**Leonard City Council**

The Leonard City Council met Monday April 8, 2024 at 7 pm. Council members present: Mayor Tracey Jacobson, Tony Plante, Onica Johnson, Bonnie Greuel, Ryan Hinkel, and City Auditor Trina Nudell. March minutes read and approved. Cass County Sheriff’s Report included six calls for service.

During the public concerns portion of the meeting, questions regarding the potential new city building were brought to the council. Cost/bids are still being worked on. When all the information is gathered, there will be a special meeting seeking public input. Other concerns brought up were commercial vs residential zoning in the business district, possibly finding a gravel reclaimer to get gravel off grass along edge of streets and the large number of bigger rocks on the roads as opposed to pea size gravel. The council was asked to investigate the grade of gravel being used or try a different vendor. Another item brought up was that during the ice storm, city trees fell into a resident’s pasture. The city will contact Carr’s Tree service to have those branches and limbs removed.

Since the end dump of gravel hasn’t yet been purchased, motion made and approved to switch from class 5 to class 13 gravel to reduce the amount of rock.

Clean up week will be from May 3 to May 13. The Bin There Dump That price has increased from $1,900- $2,100. Motion made and seconded to accept the $200 cost increase. The cost remains less than other vendors in the area.

The 60-day burning permit expires April 9, so Mayor Jacobson is already in the process of submitting another burn permit application to the state.

Updates on the status of the tree/brush pile were given. So far, Troy Golz has put in 1.5 hours pushing and moving the branches and limbs into the center of the pile but is not ready to submit the final bill.

An update on the ice storm reimbursement request through FEMA was given. The list of questions and items/forms needed were discussed and will be sent to Paul Messner at the state. The last steps will be the state compiling all required information, reports and supporting documentation, a final review by someone else at the state and then the state will send everything to FEMA.

Next was a discussion on whether the equipment is ready for summer. Bruce Johnston will no longer be mowing or doing snow removal, so a maintenance position will be posted.

Motion made and approved to have Ohnstad Twichell draw up a conflict-of-interest statement for the city bi-laws. One council member abstained from voting.

Along with the election year comes the end of the City Auditor 2-year term for City Auditor. The position will be posted. The current City Auditor may re-apply just as she did last time.

Current rates for Savings, Money Market and CD’s were given since the balance in the Cornerstone money market account is now below the $150,000 minimum balance and earning 0% interest. Motion made and approved to roll that money into a money market account with a $1,000 minimum that will earn 3%.

The following bills were approved to be paid: Cass County Reporter $174.96 & $97.53, Fat Man Trash $1,908.76, Tracey Jacobson $87.16, Trina Nudell $31.16, One Call $4.50, S&L Computer $155.88, Trina Nudell $507.93, Bruce Johnson $57.72, Bill Magstadt $715.71.

Next regular meeting will be Monday May 6, 2024,at 7 pm

Trina Nudell, City Auditor