

MINUTES OF LEONARDVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING – June 3, 2025

The Leonardville City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Chris Shoults on June 3, 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 Hagemeister, RCPD Officer Weiszbrod, RCPD Assistant Director Erin Freidline, Sue Knight, Riley County Commissioner Greg McKinley, RJ Echols, Attorney Dusty Mullin, City Treasurer Bailie Echols, & City Clerk Deandra Anderson.

Kaye Klucas made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting for May 6, 2025 and Jeff Bulk seconded, the motion carried. Kaye Klucas made a motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting for May 27, 2025, Whitney Knight seconded, the motion carried. Kaye Klucas made a motion to suspend the rules and pay claims of 2025-6 in their entirety, second by Merlene Hougland, motion carried.

Clerk Deandra Anderson reported the City Superintendent position is open, Adam's last day will be June 6th, and the Library Board has an open position. Clerk Anderson also reported she has been getting the code book and ordinance together for the codification.

City Treasurer Bailie Echols had nothing for council. Clerk Anderson stated that in the next few months we might need to move money from the savings account to the general fund depending on what expenses the City has.

RCPD Assistant Director Erin Freidline was present to update Council on some changes with North County Officers. She stated in July Officer Weiszbrod will become the north county supervisor.

County Commissioner Greg McKinley stated that the county has been working on the budget. Animal control will be covered at the 1st of the year by the Riley County Police Department.

Attorney Mullin updated the Council on the property at 109 S. Erpelding and has ordered a title and Lien commitment. He also stated he will need to get together with the Mayor and take pictures and make a list of personal property inside the 109 S. Erpelding building.

Old Business: Cyber & Umbrella Insurance was discussed, and after some discussion Council instructed Clerk Anderson to have Lance from Copeland Insurance come to the next meeting so he can answer some questions. Mayor Chris Shoults asked about the status of 122 N. Erpelding if the city would like to advertise this property. There was no action taken on this property.

New Business: National Flood Insurance Program Mayor Shoults reviewed the maps and handouts with Council, Leonardville is a low-risk area, we currently do not participate after some discussion, no action was taken on this matter.

Mayor's Time: Mayor Shoults reviewed with Council the Riley County Comprehensive Plan 2045. He also talked about a memo agreement for the main flags on each end of town, so everyone understands the process to replace the flags, the Legion and Pride will take care of them.

Mayor Shoults also gave an update on the Pride/City project of updating the Community Building and its progress. He also stated he has received an email "Make My Community Move" and was wondering if Council would like to sit in on a zoom call with him and learn more about how this program would work. No action was taken.

Council asked some questions about the possibility of having a fill-in person when the City Clerk is out of the office. After several questions, Attorney Mullin will look to see whether a fill-in person needs to be bonded.

The next meeting will be July 1st at 7:00 p.m. With business completed, Whitney Knight made a motion to adjourn, Larry Wendland seconded, the motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

City Clerk,

Deandra Anderson