

City of Leola -- Council Meeting Proceedings
February 2, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Brett Schaible. City council members present: Michael Yost, Jackie Leibel, McKay Pettigrew, Brandon Lehmann, and Jackie Rau. Richard Reis called into the meeting. City personnel present: Terry Lehmann, Jeff Tschappat, and Sondra Waltman. Community members Brandon Swate, Kathy Lehmann, and Mike & Marsha Lapka were also present.

Mayor Schaible led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Waltman stated there was an error in the bills for January regarding the USPS PO Box rent. The check for \$84 was voided and updated for the February bills. Leibel moved with a second from Yost to approve the January meeting minutes with the correction. All in favor, motion carried.

Rau 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, \$557,367.75; Revolving Loan Fund, \$45,510.75; 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:

Bills to be Considered for February 2026		
3E Generator Shop	Maintenance, filters	\$ 584.10
Agtegra	Oil/filter/plug; nuts/bolts	\$ 100.78
CHS	Shop propane	\$ 613.70
Corporate Trust/US Bank	21st Quarterly Pmt - Water Project	\$ 3,082.37
CorTrust Visa	Payroll fees	\$ 77.64
Curt's Repair	repairs and maint (brakes, fuel shut off assy and relay kit)	\$ 486.00
Dependable Sanitation	Garbage Collection	\$ 86.00
Gene's Oil	Heating oil (library), fuel/gas	\$ 1,577.45
Les's Standard	MB furnace repair	\$ 753.70
McPherson Co. Herald	Minutes, notices	\$ 255.80
Menards	Paint, stain, door knobs, cleaning/maint supplies	\$ 285.27
Montana Dakota Utilities	Electricity	\$ 3,376.28
Moser Excavating & Trucking	Curb stop replacement	\$ 459.18
Pheasantland Industries	Camping Rates Sign	\$ 100.00
ReadiTech/DRN	Websecurity/backup	\$ 75.55
Rural Development	196th Payment for Sewer	\$ 4,021.00
Runnings	Sprayer pump	\$ 149.99
SD Public Health Lab	Water Testing	\$ 20.00
SD One Call	Locate calls	\$ 3.15
SD Assoc of Towns and Townships	Annual Dues	\$ 248.50
SDML	Annual Dues - SDML Affiliate Groups (FO, CE)	\$ 125.00

Share Corp	Sewer cleaning/maint	\$ 1,100.22
Telespire	Cell Phone	\$ 65.00
USPS	Library PO Box Rent	\$ 90.00
Valley	Telephone, Fax, Internet	\$ 323.70
Vestis	Mops/rugs, toilet paper	\$ 339.53
WEB Water	Water for Jan	\$ 8,463.83
	January Payroll	
Payroll	Mayor/Council	\$ -
Payroll	Water Fund	\$ 7,291.66
Payroll	Finance Office	\$ 3,666.66
Payroll	Government Buildings	\$ 360.00
Payroll	Library	\$ 1,308.90
Payroll	West Nile Spraying	\$ -
Payroll	Zoning	\$ -
Payroll	Credit Board	\$ -
Payroll	SD Health Pool - February	\$ 2,069.56
Payroll	SS, Med, W/H, SDRS with Matches	\$ 2,790.29
	Total	\$ 44,350.81

OLD BUSINESS

2026 Election – The city election will be held in conjunction with McPherson County on June 2, 2026. Petitions can circulate February 2 through March 24 at 5 pm. Petitions can be obtained from the finance office, county auditor office, or printed online and notarized. All terms up for election are two year terms. Terms up for election include Ward 1 Council, Ward 2 Council, Ward 3 Council and Mayor.

Mobile Home/1302 Conklin St/Agreement – Due to the trailer house still being in town, a summons and complaint will be served to the owner.

City Equipment – Discussion continued and a quote was reviewed from Hokeness Farms for a payload, along with selling/trading existing equipment. Further talk of a short-term loan/adjusting the budget for next year was held. The dump truck is being repaired at Crawfords in Aberdeen.

At 7:15 pm a public hearing for the Fireman Fun Night Special Events Liquor License was held. With no objections from the public, Yost moved with a second from Lehmann to approve the license for February 28 (or snow date of March 14). All in favor, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Meter Reading Software – The city's current meter reading software is transitioning to the Cloud and annual fees will be imposed along with some updated equipment and procedures. Further information will be shared at the next meeting.

Security Cameras – Discussion was held on upgrading our security cameras with play back options. Price quotes will be explored.

Pool – After discussion, Rau moved with a second from Yost to replace the two chlorine tanks for approximately \$1,100 each. All in favor, motion carried. Lehmann moved with a second from Leibel to advertise for lifeguards/managers and set the wages as follows: \$15.30/hour for new guards, \$16.30/hour for returning guards, \$17.30/hour for assistant manager and \$18.30/hour for manager. All in favor, motion carried. Training options and additional information can be found at the city office. In 2026, no daily admission will be charged for pool users.

Liquor License Transfer – Rau moved with a second from Yost to accept the application of liquor license transfer and set a public hearing for March 2 at 7:15 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Prairie Combine App – Information was shared regarding a regional community app with local events and highlights. Further information and costs will be available at the next meeting.

MSHA Training – Rau moved with a second from Reis for Lehmann and Tschappat to attend the MSHA Training in Aberdeen on March 10 (or next available date). All in favor, motion carried.

At 8:00 pm nuisance properties were reviewed. Previously, an extension was made for Neil Geffre's storage lot after discussing plans with the council. Pettigrew moved with a second from Lehmann to set a deadline for the extension to May 1, 2026. All in favor, motion carried. The following properties were declared a nuisance and added to the list: 1305 Conklin Street (house & garage), 1209 Conklin Street (garage), and 1205 Main Street. Notices will be sent accordingly. Previous property owners who signed their certified letters will be towed and papers will be served to the properties that were returned as undelivered. A Summons and Complaint will be sent to 1302 Conklin Street and a motion for Summary Judgement to 709 Conklin Street. All towing and storage fees will be at the owner's expense. A list of nuisances can be found in the Finance Office.

MAINTENACE UPDATE

Updates were shared regarding snow removal, a curb stop replacement, shop work/maintenance, building a bench for the new playground at the campground and miscellaneous projects.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Streets, Alleys & Restricted Use Site – Mayor Schaible enlightened the council regarding a company that raises/lowers manholes in city streets.

Water & Sewer – Mandatory letters were sent from the city using a template from SD DANR regarding the possibility of lead lines in parts of Leola.

Park, Recreation & Pool – The electricity is still on at the campgrounds, but the water is disconnected.

Building & Equipment –The elevator in the Citizen's Building is scheduled to be serviced. After discussion, Pettigrew moved with a second from Reis to install a retractable gate with lock in the basement of the Citizen's Building as a deterrent for Piggy Bank shoppers as well as keeping 4-H Shooting Sports equipment secure. All in favor, motion carried.

Code Enforcement, Law Enforcement & Library Reports – The 2025 annual recap and activity report was shared along with the January 2026 library report. Further discussion was held on potential volunteers/activities/programs.

Zoning – There was a meeting February 2 and the next meeting will be May 4.

COMPLAINT FORMS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Public comments were heard regarding library programs, local vandalism, and Reis shared his intention to rerun for his Ward 1 City Council position.

UPCOMING EVENTS: City offices will be closed for Presidents Day on February 16. The next City Council meeting is March 2, the Local Board of Equalization will meet March 16, the District 6 meeting will be March 17 in Redfield and election petitions must be submitted to the finance office by 5 pm on March 24.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 8:57 pm, Rau moved with a second from Yost to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel per SDCL 1-25-2 (1). All in favor, motion carried. At this time the public attendees left the meeting and Reis ended the call. Executive Session ended at 9:01 pm with no action taken.

ADDITIONAL TOPICS: None.

At 9:02 pm, Rau moved with a second from Leibel to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Brett Schaible
Brett Schaible, Mayor, City of Leola

Sondra Waltman
ATTEST: Sondra Waltman, Finance Officer, City of Leola

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