

MINUTES
Lefors City Council Meeting
May 12, 2025 - Regular Session

Mayor Michael Ray called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Council members Ashley Miller, Jerry Stegall, James Gee, Savannah Kingcade, and Aaron Hunt.

Citizens Melanie Ray, Dennie Boyd, and Danny Gilbert were also present. No comment made.

Mayor Ray led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilman Gee said the Invocation.

City Judge Kurt Curfman submitted a written report: For the month of April 2025, we had receipts of \$0.00. There was one new complaint filed with the Court. These were for city ordinance violations that were reported. At this current time, we have an outstanding balance of fines and court costs due to the City of Lefors of \$200.00 plus warrants of \$8,820.00. All local, state, and federal reports are current.

Public Works Director Chad Young reported that they have had five or six backhoe jobs and that the work orders are all done. On Monday, May 19th, the old water tower will be completely disconnected from the water system. The water system will have to be drained to do this job, and Young estimated the water will be off most of the day. Afterwards, a boil water notice will be issued until the samples are back from the lab. The water tower has been offline for several years, but water is leaking by the valve and going into the tower, which is leaking.

Mayor Ray updated the Council on matters regarding the river flooding. The city has been talking to different agencies for several years and has gotten nowhere as far as a solution. A few months ago, PRPC put us in contact with Team Rubicon which is a non-profit volunteer agency that helps in disasters and fire mitigation. Several weeks ago, a representative looked at the riverbed and the issues we have. Pending permission from the landowners on the north and south side of the bridge as well as obtaining a permit from the Army Corps of Engineers, Team Rubicon has committed to assisting the city. They plan to mobilize in Lefors June 6th-13th. They will be bringing in 25-30 volunteers and heavy equipment. They plan to remove trees and some of the sand for 50 feet on both sides of the bridge, which will help with flooding and fire danger. The city will be hauling off the trees, the school is allowing them to use showers at the field house, and they will be setting up cots to sleep either at the field house or in the Civic Center. Smith Family Septic has donated portable toilets. The Red Cross will be helping with meals, we have reached out to the church and the senior citizens' center, and we are hoping for some volunteers to feed them for the meals that have not been committed to.

Councilman Hunt made a motion to approve the consent agenda including reports, minutes from the April 28, 2025, special meeting, and bills to be paid. Councilwoman Miller seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Mayor Michael Ray swore in unopposed elected Council members Aaron Hunt, Ashley Miller, and Jerry Stegall.

Consideration of purchasing a generator was tabled.

Councilman Hunt made a motion to approve updated Assessment & Collections agreement with Gray County for property tax collection. Councilwoman Miller seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Councilman Hunt made a motion to amend Section 2.9 of the employee handbook to the following: *After the 90-day probationary period has been satisfied, the City of Lefors will furnish to full time employees five (5) work shirts with the name of City on them. Also, at that time an employee will be furnished, if needed, a pair of boots with a cost not to exceed \$300.00. These items will be furnished at no cost to the employee once a year. If employment is terminated with the City for any reason, the work shirts shall be returned to the City.* Councilman Stegall seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Councilwoman Miller made a motion to purchase paint for the civic center. Councilman Hunt seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Councilwoman Miller made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Hunt seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 P.M.

City Secretary

Mayor