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## **La Vista Mayors Youth Leadership Council Meeting**

**October 20, 2015**

A meeting of the Mayors Youth Leadership Council was held at 6:00 p.m. on October 20, 2015

Present were Youth Leadership Councilmember's: Noah Atchinson, Jamie Bac, Samuel Cahill, Haley DeWitt, Corinne Fjelsted, Lucas Neill, Angelina Rosi, Madelynn Vasquez, Devin Vetter and Emma Williams. Also in attendance were Mayor Douglas Kindig, City Councilmember Jim Frederick, Assistant City Administrator Rita Ramirez, Assistant to the Mayor Michelle Coffman, Police Chief Robert Lausten, Captain Bryan Waugh, Officer Jamie Brown, Officer Nick Jeanette and Youth Council Community Advisor Shelly Stotts. Not present was Youth Council Member Alexis Spaulding.

### **AGENDA**

1. Welcome remarks, Mayor Kindig
2. Leadership Council Staff Introductions
3. Leadership Council Member Introductions
4. Goals/Expectations of the Youth Council
5. Explain YLC Charter (Hand outs)
6. Discuss roles of officers (Hand outs)
7. Establish meeting dates/frequency of meetings
8. Set next meeting date and agenda
9. **La Vista City Council Meeting at 7 p.m.**
10. Adjourn

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## **Mayor and Staff Introductions**

Mayor Kindig welcomed the members of the Youth Leadership Council and explained the goals and purpose of the council. Mayor Kindig expressed his appreciation for each of the councilmember's interest in the program and a willingness to volunteer in the community and assist the City Council with providing a youth perspective on issues faced by the City. Mayor Kindig also encouraged the councilmember's to take ownership of this opportunity.

Councilman Frederick also expressed his appreciation for the interest in the Youth Council and his willingness to assist in any way.

Youth Leadership Council Community Advisor, Shelly Stotts, introduced herself to the Youth Council Members and encouraged each of them to have fun and take on leadership roles on the council if they were interested.

The La Vista Police Department will act as the City of La Vista Department sponsor to the Youth Leadership Council during the 2015/16 session. Chief of Police Lausten welcomed the councilmember's along with Captain Waugh, Officer J. Brown and Officer Jeanette.

## **Youth Councilmember Introductions**

Each Youth Councilmember introduced themselves to each other and the City staff members. Councilmember's shared their reason for applying for the Youth Council and things they hoped to learn and accomplish with the Youth Council.

## **Goals and Expectations**

Captain Waugh discussed the goals and expectations of the Mayors Youth Leadership Council which was also sent to each councilmember in their welcome packet. Councilmember's understood the goals and expectations and didn't have any questions.

## **Explain YLC Charter**

Captain Waugh provided each councilmember with a copy of the Mayors Youth Leadership Council charter and explained the content. Each councilmember was encouraged to read through the document and come up with ideas or additions to be discussed at the next meeting.

## **Election of Officers**

Captain Waugh explained the process for election of officers and the roles of each office to include the President, Vice-President and Secretary. Councilmember's were provided with a written explanation of the process in preparation for the next meeting when nominations for officers will be taken and an election will be held.

## **Establish meeting dates/frequency of meetings**

Councilmember's and advisors discussed future meeting dates and the frequency of meetings. An outline of future meetings was also presented. Based on input from councilmember's and advisors it was decided the Youth Council would meet once per month for an official Youth Council meeting on the

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2<sup>nd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. and meetings would last no more than two hours. There may be occasions when additional meetings or committee meetings will be held as needed.

Several councilmember's and advisors had concerns over conflicts with sports, however; it was decided that until the soccer and volleyball schedule is released the dates and times selected are suitable and will be adjusted as needed to ensure participation by all councilmember's.

## **Comments from Youth Council and Advisors**

Mayor Kindig once again welcomed the Youth Council Members and expressed his willingness to work with each of them as this program is established. Mayor Kindig also invited each Councilmember and their parents to attend the City Council Meeting following the Youth Council Meeting in order to introduce them to the City Council and have an opportunity to take a photograph.

Shelly Stotts congratulated the Youth Councilmember's on their selection to the council and is looking forward to working with each of them.

Captain Waugh asked the councilmember's to start thinking about a logo for the Mayors Youth Leadership Council which will be used for member shirts. Captain Waugh also discussed future events that the Youth Council may participate in to include the Halloween Safe Night and the Holiday lighting event. Councilmember's were also encouraged to start thinking about projects or issues that the council would like to get involved in throughout the year, specifically issue that will impact the youth in the community.

At 6:45 p.m. the Youth Leadership Council meeting adjourned.

## **La Vista City Council Introductions**

Members of the Mayors Youth Leadership Council were introduced during the La Vista City Council Meeting. Mayor Kindig welcomed the councilmember's and explained the importance of getting the youth of La Vista involved in city government and volunteerism in the community. Members of the Mayors Youth Leadership Council had the opportunity for a photograph with the Mayor and the members of the La Vista City Council.

The date for the next meeting has been set for **Tuesday November 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.** held in the City Hall Annex.