

## MINUTES OF LEONARDVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING – July 1, 2025

The Leonardville City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Chris Shoults on July 1, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Council members present were: Larry Wendland, Merlene Hougland, Kaye Klucas, Whitney Knight, and Jeff Bulk. Others in attendance were: RCPD Officer Wagenblast, Kim Bailey, Colleen Alexander, Dory Wendland, RJ Echols, Peggy Grater, Lance Sharp, Sandy Hoffman, Attorney Dusty Mullin, City Treasurer Bailie Echols, & City Clerk Deandra Anderson.

Larry Wendland made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting for June 3, 2025 and Whitney Knight seconded, the motion carried. Kaye Klucas made a motion to suspend the rules and pay claims of 2025-7 in their entirety, second by Merlene Hougland, motion carried.

Clerk Anderson reported that the budget looks like we are going to exceed the RNR rate, she & Brandy are working on a report for the grant that needs submitted, water consumer confidence report has been mailed out and submitted, she reviewed a letter received from Ryan & Mullin about legal fees for the upcoming year of \$200 per hour and \$130 per hour for legal assistant. Then Clerk Anderson congratulated Kaye Klucas on her 50 years at the local elevator, an amazing accomplishment.

City Treasurer Bailie Echols had nothing for Council.

No City Superintendent report.

City Attorney Dusty Mullin reported on 109 S. Erpelding Street: they have received the title back and the Mayor and Dusty have taken pictures of the property. The next step is to pass a resolution setting the time and date for a public hearing on the property. Council reviewed resolution 2025-02, Larry Wendland made a motion to approve the resolution and Whitney Knight seconded, the motion carried. Attorney Mullin read over a letter that will be sent to the property owners of 109 S. Erpelding.

Officer Wagenblast was present to see if Council had any concerns for the PD. Council thanked the PD for their work.

Community Comments: Lance Sharp with Copeland Insurance reviewed with Council the umbrella policy and the cyber-insurance policy. After some questions, Whitney Knight made a motion to remove EMC Insurance cyber insurance and go with Coalition cyber insurance for \$60 more and have one-million-dollar coverage, Merlene Hougland seconded, the motion carried. No action was taken on the umbrella policy.

Kim Bailey with the Nelson Family Community Foundation presented the city with a thank you picture and thanked Jim Geisler and the City for helping.

Peggy Grater from the Library read a letter and stated the library board has an opening. Mayor Shoults stated he will address that open position later in the meeting.

New Business: Glenn Clark and Sandy Hoffman submitted a building permit with a picture of a single-wide home they would like to replace the double-wide currently located at 502 E. Barton. Council reviewed the permit and Larry Wendland made a motion to approve the building permit and Kaye Klucas seconded, the motion carried. Larry Dettmer had also submitted a building permit for 106 Douglas to enclose the carport and make it into a garage. After review, Kaye Klucas made a motion to approve the building permit, Larry Wendland seconded, the motion carried. Jeff Bulk brought up to have Erpelding Street blocked off from Barton to Chase St on July 19 for Picnic in the Ville. Jeff Bulk made a motion to block the street off and Whitney Knight seconded, the motion carried. Jeff Bulk then asked for a one-day beer permit for August 9<sup>th</sup> and have the beverages in the grassy area by the gazebo by the community building. Whitney knight made the motion to allow The Store a one-day beer permit for August 9<sup>th</sup> and Larry Wendland seconded, the motion carried. Jeff Bulk abstained. Street closure for the Hullabaloo was then discussed, and Jeff Bulk made a motion to block Erpelding Street for the tractor show, car show, and the events in front of the community building, just not to block off Barton to through traffic, Whitney Knight seconded, the motion carried.

Mayor's Time: Mayor Shoults reviewed with Council a notice of changes for Public Water Supply. He then asked Council if they would a copy of the paperwork submitted to Gordon and Associates for the budget; no action was taken. The library board opening was then discussed. Mayor Shoults stated he has 3 people interested in the position and he named his nominee After questions and discussion; Council took no action on the nomination. Council made it clear that the non-action was not due to disapproval of the nominee but was the result of how the nomination process was handled and presented by the Mayor.

The City Superintendent and Mowing positions were then discussed. Council instructed Clerk Anderson to call the mowing applicants and see if they were still interested in the position and set up interviews for Monday, July 7<sup>th</sup>.

The next meeting will be August 5<sup>th</sup> 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