

MINUTES OF LEONARDVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING – March 4, 2025

The Leonardville City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Chris Shoults on March 4, 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 Assistant Director Erin Freidline, RJ Echols, Attorney Dusty Mullin, City Treasurer Bailie Echols, City Superintendent Adam Schooler, & City Clerk Deandra Anderson.

Larry Wendland made a motion to suspend the normal order of business and proceed to the RCPD update, second by Jeff Bulk, motion carried. RCPD Assistant Director Erin Freidline stated they had a Law board meeting and discussion was about animal control, and that this topic might be discussed in the March Law board meeting as well. Council had some questions about how it would affect/benefit the City.

Jeff Bulk made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting for February 4, 2025 and Larry Wendland seconded, the motion carried. Kaye Klucas made a motion to suspend the rules and pay claims of 2025-3 in their entirety, second by Whitney Knight, motion carried.

Clerk Anderson presented a building permit from Steve Clark at 207 N. Kansas St. to take down an old garage and put a 18' x 20' new shed in its place. Whitney Knight made a motion to approve the building permit and Merlene Hougland seconded, the motion carried. Adam left the meeting to remove a tree from in the middle of the street, and RCPD Assistant Director Freidline left the meeting as well. Clerk Anderson then shared with Council the yearly water use report has been submitted, sold the old white City truck for \$1,100 and then presented Council with an email and announcement from the Kansas Water Office informing the City they have been approved for the HB 2302 Grant in the amount of \$289,140. This grant is a water project fund grant and will be used to reline 2 sections of the sewer main, rehab 2 manholes, and scope all of the sewer main lines, along with installing a backup generator at the well house. The Council thanked Deandra for her work completing the grant fund application for approval consideration by the Kansas Water Office.

City Superintendent Adam Schooler returned to the meeting. Mayor Shoults stated he has received concerns about the City truck, or what is perceived to be the City truck, being used on weekends. Council then stated water needs to be tested and taken care of on the weekends as well. Mayor Shoults suggested getting a logo put on the truck since there are several other trucks that look the same as the City's. Larry Wendland made a motion to have a logo put on the side of the truck and Whitney Knight seconded, the motion carried. Adam stated he will get prices for next meeting.

Attorney Mullin updated Council on an email he received from Mayor Shoults on Fire insurance. With having Fire insurance, the City could hold 15% of the insurance check until the property is fully cleaned up.

Old business: The Codification table was discussed and the breakdown of the cost to have everything done and the yearly maintenance and hosting cost was discussed. Whitney Knight

made a motion to move forward with the codification and Jeff Bulk second, the motion carried. After some discussion Jeff Bulk made a motion to have American Legal perform the codification services and Larry Wendland seconded. The motion carried.

New business: In April LKM will host a Leader Training conference, and the cost since the City is a member of the League of Kansas Municipalities is \$175. Mayor Shoults asked if the City would pay for any of the Council members to attend. There was no motion made. Clerk Anderson then read a letter from the Riley County High School After Prom Committee and their request for support of the event in donations or money. Clerk Anderson stated that last year the City donated \$150. Kaye Klucas made a motion to donate \$150 to the After Prom Committee and Merlene Hougland seconded, the motion carried. Clerk Anderson then reported she has received a request from one of the residents at the apartments to paint stripped lines in front of the steps to the apartment building so people don't park right in front, making it easier for emergency personnel to access the building. After some discussion, Jeff Bulk made a motion to allow the owner to go ahead if they wanted to paint the lines in front of the steps and Whitney Knight seconded, the motion carried.

Mayor's time: A logo on the side of the truck was already discussed earlier in the meeting.

The next meeting will be April 1st 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