City of Leola -- Council Meeting Proceedings
June 1, 2026

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

Mayor Schaible led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Yost moved with a second from Reis to approve the previous meeting minutes. 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, $618,167.79; Revolving Loan Fund, $45,548.18; and Project Account $9,638.41.

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

Bills to be Considered for June 2026		
A-1 Sanitation	Roll-off Dumpster	$ 353.86
Agtegra	Bulk oil, gas/fuel, filters, grease, nuts/bolts, tires, batteries	$ 2,917.20
Cole Papers Inc	Soap	$ 261.99
CorTrust Visa	Payroll fees, postage, trees, security cameras	$ 178.36
Curt's Repair	Breaker	$ 21.00
Dependable Sanitation	Garbage Collection	$ 97.00
DSG	Parts	$ 421.08
Gene's Oil	Fuel/gas	$ 582.90
Hawkins, Inc	Chemical	$ 4,609.67
Leola Athletic Assoc	2026 Donation	$ 2,000.00
Leola School	Yearbook Ad	$ 50.00
McPherson Co. Herald	Minutes, notices	$ 280.32
Menards	Door/repairs	$ 153.84
Montana Dakota Utilities	Electricity	$ 2,447.91
Moser Excavating and Trucking	2 repairs (Conklin: Hanke/Baseball), culvert and cattail removal	$ 2,308.68
Pheasantland Industries	Apparel	$ 360.35
ReadiTech/DRN	Websecurity/backup	$ 75.55
Rural Development	200th Payment for Sewer	$ 4,021.00
Share Corp	Sewer cleaner, garbage bags, pest control	$ 2,382.57
SD Public Health Lab	Water Testing/Lagoon Testing	$ 262.00
Sewer Duck, Inc	Maintenance	$ 430.00
Telespire	Cell Phone	$ 65.00
Ten-45	Cat food/coon traps	$ 27.96

Valley	Telephone, Fax, Internet	$ 332.18
Vestis	Mops/rugs	$ 126.48
WEB Water	Water for May	$ 9,217.15
	May Payroll	
Payroll	Sewer Fund	$ 7,291.66
Payroll	Finance Office	$ 3,666.66
Payroll	Government Buildings	$ 420.00
Payroll	Library	$ 1,336.50
Payroll	SD Health Pool - June	$ 2,069.56
Payroll	SS, Med, W/H, SDRS with Matches	$ 2,746.64
	Total	$ 51,515.07

OLD BUSINESS

Security Cameras – Waiting on requotes with specific equipment requests.

Campground Updates – The seedling trees are rooting and will be planted once they are more established.

Tree Trimming – The priority areas have been split into three areas: baseball/football field area, park/pool area, and campground area. Topic tabled to later in the meeting.

FFA Fundraiser – Parts of Sherman Street/Moulton Street will be blocked off for a car show on July 11th (or rain date of July 18th).

2025 Audit – The fiscal year 2025 audit will be June 10.

At 7:15 pm, Pam Schaffner, Russell Schaffner, and James and Tina Ellis joined the meeting.

Tree Trimming (cont.) – Russell Schaffner shared detailed estimates and assessments of the ballfield area as well as the park, expressing concern about overcrowding, structural stability and potential diseased trees. The council will review the estimates and continue discussion at the July meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

SecureSD Program – Preliminary details were shared regarding a new security/email system. Further information will be obtained.

Climate Control – An invoice from 2024 that was not previously billed for $1,280.61 was emailed on May 7, 2026 requesting payment for service on a pool heater that is not in use. After discussion, Pettigrew moved with a second from Yost to not pay the invoice from two years prior. All in favor, motion carried.

Pool – The pool committee met prior to the council meeting and shared their recommendations with the council. After discussion, Lehmann moved with a second from Leibel to hire the following for the 2026 pool season: Manager Josh Anderson ($17.30/hr), Assistant Manager Kaitlyn Mueller ($16.80/hr), Lifeguards Parker Hoffman ($16.30/hr), Brayden Heuer ($16.30/hr), Noah Heuer ($16.30/hr), Grant Anderson ($16.30/hr), Zander Hoffman ($16.30/hr), Sullivan Gill ($15.30/hr), Sophia Lechner

($15.30/hr), and Swimming Lessons Instructor Krista Anderson ($25/kid); pending certification and availability. All in favor, motion carried.

At 7:30 pm, Yost moved with a second from Reis to have the first reading of Ordinance 2026-01 updating existing Ordinance 8-2-3. All in favor, motion carried. A second public hearing will be held on July 6th at 7:30 pm. The ordinance revision is as follows:

ORDINANCE NO.2026-01

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING 8-2-3 ABANDONED VEHICLES F. NOTICE TO OWNER WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF LEOLA.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE CITY OF LEOLA, MCPHERSON COUTY, SOUTH DAKOTA, that the following amendment to Ordinance 8-2-3 Abandoned Vehicles F. Notice to Owner of the Leola City Municipal Code:

> F. Notice to Owner. It shall be the duty of the police department or authorized individual of the City of Leola to complete notification by (1) letter to the record owner of the vehicle, or (2) by placing a notice upon the vehicle directing that the vehicle must be removed or the same will be towed 24 hours following placement of the notice upon the vehicle.

First Reading: June 1, 2026

Second Reading: July 6, 2026

Publication Date: June 11, 2026 & July 16, 2026

Effective Date: August 5. 2026

Brett Schaible — Mayor, City of Leola

Sondra Waltman — ATTEST: Finance Officer, City of Leola

MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Updates were shared regarding mowing, the pool, clean up around town and the oversized dumpster, as well as ongoing improvements around the community and general maintenance of equipment.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Streets, Alleys & Restricted Use Site – The oversized dumpster is located at the RUS to aid in community cleanup efforts. The manhole at Williams/Leola needs to be checked. 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 to visually assess the line material. Property owners will be notified in advance.

Water & Sewer – The effects of the recent flooding are everywhere. When the Mitigation Plan is updated next, additional culvert and storm sewers will be added to the plan.

Park, Rec & Pool – An accident at the campgrounds caused damage to the water storage shed and possibly the artesian well. Quotes will be obtained to fix/rebuild and shared with the McPherson County Sheriff's Department for damages. The camping pedestals were submerged in water; an electrician will be contacted to check safety measures. There is a beaver trap at the dam; the public is warned to stay clear of the trap. Stump grinding was discussed. Reis moved with a second from Yost to accept the estimate from Brian Walz to grind all the stumps at the dam for $500. All in favor, motion carried. Hoffman Ag Service, LLC presented an estimate for 2026 spraying of city property. After review and discussion, Pettigrew moved with a second from Reis to hire Hoffman Ag Service, LLC for the following: Main Estimate (including spring and fall spraying of all city property planted in grass, all city owned gravel lots once a month, and all city foundations once a month) for $2,300; sidewalks, gutters, streets monthly for $100/hr; lagoon rocks as needed for $100/hr; and the Lundquist Dam/Pudwill Pond shorelines as needed for $100/hr. All rates include the cost of chemicals. All in favor, motion carried.

Building & Equipment – Rain/sewer backups were discussed in the library and citizen buildings. Fans and replacing door seals were discussed.

Code/Law Enforcement & Library – The library report was unavailable but will be reviewed at the July meeting.

Zoning – The building permit rules from legislation will be reviewed. The next zoning meeting will be in August.

COMPLAINT FORMS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Tim Geffre came before the council to discuss concerns about flooding, drainage and culverts. Vivian Sain inquired about mosquito spraying with the abundance of moisture.

UPCOMING EVENTS: The 2025 Audit will be June 10. The next city council meeting will be July 6 and a budget meeting will be held middle/end of July.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

ADDITIONAL TOPICS: Rau encourages city maintenance to bend/open public culverts.

At 8:52 pm, Reis moved with a second from Pettigrew 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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