

City Council Meeting Minutes

**April 9, 2024
Library Meeting Room
951 Spruce Street
6:00 PM**

Call to Order – Mayor Leh called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The following members were present:

City Council: *Mayor Chris Mayor Leh
Mayor Pro Tem Caleb Dickinson
Councilmember Tim Bierman
Councilmember Deb Fahey
Councilmember Barbara Hamlington
Councilmember Dietrich Hoefner
Councilmember Judi Kern*

Staff Present: *Jeff Durbin, City Manager
Samma Fox, Deputy City Manager
Jessica Schwartz, Teen Librarian
Mandy Perera, Recreation Supervisor
Meredyth Muth, City Clerk*

Others Present: *Youth Advisory Board Members
Sena Williams, Vice-Chair
Lexi Miller, Secretary
Bailey Bartich
Raymond Catlos
Soren Firestine
Bella Ferguson
Nate Hart
Evan Hiatt
Kiana Peterson
Arihant Swain
Violet Triesch
Hazel Van Zale
Everett Weiss*

Mayor Leh welcomed everyone. He noted the extended power outage over the past weekend and stated Council would discuss it at a later meeting as it is not on the agenda this evening.

YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD 2023-2024 ANNUAL REPORT

Members of the Youth Advisory Board reviewed their work over the past year highlighting their Pet Mayor campaign and the upcoming environmental themed scavenger hunt that will take place during Earth Week.

Public comments

Mary Van Zale, Hazel's mom, stated serving on the board has been a great experience for their family.

Councilmembers thanked the members of the YAB for their service and for the great projects they do each year.

Mayor Leh gave out certificates of appreciation to the board members whose terms are ending this year.

DISCUSSION/DIRECTION – WARD MEETING PROCESS

Deputy City Manager Fox stated ward meetings are an opportunity for Councilmembers to engage with their constituencies and staff is requesting guidance on approaches for the future as there has been a renewed interest in having meetings and staff would like a consistent approach for them.

Staff is recommending city-sponsored ward meetings, each individual ward and a mayor's town meeting, be held twice per year. Councilmembers could have additional meetings but they would not be staff supported. City-sponsored meetings would include advertising of the meetings in City publications, coordination of room reservations, and staff support.

Members discussed and accepted the proposal for two staff-supported meetings per year, not spending any additional funds on advertising but rather using already available resources, and an understanding that additional meetings will be advertised by staff only if the schedule allows.

ADJOURN

Members adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Christopher M. Leh, Mayor

Meredyth Muth, City Clerk