**Leonard City Council**

The Leonard City Council met Monday March 4, 2024, at 7 pm. Council members present: Mayor Tracey Jacobson, Tony Plante, Onica Johnson, Bonnie Greuel, Ryan Hinkel, and City Auditor Trina Nudell. February minutes were read and approved. The name of the council member making and seconding motions is not required, so names will no longer be included in the minutes.

Cass County Sheriff’s Report included three calls for service.

During the public concerns portion of the meeting, it was mentioned that the signs along the ball diamond fence were coming off due to the ice storm, so they have been re-attached. Another item brought up was that one of the streets in town didn’t get graveled. This must have been an oversite, so motion made and approved to gravel this street north of Main Street and 2nd Avenue. The gravel pile at the air strip is low, so motion made and approved to order an end dump of gravel.

The agreement with the Senior Center is that the corner office at the Senior Center will be a shared space. Seniors will continue to have a key and will use the space for storage. The gray L-shaped donated desk will be moved to the corner office, so a council member has donated a desk for the city office.

The burn permit was finally received, so the fire department lit the brush pile on fire the previous week. The older, dry brush did burn, but it will need to be pushed together and lit again. Troy Goltz had been contacted, but he’s out of town and wouldn’t be able to do it for over a week. Chris Wahlberg could do it this week or early next week for $50 per hour. Motion made and approved to have Chris Wahlberg push up the burn pile at $75 per hour. If the project is too large for Wahlberg to handle, have Troy Goltz perform the work for $500 per text conversation with Troy on March 4.

Motion approved to have Bin There Dump That provide bins for spring clean-up from May 3rd to May 13th if bins are available during that time period. Motion approved to no longer bill the Senior Citizens for monthly sewer, garbage and forestry and the city will continue mowing, trimming and snow removal at the Senior Center as well.

Current rates for Savings, Money Market and CD’s will be discussed at the next meeting. The Welcome to Leonard signs on the north and south ends of town are in need of replacement. A council member will contact businesses for ideas and possible quotes and discussion will be held at next month’s meeting.

The following bills were approved to be paid: Fat Man Trash $1,908.76, Farmers Union Service Association $707, $1,260, $180, Leonard Convenience $254.57, Sheyenne Valley Lumber $13.80, $25.11, $3.18, $28.36, Trina Nudell $507.93, Bruce Johnson $150.07, Ryan Hinkel $46.17, Tracey Jacobson $277.05, Onica Johnson $230.88, Ryan Hinkel $230.88, Tone Plante $184.70, Bonnie Greuel $230.88.

Next regular meeting will be Monday April 8, 2024,at 7 pm

Trina Nudell, City Auditor