City of Leola -- Council Meeting Proceedings
May 4, 2026

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

Mayor Schaible led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Leibel moved with a second from Rau to approve the previous meeting minutes with the following corrections: under the campground update discussion, Rau voted against the agreement with GFP because she requested an attorney review the agreement prior to signing it, and under the baseball donation discussion, Rau requested the financial statement on behalf of the council to comply with SDCL 9-12-11. All in favor, motion carried.

Yost moved with a second from Reis to approve the treasurer's report. All in favor, motion carried. The account balances are as follows: General Fund, $502,873.44; Revolving Loan Fund, $45,538.51; and Project Account $9,638.41.

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

Bills to be Considered for May 2026		
A-1 Sanitation	Roll-off Dumpster	$ 424.91
Agtegra	Tires, battery, fuel, tow chain, fittings, filter, grinding stone	$ 787.23
Beck Law Office	Ordinance revision, Sheriff fee	$ 152.34
CNA Surety	Bond Insurance	$ 724.50
Cole Papers Inc	Soap	$ 87.33
CorTrust Visa	Payroll fees, postage	$ 161.69
Dependable Sanitation	Garbage Collection	$ 97.00
Gappa Electric	Repair outlet, picnic shelter	$ 1,720.48
Gene's Oil	Fuel/gas	$ 373.50
Hawkins, Inc	Chlorine Tanks (x2)	$ 2,226.50
McPherson Co. Herald	Minutes, notices	$ 395.43
Montana Dakota Utilities	Electricity	$ 2,575.88
ReadiTech/DRN	Websecurity/backup	$ 75.55
Rural Development	199th Payment for Sewer	$ 4,021.00
SD One Call	811 Calls	$ 3.15
SD Public Health Lab	Water Testing	$ 20.00
Telespire	Cell Phone	$ 65.00
Valley	Telephone, Fax, Internet	$ 323.82
Vestis	Mops/rugs	$ 126.48
WEB Water	Water for April	$ 7,833.39

	April Payroll	
Payroll	Sewer Fund	$ 7,291.66
Payroll	Finance Office	$ 3,666.66
Payroll	Government Buildings	$ 460.00
Payroll	Library	$ 1,310.40
Payroll	SD Health Pool - May	$ 2,069.56
Payroll	SS, Med, W/H, SDRS with Matches	$ 2,747.94
	Total	$ 39,741.40

OLD BUSINESS

Security Cameras – Two quotes were reviewed and discussed from Gappa Electric and Sight and Sound. Both companies will be contacted to requote with specific equipment.

Campground Updates – A quote to upgrade the electricity at the campgrounds was received from Gappa Electric. After discussion and concerns regarding funding, Reis moved with a second from Yost to accept the quote for $9,416.53 to upgrade the electricity for the camp spots. Roll call vote: Leibel, nay; Rau, nay; Pettigrew, aye; Lehmann, nay; Reis, aye; Yost, aye. Motion failed. Discussion continued regarding trees. Pettigrew moved with a second from Reis to buy 100 seedling austree trees for $106.71. All in favor, motion carried. Mayor Schaible intends to donate a carport for additional shade between the two bodies of water, using some concrete when the new dock is poured to anchor down the structure.

Tree Trimming – Once the trees begin to bud and fill out, a quote will be obtained to clean up specified areas of town.

Baseball Donation – After reviewing the financials provided, Pettigrew moved with a second from Reis to donate $2,000 and have the city mow the property. All in favor, motion carried.

At 8:00 pm nuisance properties were reviewed and discussed. A list of nuisances can be found in the Finance Office.

NEW BUSINESS

FFA Fundraiser – Gabe Ketterling came before the council to request parts of Sherman Street and Moulton Street be blocked off for a FFA Fundraiser Car Show on July 11 (rain date July 18), along with the use of the back room of the Municipal Building. Pettigrew moved with a second from Reis to allow the areas requested to be blocked off along with waving the fee for the back room. All in favor, motion carried.

Annual Report – After review, Rau moved with a second from Pettigrew to accept and submit the 2025 annual report. All in favor, motion carried.

Leola Yearbook Ad – Yost moved with a second from Reis to advertise in the Leola Yearbook for $50 again this year. All in favor, motion carried.

2025 Audit – The annual audit will be on June 10.

CAG Grant Resolution – After the SD DOT's Community Access Grant application was reviewed and discussed to repair Leola Avenue, Reis moved with a second from Pettigrew to adopt and sign Resolution 2026-02 and remit the completed application to NECOG. All in favor, motion carried.

Proposed Ordinance – A preliminary ordinance was reviewed regarding posting and towing abandoned vehicles after 24 hours. Further steps will be taken to adopt the ordinance. A copy can be found in the finance office.

MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Updates were shared regarding building and equipment improvements/maintenance and miscellaneous projects. It was additionally noted that over 45 bags of lawn debris plus sticks/branches were collected after the 3rd Annual Community Day of Caring on April 22. A new door/lock is needed at the concession stand. Reis moved with a second from Pettigrew to purchase and replace. All in favor, motion carried. Outside security cameras were discussed for said building. Pettigrew moved with a second from Rau to purchase two from Amazon. All in favor, motion carried. Discussion was held on replacing two additional tires on the tandem axle trailer. Reis moved with a second from Leibel to replace. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Streets, Alleys & Restricted Use Site – The CAG Grant will be submitted to NECOG regarding the repair of Leola Avenue. The oversized dumpster is located at the RUS to aid in community cleanup efforts. McPherson County Highway Department went over most gravel areas with the maintainer. The maintenance guys were asked to get a manhole inventory in town. The City of Leola is continuing efforts to locate lead lines in efforts to comply with EPA regulations. SD DANR (South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources) will pothole (dig) 16 randomly selected areas throughout the community. Property owners will be notified in advance. Vivian Sain requested a "Dead End" sign on Lundquist Street going north, as it is not a through street.

Water & Sewer – The 2025 Water Quality Report was shared with the council, noted in the water bills and is posted on the city website.

Park, Recreation & Pool – There have been two applications received for summer pool employees.

Building & Equipment – The buckets for the newly purchased payloader will be delivered soon. Discussion was held to add a plate on the skidsteer to use the 3-point disc, as well as on obtaining some traffic cones to aid with the DANR potholing project.

Code Enforcement, Law Enforcement & Library Reports – The monthly library report was reviewed.

Zoning –The next meeting will be August 6 (Thursday) at 6:30 pm.

Brandon Lehmann disconnected his call and joined the meeting.

COMPLAINT FORMS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

UPCOMING EVENTS: May 25 is Memorial Day. The next city council meeting will be June 1 at 7 pm and the 2025 Audit will be June 10.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

ADDITIONAL TOPICS: Discussion of an attorney who is helping a neighboring community was held.

At 9:28 pm, Lehmann moved with a second from Leibel 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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