City of Leola -- Council Meeting Proceedings
April 6, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Brett Schaible. City council members present: Michael Yost, Richard Reis, Jackie Leibel, McKlay Pettigrew, and Jackie Rau. Brandon Lehmann called into the meeting. City personnel present: Terry Lehmann, Jeff Tschappat, and Sondra Waltman. Community members Russell Schaffner, Pam Schaffner, Brooke Higgins, Cliff Lilly and Vivian Sain were also present.

Mayor Schaible led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Reis moved with a second from Rau to approve the treasurer's report. All in favor, motion carried. The account balances are as follows: General Fund, $477,671.30; Revolving Loan Fund, $45,529.15; and Project Account $9,638.41.

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

Bills to be Considered for April 2026		
Agtegra	Nuts/bolts, batteries, washer fluid, parts, couplers	$ 105.83
Beck Law	Tax forms	$ 47.50
CHS	Shop propane	$ 330.00
Corporate Trust/US Bank	22nd Quarterly Pmt - Water Project	$ 3,082.37
CorTrust Visa	Payroll fees, postage, applicator lic. renewal, Dist 6 mtg	$ 201.78
Crawford Trucks & Equipment	Truck repairs	$ 805.81
Curt's Repair	CAT Loader, pump/o-ring/labor	$ 318.90
Dependable Sanitation	Garbage Collection	$ 97.00
DSG	Parts	$ 57.37
Farmer's Union Oil	Propane tank rental	$ 100.00
Gene's Oil	Fuel/gas	$ 475.61
Hokeness Farms & Grain	2009 John Deere Payloader	$ 79,900.00
LDC	Leola Bucks	$ 50.00
McPherson Co. Herald	Minutes, notices	$ 135.12
Milbank WinWater Works Co	Annual Software Support	$ 950.00
Montana Dakota Utilities	Electricity	$ 2,837.18
ReadiTech/DRN	Websecurity/backup	$ 75.55
Rural Development	198th Payment for Sewer	$ 4,021.00
SD Public Health Lab	Water Testing	$ 40.00
Telespire	Cell Phone	$ 65.00
Valley	Telephone, Fax, Internet	$ 324.50
Vestis	Mops/rugs	$ 126.48

WEB Water	Water for March	$ 8,157.16
	March Payroll	
Payroll	Mayor/Council	$ 8,100.00
Payroll	Water Fund	$ 7,291.66
Payroll	Finance Office	$ 3,666.66
Payroll	Government Buildings	$ 380.00
Payroll	Library	$ 1,310.40
Payroll	West Nile Spraying	$ -
Payroll	Zoning	$ 125.00
Payroll	Credit Board	$ -
Payroll	SD Health Pool - April	$ 2,069.56
Payroll	SS, Med, W/H, SDRS with Matches	$ 3,439.13
	Total	$ 128,686.57

OLD BUSINESS

2026 Election – There will be no election in 2026. Candidates declared elected for a two-year term are as follows: Brett Schaible, Mayor; Vivian Sain, Ward 1 City Council; Michael Yost, Ward 2 City Council, and Jackie Rau, Ward 3 City Council. Candidates will be formally seated and sworn in at the regular meeting in July (first meeting after the election date).

Security Cameras – Price quotes are being explored.

Prairie Combine – The regional community app was reviewed and at this time the council wishes to utilize social media before subscribing as a member to the Prairie Combine. It is a free app for users for events in the area and community members are encouraged to check it out.

District 6 Meeting – The District 6 Meeting was rescheduled to April 9 in Redfield.

Campground Updates – Brooke Higgins shared some available grants through the NRCS office for trees. Further grants are being explored for camping upgrades and new potential location. An updated quote from Gappa will be obtained for the electrical updates to camping pedestals for the May meeting. SD Game Fish & Parks plan to stock Pudwill Pond with fish soon. The agreement was reviewed between SDGFP and the city regarding a cost sharing dock to be ADA accessible for public use. After review, Pettigrew moved with a second from Reis to sign and proceed with the agreement. Roll call vote: Yost, aye; Reis, aye; Leibel, aye; Lehmann, aye; Pettigrew, aye; Rau, nay. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Community Day of Caring – The annual Community Day of Caring will be on April 22 (Earth Day) where the city and school collaborate to help those in need, by picking up garbage and general yard maintenance. Interested parties can contract the school, finance office to nominate themselves or a community member in need!

NWS/Severe Weather Preparedness – On April 15 at 10 am, the tornado siren will blow as a drill, so community members know what to expect in an emergency. A second siren will blow at 10:15 am signifying an all-clear notification.

Tree Trimming – Tree trimming was discussed and Mayor Schaible invited Russell Schaffner to the meeting to elaborate. Schaffner will bring a quote to the May meeting.

Baseball Donation – On behalf of the Leola Baseball Association, Higgins shared some planned projects and projected costs with the council, some grants that had been applied for and unfortunately not awarded and requested a monetary donation from the city. Rau requested a formal financial report and to come back to the May meeting.

At 7:30 pm Cliff Lilly came before the council to request gravel in the alley in Block 9 of the Original Plat between Moulton Street and Conklin Street, and Herried Street and Broadway Street. The council agreed to add gravel when the ground dried out, as well as identifying and tending to other areas in town in need.

MAINTENACE UPDATE

Updates were shared regarding building and equipment improvements/maintenance, potential items to surplus, pool updates and miscellaneous projects.

At 8:00 pm nuisance properties were reviewed on new and ongoing properties. Reminder letters will be sent. A list of nuisances can be found in the Finance Office.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Streets, Alleys & Restricted Use Site – The CAG Grant is in progress with NECOG regarding the repair of Leola Avenue. The oversized dumpster will be available mid-April to aid in community cleanup efforts. Blading will be requested through McPherson County Highway Department as time and conditions allow. Tschappat will attend the mosquito spraying equipment calibration on April 29 in Aberdeen.

Water & Sewer – The 2025 Water Quality Report was shared with the council. This will also be on the city website, in the finance office and a link shared in the next water bills to distribute with users.

Park, Recreation & Pool – There have been no applications received for summer pool employees. Discussion was held on adding small items to the campground, mosquito spraying and removing the bleachers (not city property) from the football field.

Building & Equipment – The old concession stand building at the football field will be tore down. The school will be notified.

Code Enforcement, Law Enforcement & Library Reports – The annual and monthly library reports were reviewed.

Zoning – A potential variance request may be presented for the May meeting; proper notices will be published in the paper. The next meeting is May 4 at 6:30 pm.

COMPLAINT FORMS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

UPCOMING EVENTS: The District 6 meeting in Redfield is April 9; Tschappat will attend the mosquito equipment calibration April 29 in Aberdeen. May 4th will be the quarterly Zoning Meeting at 6:30 with the monthly City Council Meeting at 7.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

ADDITIONAL TOPICS: None.

At 8:16 pm, Reis 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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