, 2025

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 at 111 W Collin Street, Leonard, Texas, on February 18, 2025, at 6:30 P.M.

The meeting was broadcast live on the city's Facebook page. A video recording of the meeting is available to members of the public at <https://www.facebook.com/CityofLeonard>.

Members Present: Mayor Michael Pye, Mayor Pro Tem Al Stephens, Councilmembers Leonard Phillips, Billy Wayne Martin, Peyton Webster and Bobby Hanson.

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

Registered Guest: Registered Guests were David & Sarah Wilcox, Blaine Alexander, Charles Wrenn, Terence Burnside, Stacie Burnside, Sheryl Stanley, Darrell Grintz, Kelli Blakerby, Douglas Morefeld, Kim Winchester, Palmer Baumann, Taylor Baumann, Noel and Teresa Nixon, Norm and Janet Glowicz, and Jackie Isham.

1. Call Meeting to Order, Verification of Quorum
Mayor Pye called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM after confirming a quorum was present.
2. Invocation, Pledges of Allegiance to the United States and Texas Flags
Public Works Director Woody Patrick led the invocation, and the group recited pledges of allegiance to the US and Texas flags.
3. Open Forum – Mayor Pye called for speakers; Darrell Grintz and David Wilcox both announced that they are running for the City Council election.
4. Presentation, discussion, and possible action on department reports:
 - a. Chief Meserole presented the police department report.
 - b. Public Works Director Woody Patrick presented the public works report.
 - i. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding vehicle acquisitions for the public works department (Woody Patrick).
 - A. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Stephens to approve the purchase of two work trucks, not to exceed \$100,000 in total for both, to be funded by the unencumbered funds identified in the last audit. Upon being duly seconded by Councilmember Phillips, the motion passed unanimously.
 - c. City Administrator George Evanko presented the administrative report and covered the financial update.
 - d. Fire Department

- i. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding changes to the City Hall building, specifically marking the fire bays.
 - A. Motion was made by Councilmember Webster to approve the bay door signage, seconded by Councilmember Hanson. The motion passed 4-0, with Councilmember Martin abstaining.

5. Consent Agenda

a. Approve previous meeting minutes- January 21, 2025	Approved
b. Approve Kimley Horn IPO #064586412 for engineering services related to the continuation of the Sewer Line Project.	Approved
c. Approve Resolution No. 250218-01 RESOLUTION 250218-01 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR FOR THE BC-BODY WORN CAMERA (BWC) PROGRAM, FY2026, AND DESIGNATE AN AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL, AND AUTHORIZE MATCHING FUNDS.	Approved

- i. Motion was made by Councilmember Hanson to approve all consent agenda items, seconded by Councilmember Martin. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding event permit application #2025-034 for Leonard Sports Association to hold baseball/softball season events at Kiwanis Park. (LSA Representative)
 - a. Motion was made by Councilmember Phillips to approve the permit application, seconded by Councilmember Hanson. The motion passed unanimously
 7. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding event permit application #2025-040 for Leonard Chamber of Commerce Annual Easter Egg Hunt on the City Square (Blaine Alexander)
 - a. Blaine spoke on the Easter Egg Hunt. Councilmember Webster made a motion to approve the permit, seconded by Councilmember Martin. The motion passed unanimously.
 8. Presentation, discussion, and provide council feedback regarding a new development “The Ridge” in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of Leonard (Fieldside, Developer)
 - a. Todd Winters, the engineer of the project spoke on the development. The Council gave feedback.
 9. Presentation, discussion, and possible action on Board and Commission activity reports/requests:
 - a. Parks & Recreation Board- *(Minutes)*
 - i. Presentation of playground equipment options for the City Park
 - A. Mark Blackerby presented a packet for new playground equipment. Councilmember Webster made a motion to utilize the FEMA money to utilize the improvements of purchasing the playground equipment presented, seconded by Councilmember Phillips. The motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Parking Ordinance Committee-
 - i. Review applications, appoint committee members
 - A. City Administrator George Evanko recommended to table the agenda item until more volunteers apply. A motion was made by Councilmember Martin to table the agenda item, seconded by Councilmember Webster. The motion passed unanimously.
 - c. Planning & Zoning Commission *(Minutes)*
 10. Hold a Public Hearing regarding application #PZ2025-001 for a request for a Specific Use Permit to permit Secondhand Store, Furniture/Clothing, at Property ID 80259, Legal Description A0774 M MOORE, ACRES 1.213 also known as 311 N Hwy 69.
 - a. Commission Report and recommendation on application #PZ2025-001 for a request for a

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b. Public Comment

c. Staff Comment

d. Close Public Hearing

i. Motion was made by Councilmember Webster to open the public hearing, seconded by Councilmember Phillips. The motion passed unanimously; the public hearing opened at 8:28pm.

ii. City Administrator George Evanko presented P&Z recommendation for approval. The applicant Kim Winchester spoke on the details of Palmer's Closet. Public comment was made on square footage of the suite space, outside storage and after-hours donations.

iii. A motion was made by Councilmember Webster to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilmember Martin. The motion passed unanimously, and the public hearing was closed at 8:33pm.

11. Discussion and possible action regarding application #PZ2025-001 for a request for a Specific Use Permit to permit Secondhand Store, Furniture/Clothing, at Property ID 80259, Legal Description A0774 M MOORE, ACRES 1.213 also known as 311 N Hwy 69.

a. A motion was made by Councilmember Webster to approve the application #PZ2025-001 for specific use permit, seconded by Councilmember Hanson. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Announcements

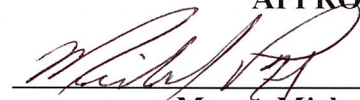
a. Mr. Ritcher announced candidacy for City Council.

13. Adjournment

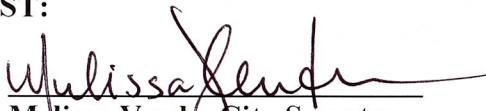
a. Motion was made by Councilmember Martin to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilmember Phillips. The motion passed unanimously; the meeting adjourned at 8:35pm

CITY OF LEONARD, TEXAS

APPROVED:


Mayor Michael Pye

ATTEST:


Melissa Verde, City Secretary

