

City of Leola -- Council Meeting Proceedings  
December 1, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Brett Schaible. City council members present: Michael Yost, Jackie Leibel, Brandon Lehmann, McKlay Pettigrew and Jackie Rau. Richard Reis called into the meeting. City personnel present: Terry Lehmann, Jeff Tschappat, and Sondra Waltman. Community members present included: McPherson County Commissioners (Mike Mardian, Jeff Neuharth, Mark Opp and Neal Woehlhaff), Sheriff David Ackerman, Brandon Swate, and Mike & Marsha Lapka.

Mayor Schaible led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Yost moved with a second from Lehmann to approve the previous meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Yost moved with a second from Pettigrew to approve the treasurer's report. All in favor, motion carried. The account balances are as follows: General Fund, \$595,277.74; Revolving Loan Fund, \$45,491.43; and Project Account \$9,638.41.

Rau moved with a second from Lehmann to approve the proposed bills. All in favor, motion carried. The bills are as follows:

<b>Bills to be Considered for December 2025</b>		
Agtegra	Fuel/oil, tire repair, propane, bolts/washers/pipe, brake fluid	\$ 175.58
Agtegra	Tires, struts, fuel, antifreeze, filters, batteries	\$ 2,088.47
Bobcat	Mower repairs	\$ 137.83
Corporate Trust/US Bank	20th Quarterly Pmt - Water Project	\$ -
CorTrust Visa	Payroll fees, Postage, Certified letters	\$ 213.00
Dependable Sanitation	Garbage Collection	\$ 86.00
Gary's Auto	Alignment	\$ 146.03
Gene's Oil	Gas/Fuel (#1)	\$ 615.08
Maguire	Repairs to Water Tower	\$ 5,100.00
McPherson Co. Herald	Minutes, notices	\$ 137.90
Montana Dakota Utilities	Electricity	\$ 2,542.37
Moser Excavating	Curb stop replacement/Pudwill Pond cleanup	\$ 1,147.96
ReadiTech/DRN	Windows 11 upgrade, computer, web security/backup	\$ 1,644.97
Rural Development	194th Payment for Sewer	\$ 4,021.00
Ryan's Candy	Plain & Colored Paper	\$ 149.80
SD DANR	NPDES Municipal - Annual Renewal	\$ 450.00
SD Public Health Lab	Lagoon Testing	\$ 242.00
SDWWWA	Annual Dues	\$ 20.00
Share Corp	Cleaner (sewer)	\$ 1,513.39
Telespire	Cell Phone	\$ 65.00
Valley	Telephone, Fax, Internet	\$ 340.60
Vestis	Mops, rugs	\$ 123.53

WEB Water	Water for Nov	\$ 8,005.94
Weiszhaar, Brady	Water Deposit Refund	\$ 100.00
West, Terry	Water Deposit Refund	\$ 100.00
	<b>November Payroll</b>	
Payroll	Street Fund	\$ 6,901.36
Payroll	Finance Office	\$ 3,570.66
Payroll	Government Buildings	\$ 358.60
Payroll	Library	\$ 1,478.95
Payroll	SD Health Pool - December	\$ 1,878.00
Payroll	SS, Med, W/H, SDRS with Matches	\$ 2,582.99
	Total	\$ 45,937.01

At 7:10 pm, Neil Geffre, McPherson County Commissioner Sid Feickert, and John Hoyle (telephonically) joined the meeting.

At 7:15 pm a public hearing was held for city owned rental properties. Reis moved with a second from Lehmann to allow the current tenants to renew their annual lease with the same terms. All in favor, motion carried.

At 7:30 pm, a public hearing was held for the second reading of the revised ordinance book/Ordinance 25-02. Lehmann moved with a second from Leibel to hold the second reading and move for its adoption. All in favor, motion carried. The second reading was held as follows:

Ordinance No. 25-02

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TOWN REGULATIONS FOR THE CITY OF LEOLA, SOUTH DAKOTA, PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, ENFORCEMENT AND AMENDMENT THEREOF; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PART OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICH THEREWITH.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF LEOLA, SOUTH DAKOTA: this hereby establishes City Ordinances for the City of Leola, South Dakota, with such regulations being set forth in the document titled City Ordinances; provides restrictions, provides for the administration, enforcement, and amendment of this Ordinance; and repeals any other ordinance or parts thereof in conflict with this Ordinance. The City of Leola is adopting this Ordinance in order to protect the public health, safety, and general welfare.

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Brett Schaible, Leola City Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sondra Waltman, Leola City Finance Officer

## NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE IN REVIEW

Notice is hereby given to any and all persons that the City Council of the City of Leola, South Dakota, a Municipal Corporation, has adopted Ordinance Number 25-02 which is an ordinance in revision of the ordinances of the municipality of the City of Leola, South Dakota.

Said Ordinance in revision is on file with the Finance Officer and available for review at the Finance Office.

Dated: December 1, 2025

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Sondra Waltman, Leola City Finance Officer

First Reading: November 3, 2025

Second Reading: December 1, 2025

Adopted on: December 1, 2025

Published on: December 11, 2025

Effective on: December 31, 2025

### OLD BUSINESS

Joint Law – Mayor Schaible formally invited the McPherson County Commissioners to attend our meeting to discuss any questions/concerns regarding Joint Law. The current contract ends December 31, and the city did not renew the contract for 2026. Public comments were heard from Mark Opp, Jeff Neuharth, Sheriff Ackerman, Mike Mardian, Sid Feickert, and Neil Geffre. After discussion, the mayor and council thanked the McPherson County Commissioners for their time and attendance. The Commissioners left the meeting.

Mobile Home/1302 Conklin St/Agreement – Discussion was held regarding the property and the agreement from September of 2024. Rau moved with a second from Lehmann to have Hoyle remove the trailer immediately due to the most recent appraisal (Feb 2025) being less than \$20,000. Roll call vote: Lehmann, aye; Rau, aye; Pettigrew, nay; Leibel, aye; Yost, nay; Reis, nay. A tie breaker was made by Mayor Schaible, who voted nay. Motion failed. Reis moved with a second from Pettigrew to give Hoyle a deadline of one month to get the trailer leveled and skirted, and interior work completed by 2/24/2026 (one year after the previous assessment) to meet the \$20,000 valuation. Roll call vote: Lehmann, nay; Rau, nay; Pettigrew, aye; Leibel, nay; Yost, aye; Reis, aye. A tie breaker was made by Mayor Schaible, who voted aye. Motion carried.

2026 Election – Rau moved with a second from Leibel to hold the 2026 election in conjunction with McPherson County on June 2, 2026. All in favor, motion carried.

Minimum Wage Increase – On January 1, 2026 minimum wage is increasing from \$11.50 to \$11.85.

Holidays – Governor Rhoden granted December 24 and 26 as Administrative Leave. City offices will also be closed December 25 and January 1 for the holidays.

NEW BUSINESS

Review Open Meeting Laws – The “Conducting the Public’s Business in Public” pamphlet was shared with the council as an annual review.

Year End Meeting – Rau moved with a second from Leibel to set a year end meeting for Monday, December 29 at 7 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

EMC Insurance Renewal – The city’s annual renewal was discussed and tabled to the December 29<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Contingency Transfer – After reviewing financials, Rau moved with a second from Yost to adopt Resolution No. 2025-07. All in favor, motion carried. The resolution is as follows:

Resolution No. 2025-07

Contingency Transfer Resolution

WHEREAS, The City of Leola did approve a line for contingency transfers in the 2025 annual budget in accordance with SDCL 9-21-6.1; and,

WHEREAS, The City of Leola finds it necessary to transfer from said contingency line;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Leola City Council, that the following amount(s) be transferred:

From: General Fund Contingency –101-41150 (\$21,948.26 remaining budget)

To:	General Fund – 100-45220-43400 (SB) Machinery & Equipment	\$534.97
	General Fund – 100-45500-41100 (Lib) Salary	\$1,650.00
	General Fund – 100-45500-43400 (Lib) Machinery & Equipment	\$2,700.00

Dated: December 1, 2025

Approved: Brett Schaible, Mayor

Attest: Sondra Waltman, Finance Officer

At 8:00 pm nuisance properties were reviewed. Individuals/businesses who received letters were welcome to appeal their case at this time. After reviewing, discussing and hearing public comments from Neil Geffre and a call from Tyler Bollinger, Pettigrew moved with a second from Yost to grant extensions for Properties #1 and #7 on the list and declared the remaining properties a nuisance. All in favor, motion carried. The remaining nuisance properties will receive a letter from the city attorney giving property owners 21 days to comply before final action is executed. A list of nuisances can be found in the Finance Office.

Alan Wimer joined the meeting at 8:20 pm.

