

MINUTES OF LEONARDVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING – April 1, 2025

The Leonardville City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Chris Shoults on April 1, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Council members present were: Larry Wendland, Merlene Hougland, Whitney Knight, Kaye Klucas and Jeff Bulk. Others in attendance were: Colleen Alexander, RCPD Officer Hagemeister, Lane Sharp, Lance Sharp, RJ Echols, Jeff Huber, Brandy Sutherland, Attorney Dusty Mullin, City Treasurer Bailie Echols, City Superintendent Adam Schooler, & City Clerk Deandra Anderson.

Kaye Klucas made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting for March 4, 2025 and Jeff Bulk seconded, the motion carried. Kaye Klucas made a motion to suspend the rules and pay claims of 2025-4 in their entirety, second by Merlene Hougland, motion carried.

Clerk Deandra Anderson congratulated Adam on the arrival on his new baby and stated paperwork has been turned in to add him on Blue Cross and Blue Shield. Clerk Anderson also stated she has turned in paperwork to remove 122 N. Erpelding from the tax roll since the house is no longer there. She has also received a concern from a resident about 109 S. Erpelding and a header stone above a window that has fallen out. Council discussed this matter and asked if Attorney Mullin could look into where we are on this process and get back to Council next month.

City Superintendent Adam Schooler stated he has been cleaning ditches, picking up tree limbs, and that the City cleanup will be April 8 & 9. He also stated he received a bid from Kalmer & Co. for lettering on the City pickup at a cost of \$200 with bold lettering saying “City of Leonardville” on both doors. Merlene Hougland made a motion to have Kalmer & Co. make the lettering and install the lettering on both doors for \$200, Whitney Knight seconded and the motion carried.

City Treasurer Bailie Echols had nothing for Council.

Attorney Mullin had nothing for Council.

Riley County Police Officer Hagemeister stated they have an opening for a county officer, and an opening on the citizen advisory board. Mayor Shoults asked a few questions about the crime rate and other activities in the City.

New Business: Lance Sharp from Copeland Insurance reviewed with Council the City’s insurance policy and answered questions. Council would like a quote on an umbrella policy and a cyber quote. Mayor Shoults then reviewed with Council the Codification contract line by line and signed off on what the City would like done. After some discussion it was decided to wait on #5 until we receive clarification on what that line on the contract pertains to. Mayor Shoults signed the contract with American Legal and the League of Kansas Municipalities for preparing the codification. Brandy Sutherland from Blue Valley Consultants was present to review with Council the consultant agreement between the City and Blue Valley Consultants for work on the Kansas Water Office Grant Fund (IA-0000000310). Attorney Mullin suggested taking out the section with “Limitation of Liability”. Brandy agreed to taking that section out. Whitney Knight made a motion

to approve the contract with Brandy Sutherland, Blue Balley Consultants and Jeff Bulk seconded, that motion carried.

Mayor's time: Mayor Shoults asked about the property at 122 N. Erpelding since the City has removed the house and the property is cleaned up, he was wondering what the plan for the lot will be. After some discussion, Council decided to entertain bids for the sale of the property.

The next meeting will be May 6th at 7:00 p.m. With business completed, Whitney Knight made a motion to adjourn, Jeff Bulk seconded, the motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

City Clerk,

Deandra Anderson