**Leonard City Council**

The Leonard City Council met Monday February 3, 2025. Council members present: Mayor Sheila Brown, Gilbert Schumacher, Ben Shepherd, Arlin Vanderwerff, Caroline Kraning and City Auditor Trina Nudell. A few community members were also present.

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm. January meeting minutes were read and approved. (Arlin, Gilbert) Cass County Sheriff’s Report included one call for service, which was medical. The Finance Report included information about the Federal Bond Interest Rebate that is received every year. The amount of this sewer bond interest rebate/refund was $5,652.52 this year.

Old business included continued discussion about purchasing flags/banners for the town. Sheila passed around some brochures and catalogs and asked the council for feedback on designs. Old business also included continued discussion on savings and money market rates and CD specials. Trina will continue gathering information and will give an update at the next council meeting. The subject of obtaining quotes for the city shop building was also further discussed. Money has been set aside for insulating and repairing the city shop for many years. Council members will begin getting quotes for insulation and the other items needed.

Mayor Brown reported that there was an unannounced routine inspection of our Leonard landfill facility near the old airstrip in December and everything was found to be in compliance. Sheila and the council would like to thank everyone for following posted rules and regulations and their part in keeping this facility open for all in the community of Leonard to utilize.

New business included discussion regarding replacement city “WELCOME” signs and a firefighter’s “CAUTION“ sign. The firefighters will purchase the firetruck caution sign but wanted to run the idea by the council. Summer help was the next item of business. Ben made a motion to post a job opening for a summer youth position for picking up sticks and other summer help. Pay will be minimum wage. Due to OSHA rules, this position will NOT include mowing or operating other machinery. Seconded by Arlin.

Main street and other city improvements like large flower pots and planting trees was discussed. More to come at subsequent meetings.

2025 marks the 75th Annual Fall Festival, so the community has started Fall Festival discussions. Sheila would like to start thinking about the City of Leonard float, so that will be discussed in the coming months.

Spring Clean Up was discussed next. Sheila has already started calling around to get prices. The ideal date would be between May 9th and 24th. Sheila will continue working on prices and details and bring the info to the next meeting.

The following bills were approved to be paid: Cass County Reporter $45.50, 52.62 & 51.73, Fat Man Trash $1,908.76, Ohnstad Twichell $315 & 25, One Call Concepts $1.50, Bill $352.08 & Bruce $115.44.

Next regular meeting will be Monday March 3, 2025,at 7 pm.

Trina Nudell, City Auditor