

PUBLIC NOTICES

CITY OF LEON  
REGULAR COUNCIL  
MEETING  
March 11, 2024  
6:00 PM

Mayor Bob Frey called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Council members present were Tonya Lindsey, Lisa Moffett, Jonathan Erb, and Jerry Parsons. Trevor Brown was absent.

Motion by J Parsons seconded by L Moffett to approve the agenda. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by J Erb seconded by J Parsons to approve the consent agenda. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by J Parsons seconded by T Lindsey to approve the hiring Blacktop Services to pave approximately 9810 ft of road with asphalt/chip seal/mixed for a total cost of \$388,759.15. The roads to be resurfaced are NW 6th St, NW Walnut St, NW Cedar Ridge, NE Poplar St, and SE Poplar St. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by J Erb seconded by L Moffett to approve RESOLUTION 2024-5: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR

PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT, providing a 5-year graduated tax abatement for property improvements at 703 SW Mindi St. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by J Parsons seconded by J Erb to approve RESOLUTION 2024-6: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT, providing a 10-year graduated tax abatement for property improvements at 1601 W 1st St. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by T Lindsey seconded by L Moffett to approve the sale of city equipment, selling old street department equipment by sealed bid. All ayes, motion carried.

J Erb seconded by J Parsons to adjourn at 7:56 pm. All ayes, motion carried.  
< These minutes are subject to approval at the next regularly scheduled council meeting. >

SIGNED: Bob Frey  
Mayor

ATTEST: Kyle Sheetz  
City Admin/Clerk  
1t7 March 20, 2024

MARCH 2024 CLAIMS

1st Interstate John  
1st Interstate Kyle  
1st Interstate Lorrie  
Aflac  
Agriland Fs Inc  
Alliant Energy

American Red Cross  
Badger Meter Inc  
Baker And Taylor Books  
Blue Cross/Blue Shield  
Cengage Learning-Gale  
Chem-Sult Inc  
Christensen Lori

Clark Gregg

Colonial Life & Accident  
Decatur Co Sheriff

Deere Credit Inc  
Delta Dental  
Eftps  
Gilbert True Value  
Grm Networks  
Hach Company  
Harlequin Reader Service  
Healthies You  
Hewlett's Quality Lawn Ca  
Hy-Vee Food Store  
Ia State Withholding  
Iowa Dept Of Public Healt  
Iowa One Call  
Ipers  
Jim's Sanitation & Truck

Karl Chevrolet  
Leon Comm Development

Leon Hardware & Appliance  
Leon Journal Reporter  
Leon Public Library

LT's Auto  
Microbac Laboratories  
Midwest Office Tech-Lease  
Oriental Trading Co  
Quill Llc  
Risius Amanda  
Russell Danny  
Simmering-Cory & Ia Cod  
Solutions  
Sport Wade Inc  
Standard Insurance  
Surveying & Mapping

Treasurer - State Of Ia  
U S Cellular  
Watson Auto Parts

Battery Backup	\$202.69
Irwa Registration	\$1,607.44
Chains	\$936.87
Aflac- Pre-Tax	\$29.40
Diesel/No Lead	\$948.88
Gas/Electric	
Service	\$13,635.43
Lts Fee	\$200.00
Meters	\$768.95
Books	\$83.22
Bc/Bs- Aftr-Tax	\$18,679.86
Books	\$102.70
Chemicals	\$5,863.44
Community Center	
Contract	\$216.67
Awwa Conf Meal/	
Lodging	\$235.09
Colonial Life	\$328.88
Communication	
Contract	\$1,596.74
Mower Lease	\$347.41
Delta Dental	\$817.96
Fed/Fica Tax	\$8,686.06
Chain Shipping	\$352.18
Phone/Internet	\$547.24
Chemicals	\$1,633.09
Books	\$46.14
Healtiest Pre	\$176.00
Pest CoNtrol	\$170.00
Clng Supp	\$97.42
State Taxes	\$1,140.72
Registration Renewal	\$35.00
One Calls	\$19.10
Ipers	\$6,913.72
Refuse	
Collection	\$25,676.41
Brake Pads/Rotors	\$2,866.00
Tax	
2/28/23-2/29/24	\$8,357.20
Shop Vac/Broom	\$472.18
Publications	\$306.29
Winter Reading	
Program	\$25.00
Door Handle	\$189.41
Testing	\$1,557.50
Copier Lease	\$256.86
Srp	\$38.97
Receipt Paper	\$44.19
Mileage To Solutions	\$28.16
Irwa Conf	\$98.77
Codification 20-23	\$936.00
System Maint	\$160.00
Tires/Oil Chg	\$677.43
Standard Ins	\$147.60
Water/Sewer	
Gis Mapping	\$14,029.42
Sales Tax	\$2,707.55
Cell Phones	\$406.97
Fltr/Fuse/Light	\$332.83

TREASURER'S REPORT  
CALENDAR 3/2024, FISCAL 9/2024

ACCOUNT TITLE	LAST MONTH END BALANCE	RECEIVED	DISBURSED	CHANGE IN LIABILITY	ENDING BALANCE
001 GENERAL	466,879.59	33,930.20	29,219.48	2,301.39	473,891.70
003 POLICE RESERVE	10,600.59	.00	.00	.00	10,600.59
110 ROAD USE TAX	70,375.74	14,931.02	16,393.12	1,882.04	70,795.68
112 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	66,676.12	.00	16,360.14	.00	50,315.98
119 EMERGENCY FUND	37,274.95	.00	.00	.00	37,274.95
121 LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	631,191.16	.00	.00	.00	631,191.16
122 LOST BOND RESERVE	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
123 LOST SINKING FUND (POOL	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
125 TAX INCREMENT FINANCING	30,571.24	.00	.00	.00	30,571.24
160 ECONOMIC DEVELOPEMENT	4,496.21	.00	.00	.00	4,496.21
166 EXPENDABLE TRUST FIRE	3,703.10	.00	.00	.00	3,703.10
167 EXPENDABLE TRUST-LIBRAR	17,811.40	.00	.00	.00	17,811.40
168 EXPENDABLE TRUST PARK/R	42,567.31	.00	.00	.00	42,567.31
169 EXPENDABLE TRUST CEMETE	3,591.37	.00	.00	.00	3,591.37
200 DEBT SERVICE	51,505.00	.00	.00	.00	51,505.00
300 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT RES	2,385.33	.00	.00	.00	2,385.33
301 CAPITAL PROJECT FUND	475.72	.00	.00	.00	475.72
302 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PRO	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
303 STREET CAPITAL PROJECT	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
304 CAPITAL RESERVE	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
500 NON EXPEND TRUST LIBRAR	17,852.93	.00	.00	.00	17,852.93
505 NON EXPEND TRUST CEMETE	53,880.61	.00	.00	.00	53,880.61
600 WATER	1,093,008.47	40,698.12	37,858.45	1,860.16	1,097,708.30
601 WATER SINKING	22,411.61	.00	.00	.00	22,411.61
610 SEWER	1,062,312.81	28,296.51	29,232.50	1,826.78	1,063,203.60
611 SEWER SINKING	30,814.45	.00	1,095.00	.00	29,719.45
613 WASTE WATER COLLECTION	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
670 LANDFILL/GARBAGE	154,254.72	21,625.30	30,949.73	527.00	145,457.29
Report Total	3,874,640.43	139,481.15	161,108.42	8,397.37	3,861,410.53

Payroll Checks	Total Payroll Checks	\$41,771.43
Claims Total		\$167,504.47
	General Fund	\$39,502.22
	Road Use Tax Fund	\$27,161.86
	Water Fund	\$40,072.14
	Sewer Fund	\$29,737.57
	Landfill/Garbage Fund	\$31,030.68

CITY OF LEON  
SPECIAL COUNCIL  
MEETING  
March 13, 2024  
6:00 PM

Mayor Bob Frey called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Council members present were Lisa Moffett, Jonathan Erb, and Jerry Parsons. Trevor Brown and Tonya Lindsey were absent.

Motion by J Erb seconded by J Parsons to approve the agenda. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by J Parsons seconded by J Erb to approve RESOLUTION 2024-7: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEON, IOWA APPROVING THE APPLICATION(S) FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING BENEFITS FROM THE WASHINGTON COUNTY RIVERBOAT FOUNDATION. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by J Erb seconded by L Moffett to approve a 28E Mutual Aid Agreement For Law Enforcement Services with Ringgold County. All ayes, motion carried.  
L Moffett seconded by J Erb to adjourn at 6:10 pm. All ayes, motion carried.  
< These minutes are subject to approval at the next regularly scheduled council meeting. >

SIGNED: Bob Frey  
Mayor

ATTEST: Kyle Sheetz  
City Admin/Clerk  
1t7 March 20, 2024

THE  
COURTHOUSE  
REPORT

Decatur County  
Sheriff's Report

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southbound I-35.

Lamoni PD responded to an alarm at Dollar General in Lamoni.

Lamoni PD responded to harassment in Lamoni.

SO responded to a dog at large on Main St. in Van Wert.

3/12

SO responded to an alarm on W Main St. in Garden Grove.

SO and Lamoni PD responded to a dispute on Hwy 69, east of Lamoni.

SO responded to damage at the Barnum Community Center in Decatur.

Leon PD respond-

ed to a dispute on NE 10th St. in Leon.

SO, Leon PD, and Lamoni PD responded to reckless driving and gunshots on NE 10th St. in Leon.

3/13

SO responded to a brush fire north of Lamoni.

3/14

SO booked Jesus Padilla of Des Moines, serving time for previous charge.

3/15

SO and Leon PD responded to an alarm at U.S. Cellular in Leon.

SO booked William Hatfield of Leon, serving time for previous charge.

SO booked Zackary Fraker of Garden Grove, serving time for previous charge.

SO responded to a report of a grass fire on 217th St., east of Leon.

COURT CASES

City of Decatur, plaintiff, vs. Clarke County Hospital, Sandra Luanne Poindexter, Stephen Dean Poindexter, Southern Iowa Rural Water Assoc., State of Iowa Department of Revenue and Financial., and United States of America Internal Revenue Services. Petition Filed.

City of Decatur, Decatur County, Robert Long, Sandra Long, Southern Iowa Rural Water Assoc., State of Iowa Department of Revenue and Financial., and United States of America Internal Revenue Services. Petition Filed.

Roshan Dasari, plaintiff, vs. Infinity Health, defendant. Order Setting Trial.

Stephanie Earley, plaintiff, vs. City of Leon and Duane Alan Skinner, defendants. Petition Filed.

MAGISTRATE

Lindsey Nicole Bailey, Afton, OK, speeding over 55 zone (6 thru 10 over). Total \$170.51.

Karina Antonia Lee Waye, Oklahoma City, OK, speeding over 55 zone (6 thru 10 over). Total \$170.51.

Ethan Larue Main, Mt. Ayr, IA, improper use of auxiliary driving lights. Total \$132.63.

Ethan Larue Main, Mt. Ayr, IA, speeding over 55 zone (11 thru 15 over). Total \$236.13.

Caleb Eli McCaskill, Orlando, FL, speeding over 55 zone (11 thru 15 over). Total \$268.01.

Caleb Eli McCaskill, Orlando, FL, no valid Drivers License. Total \$570.25.

Alena M. Money, Davis City, IA, speeding over 55 zone (11 thru 15 over). Total \$175.75.

Luis Daniel Medina Cruz, Webster City, IA, speeding over 55 zone (6 thru 10 over). Total \$118.25.

Luis Daniel Medina Cruz, Webster City, IA, no valid Drivers License. Total \$354.00.

Marcos Paes Barreto Da Silv, Brevard, NC, speeding over 55 zone (6 thru 10 over). Total \$118.25.

Juan Gilberto Almendarez Palacios, Minneapolis, MN, speeding over 55 zone (6 thru 10 over). Total \$118.25.

Ashutosh Nandku Chandanshive, Tempe, AZ, speeding over 55

LETTERS TO  
THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

At the January 29, 2024 BOS (Board of Supervisor) meeting all county departments, except for the Auditor, presented their budgets for review and discussion. It was a long day with the final report ending at 3:30 pm. The BOS then entered into a brief discussion of the recommended salary increases from the Compensation Board. The Comp Board recommendations may be seen in the BOS minutes of January 29, 2024 posted on the county website. In less than 20 minutes it was decided to give a 3 % increase to the elected officials. At the time I thought ...why not take some time to review the reports & receive all the budget reports before making a decision that impacts every county employee? I wondered if a 3% raise had already been decided upon? Did anyone test the possibility of a 4 or 5% increase? How will increased costs in health care premiums impact employees?

Several times employees have voiced concern regarding the rates for the family health insurance, coverage exemptions that exist in the current plan and the desire to explore other insurance options. The county picks up the cost of an employee enrolling in a single plan. The county contributes the cost of single coverage to employees enrolling in a family plan. The remaining cost for family coverage takes approximately half of the average employee's monthly paycheck.

At the March 11 BOS meeting the county's current insurance carrier presented the 4 % premium increase for next year and listened to employee concerns. The Auditor stated she had received the 4% premium increase and had already entered that cost into the budget. The Auditor stated she had made it clear that the county would not be seeking bids for health insurance this year. One BOS disagreed with that action by the Auditor. The insurance carrier will prepare options to address the discussed concerns. The county will remain with the same carrier and the projected increase in premiums is 4%. The employee enrolling in the family plan will receive a 3% raise in salary, pay a 4% increase

zone (6 thru 10 over). Total \$118.25.

Julian Glen Patrick Davis, Oskaloosa, IA, speeding 55 or under zone (11 thru 15 over). Total \$175.75.

Sophia Grace Greene, Wichita, KS, speeding over 55 zone (6 thru 10 over). Total \$118.25.

Krystal Renea Gresham, Lamoni, IA, operation of motor vehicle with expired li-

in insurance premium.

The BOS are faced with being fiscally responsible while experiencing increased costs and unfunded legislative mandates. While I am not aware of all the aspects of a county budget I find myself wondering about the following dollars that were not spent and how those dollars have since been allocated:

- The county spent a significant amount of time not paying the salary & benefits of a full time engineer

-The county has not paid salary & benefits for a full time Road Foreman since last summer

-Following the death of Rod Norman, my former road maintainer guy, no replacement was hired

-The County Attorney position went from full time to part time

Agenda Item 3/11/24: Departmental Matters

The Auditor shared communications with the BOS, requested BOS reports from their respective board or commission meetings; Wengryn was asked and reported that the BOH approved a 5% raise for Department of Health employees.

The Auditor announced she would prepare and post signs stating that no electronic devices will be allowed in the BOS meetings and the only person allowed to record in the BOS meeting is the Auditor. I don't recall hearing a discussion or seeing a note in the minutes regarding a resolution by the BOS to change meeting protocol. I wonder if such a change in meeting protocol complies with Iowa's Sunshine Laws (2017-ISAC-NCO-Open-Meetings-Margaret-Johnson.pdf (iowacounties.org)).

The budget deadline was mentioned as well as work yet to be done on the budget. At this time the Auditor addressed the following statement to me... "We are talking about budget Rita and none of this needs to show up in the newspaper." During an open public meeting an elected official told a private citizen not to share budget information discussed in an open public meeting in the newspaper. That should give all citizens cause for concern.

*"Whenever the people are well informed, they can be trusted with their own government."*

-Thomas Jefferson

Rita Audlehelm  
23677 150th Street  
Van Wert, IA 50262

cense. Total \$135.50.

Ramon Minguell Ribas, New York City, NY, speeding over 55 zone (11 thru 15 over). Total \$175.75.

Christopher Anthony Courtney, Leon, IA, failure to maintain or use safety belts - adult. Total \$135.50.

Nathan L. Korb, Iola, WI, trespass 1st offense. Total \$354.00.

Blake Clinton Foote, Leon, IA, speed. Total \$101.00.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

City of Leon

MOWING

The City of Leon is accepting applications for Seasonal Mowing positions for the 2024 season.

Selected individuals will be mowing and weed eating the parks and cemetery. Candidates must be at least 16 years of age.

Applications may be picked up at

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