**Leonard City Council**

The Leonard City Council met Monday January 6, 2025. Council members present: Mayor Sheila Brown, Gilbert Schumacher, Ben Shepherd, Arlin Vanderwerff, Caroline Kraning and City Auditor Trina Nudell. One community member was also present.

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm. The December meeting minutes were read and approved. (Ben, Arlin) Cass County Sheriff’s Report included three calls for service, two of which were medicals. The Finance Report included bank balances, interest earned, ARPA grant drawdown, Operation Prairie Dog infrastructure disbursement drawdown, bills and paychecks.

Old business included continued discussion about saving rates and CD specials. Council member Arlin Vanderwerff gave information about options available at Wells Fargo Advisors. Trina will continue compiling a list of rates and CD specials at various banks and businesses in the area including Wells Fargo Advisors and our two current banks.

New business consisted of a reminder about the movie event for the community being shown by the Senior Center on January 26 and February 23, an Easter community event on April 12, state essay contest & upcoming deadlines and reports due. There was also a discussion regarding replacing flags since most of the flags were destroyed by wind last summer and the remaining flags kept getting wrapped around the poles. Motion made by Ben and seconded by Arlin to purchase 8 flags/banners and brackets.

Also mentioned was that the fire department would be burning the city branch and limb pile out by the airstrip in the next few weeks, hopefully by February.

The following bills were approved to be paid: Cass County Finance $122.72, Cass County Reporter $81.10 & $45, Cyber Advisors/SL Computer $35.25, Deluxe Checks $308.59, Fat Man Trash $1,908.76, Hornbachers $73.00 for 1 roll of stamps, Leonard Post Office $219 for 3 rolls of stamps, Ohnstad Twichell $1,035, Bill $409.80 & Bruce $346.31.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

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

Trina Nudell, City Auditor