**Leonard City Council**

The regular meeting of the Leonard City Council was held Monday November 4, 2024 at 7 pm. Present: Mayor Sheila Brown, Ben Shepherd, Gilbert Schumacher, Arlin Vanderwerf, Caroline Kraning and City Auditor Trina Nudell. Also present were numerous community members.

The October meeting minutes were read and approved. (Motion made by Arlin, seconded by Ben)

The Cass County Sheriff’s Report was given by Deputy Justin Mortinsen. There were 17 calls for service.

The Finance Report was given by Auditor Nudell.

The first item of old business was auditor wages. Per Arlin, based on the ND City Auditor survey, most towns the size of Leonard pay their City Auditors $1,200 per month. Discussion included the auditor duties previously and currently, how much Marcy was being paid when she retired in July 2020 and the amount that had been paid to David Vandrovec Accounting. Mayor Brown noted how much the auditor does and how integral they are to the city. Ben made a motion to pay the City Auditor $1,000 per month. Seconded by Caroline.

The second item of old business was the spare snow blower. This spare blower hasn’t been used for several years, but it’s a good back-up in the event that the city tractor would need repairs and a temporary tractor would have to be rented. This blower could be used with a rental tractor. It was decided that we’d keep the spare snow blower for now, but it will be moved into the shop, out of the weather.

New business included a report about the Halloween Party. There was a really good turnout (27 kids). There was a large variety of games and activities, and the event was a huge success. Plans are to have the event again next year.

The tree contest and Santa Day were discussed. Santa will be here on December 7 from 10 am to Noon. Starting at 9 am, there will be crafts, cookie frosting and Dear Santa letters. The event will conclude at 1 pm.

Next on the agenda was the David Humphrey property. The land was recently surveyed and it was discovered that the shop at the back of the property had been built over the line. So, the building is encroaching two feet over the north property line onto city property and one foot over the west property line, which is also owned by the city. David Humphrey is in the process of selling the property, so a solution is needed. A quit claim deed was first discussed, but at the meeting the property owner asked for an easement. The city will consult their attorney at Ohnstad Twichell and see what the options are. The city wants to make sure that what’s done now doesn’t adversely affect future development and roads.

The last item of business was snow removal & the city plow truck. Arlin made a motion to get the cracks in the frame of the plow truck repaired. Seconded by Ben.

The following bills were approved to be paid by (Motion made by Arlin, seconded by Gilbert) Bill Magstadt $496.38, Trina Nudell $507.93, Cass County Reporter $49.06 & 67.75, Cass County Government assessment fees $500, Kindred True Value park supplies $170.42, Ohnstad Twichell Affidavit of Possession paperwork for the Hahn Property Closing & Cass County filing $200

Caroline made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Ben.

Next meeting will be Monday December 2 at 7 pm.

Trina Nudell, City Auditor