

Town of Leeds

Town Council Work Session for Wednesday, June 25, 2025

Work Session

Call to Order: 6:24 pm

In Attendance: Mayor Hoster

Councilmember: Ron Cundick

Councilmember: Danielle Stirling Video

Councilmember: Michelle Peot

a. Budget

Going over the tentative budget and getting feedback from the other council members.

Discussion on the CCC Camp and questions on where the doors are for the camp.

Councilmember Stirling asking about line 266 for public safety, is that the amount that we paid for extra that we gave or is what we are budgeting for our police department or contracting with the police department.

Mayor Hoster: States that 10,000 was to the sheriff's office for DEA. Asked for Deputy Clerk to look into the charges.

Councilmember Peot: Was that for the one time request. They went around asking for a one time request for money. I am uncomfortable having that be a standing item when I personally think the ones who really needs the money is the fire department. I don't know from a funding standpoint how that works but if we are going to make a donation that seems more consequential for our town then for DEA.

Councilmember Stirling: Does anyone know what we pay every year for contracting them. The codification has been paid up for 5 years, do we have to pay?

Mayor Hoster: There are additional expenses that could be associated with it so it's a buffer, this is for any additional legal support or fees associated with it.

Councilmember Peot: It seems like we have now added codification and had more details on reporting on the things that would potentially fall in that catch all category. There is the legal service component but that is captured elsewhere and now we have the codification process or now if we have feedback from engineer that is handled differently.

Discussion on the monthly fees on the computer IT and what that amount should be for the budget.

Councilmember Stirling: Line 327 engineering most of this should be billed to developers I don't think we should budget for engineering expenses at all that all should be billed back. We spend \$34,326 for legal, and we increased it to 60,000 is there something on the horizon that means we need to double that?

Councilmember Cundick: I think that is a tough area. Some of the developers have threatened litigation, I think that we are going to facing considerable litigation in the future.

Councilmember Stirling: For park improvements we have 5,000 for park equipment other, park improvements for \$12,040 and mostly all the other fees are impact fee money is there some type of breakout.

Mayor Hoster: Impact fee money cannot be used for that, for maintenance. Has to be new items for impact fee.

The Deputy Clerk comes back with one item listing the \$10,000 to the sheriff's office. The mayor asks for more information to be researched.

Councilmember Stirling: Are we hiring another public works person?

Mayor Hoster: States that we are needing to hire another part time person. Though the fulltime we have shares different wages.

Councilmember Stirling: Line item for 319 for Legislative other because we only spent \$31.38, I am going to ask if we can move that to the cemetery to finish one of our projects. That cemetery expense can be moved and that would get us our very own first phase one.

Mayor Hoster: The critical issues that have been surfaced that I think have to be addressed are our bathrooms, this parking lot, we have a playground that is really dangerous the slide has a hole in it and think its critical to then do that and if you have left over money. I don't think there is a timeline on the cemetery.

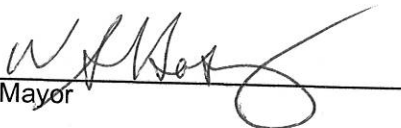
Councilmember Stirling: In order for me to do anything I will need to come back and amend the budget.

Councilmember Cundick: I think that's true, I am not willing to commit to things to the cemetery right now, when there are a number of things that need to be taken care of and I am not sure what those bids are going to be.

Mayor Hoster: We look at historically what we have done and what we have spent. Then if there is anything that is out of the ordinary then we explain it. There is very few things that we have hit a few of them we may need a part-time person for parks and repair the bathrooms. There are not big deviations from the past years. I wish I had heard things before tonight. We are able modify things. It was wisely done before I was here to have padding in the categories.

Adjournment: 7:53 pm

Approved this 9th Day of July 2025.



Bill Hoster, Mayor

ATTEST:



Cari Bishop, Deputy Clerk