City of Leola -- Council Meeting Proceedings
November 3, 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 Mike Lapka, Terry Hoffman, John Hoyle, Brandon Swate, Pam Schaffner, Andrew and Trisha Erdmann were also present.

Mayor Schaible led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Yost moved with a second from Leibel to approve the previous meeting minutes, including the correction to the October bills. The September payroll stated for mayor/council was listed as $15,900 and should have been listed as $7,800. All in favor, motion carried.

Rau moved with a second from Lehmann to approve the treasurer's report. All in favor, motion carried. The account balances are as follows: General Fund, $551,277.74; Revolving Loan Fund, $45,482.08; and Project Account $9,638.41.

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

Bills to be Considered for November 2025		
A-1 Sanitation	Oversized Dumpster (x1)	$ 437.26
Corporate Trust/US Bank	20th Quarterly Pmt - Water Project	$ 3,082.37
CorTrust Visa	Payroll fees, Postage, QB renewal	$ 964.84
Dependable Sanitation	Garbage Collection	$ 86.00
DRN	Web security/backup	$ 135.30
EMC Insurance	Late fee*	$ 20.00
Fire Safety First	Check/repair fire extinguishers	$ 223.00
Gene's Oil	Gas/Fuel	$ 277.05
Harland Clarke	Checks*	$ 602.50
JP Cooke Co	Dog Tags	$ 110.25
McPherson Co. Herald	Minutes, notices	$ 215.95
McPherson Co. Highway Dept	2025 Chip Sealing (hauling, patching, sealing)	$ 37,649.52
Menards	Cleaning supplies, shop items	$ 132.12
Montana Dakota Utilities	Electricity	$ 2,525.62
Runnings	Pole pruner; u-bolt	$ 272.98
Rural Development	193rd Payment for Sewer	$ 4,021.00
SD 811	Locate calls	$ 24.15
SDML Work Comp	2026 WC Estimated Premium	$ 3,712.00
SD Public Health Lab	Water testing	$ 270.00
State Line Concrete	Curb repair	$ 1,620.41
Telespire	Cell Phone	$ 65.00

Valley	Telephone, Fax, Internet	$ 367.80
Vestis	Mops, rugs	$ 123.53
Waltman, Sondra	Paper towels, office supplies	$ 204.20
WEB Water	Water for Oct	$ 7,866.99
	*already paid	
	October Payroll	
Payroll	Street Fund	$ 6,901.36
Payroll	Finance Office	$ 3,570.66
Payroll	Government Buildings	$ 309.70
Payroll	Library	$ 1,247.40
Payroll	West Nile Spraying	$ 126.00
Payroll	SD Health Pool - November	$ 2,817.00
Payroll	SS, Med, W/H, SDRS with Matches	$ 2,578.45
	Total	$ 82,560.41

At 7:15 pm a public hearing was held for a special event liquor license for the Turkey Shoot on November 22. With no objections from the public, Reis moved with a second from Pettigrew to approve the special events liquor license. All in favor, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Joint Law – The Council reviewed the letter sent to the McPherson County Commissioners/Sheriff regarding the Joint Law Contract to end December 31. Public comments were heard from Mike Lapka inquiring if Eureka would also follow suit.

Camper Sanitation Station – Discussion was held on the camper sanitation station at the 4-H grounds regarding public access and logistics of uses for campers. Further discussion will be held at the December meeting.

Mobile Home – John Hoyle came before the council to discuss any questions/updates regarding the mobile home at 1302 Conklin Street.

At 7:30 pm, a public hearing was held for the first reading of the revised ordinance book/Ordinance 25-02. Yost moved with a second from Rau to hold the first reading and set a public hearing for the second reading for December 1 at 7:30 pm. All in favor, motion carried. The first 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:

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Sondra Waltman, Leola City Finance Officer

NEW BUSINESS

2026 Election – Discussion was held regarding the 2026 election. Rau moved with a second from Yost to set the city election for June 2, 2026. All in favor, motion carried. Further discussion will be held at the December meeting on a combined or uncombined election. Terms up for election will include Mayor Brett Schaible, Ward 1 Council Richard Reis, Ward 2 Council Michael Yost, and Ward 3 Council Jackie Rau. All terms are two-year terms.

City Owned Rental Property – Yost moved with a second from Rau to set the public hearing for city owned rental properties for Monday, December 1 at 7:15 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

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

SD Health Pool – After review, Leibel moved with a second from Reis to renew the current health insurance plan (HP1000). All in favor, motion carried. The monthly premium is increasing from $939 to $1034.78 on January 1.

Holidays – City offices will be closed on November 11 for Veteran's Day and November 27 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Governor Rhoden also granted November 28, December 24 and 26 as Administrative Leave.

MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Updates were shared regarding winterizing city property, general maintenance, the roll off dumpster, a propane tank that is no longer needed, and dirt work at the Pudwill Pond. Concerns were also mentioned about needing two tires for the pickup and a front-end alignment.

At 8:00 pm, a public hearing was held for nuisance properties. There were no nuisances to discuss.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Streets, Alleys & Restricted Use Site – Discussion was held on adding U-Turn/No U-Turn signs to alleviate illegal parking on Sherman Street. Further discussion was held on the truck route, posting signs noting the route along with "No Trucks" signs to help navigate heavy traffic. Pettigrew moved with a second from Lehmann to order one "U-Turn Permitted" sign, six "No Trucks" signs, and two "Truck Route (with arrow)" signs. All in favor, motion carried. The truck route will be printed in the newspaper and on facebook for the public to know as well. McPherson County Highway Department has also bladed the roads in the community.

Water & Sewer – A follow up from Sewer Duck showed the concerned area was on the private side of the line. The water tank repair will take place when they're in the area.

Park, Recreation & Pool – The electricity is still on at the campgrounds, but the water is disconnected. The bathrooms at the pool are closed and winterized. Mayor Schaible shared dirt work/concrete updates regarding the potential new dock at Pudwill Pond.

Building & Equipment – Further discussion was held regarding the requested two pickup tires. After reviewing two options, Pettigrew moved with a second from Rau to purchase four new Falcon tires from Agtegra for $266 each. All in favor, motion carried. The pickup is also in need of an alignment, so an appointment at Gary's Autobody in Aberdeen will be made.

Code Enforcement, Law Enforcement & Library Reports – The corrected September library report was reviewed along with the October report. The monthly law enforcement reports were reviewed for September and October.

Zoning –There was a meeting November 3rd at 6:30 pm. The next meeting will be February 2nd 2026 at the same time.

COMPLAINT FORMS: The city received one, unsigned letter of complaint. Since the complaint was anonymous, no action was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mike Lapka stated he has 15 cases of rhubarb wine and inquired for suggestions as uses.

UPCOMING EVENTS: The Finance Office will be closed for webinars on 11/5 and 11/26. The next city council meeting is Monday, December 1st at 7 pm.

CORRESPONDENCE: A thank you card was shared from Terry and Jeanie Hoffman regarding the randomly selected end of the year winner for yard of the month.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

ADDITIONAL TOPICS: None.

At 8:58 pm, Rau moved with a second from Lehmann to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

__Brett Schaible_____ _Sondra Waltman_____

Brett Schaible, Mayor, City of Leola ATTEST: Sondra Waltman, Finance Officer, City of Leola

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