**Leonard City Council**

A special meeting of the Leonard City Council was held Tuesday November 19, 2024

Present: Mayor Sheila Brown, Gilbert Schumacher, Arlin Vanderwerf, Caroline Kraning and City Auditor Trina Nudell. Ben Shepherd joined via phone. Also present were numerous community members.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm. Mayor Sheila Brown had talked to our city attorney at Ohnstad Twichell regarding the David Humphrey property that is in the process of being sold. The north side and the west side of the shop is built on city property. The attorney said that there are four options of what can be done to remedy the situation 1) move the building 2) sell just the house and the land and rent the shop 3) the city could grant/sell an easement for the going rate of $1 per square foot 4) the city could buy it (the city has not discussed this option at all)

The biggest concern of the council was making sure that future development in the city (including future roads) is not hampered at all by the decision that is made. No one knows what the needs of this city will be in the decades to come.

As the discussion progressed, the survey itself was discussed. The current survey shows that an easement of 12 feet by 11 feet is needed. However, the actual amount of feet that the shop is encroaching onto city property is 2 feet on the north side and 1 foot on the west side. Council members feel more comfortable granting an easement for only the 2 feet on the north side and 1 foot on the west side. Motion made to sell a 2-foot easement for the land that the building is on, nothing more, as long as that doesn’t affect the future ability to develop that road. Motion carried with 3 yes votes and one no vote.

The survey paperwork will be revised by the survey company. The city attorney will review the new exhibit A before anything is signed by the city.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.