

MINUTES OF LEONARDVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING – May 6, 2025

The Leonardville City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Chris Shoults on May 6, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Council members present were: Larry Wendland, Merlene Hougland, Kaye Klucas and Jeff Bulk. Others in attendance were: RCPD Officer Wagenblast, RJ Echols, Larry Glessner, Jeff Crady, Sandy Glessner, Chandra Ruthstrom, Kim Bailey, Amanda Ruthstrom, Dillon Ruthstrom, Dave Norris, Jacob Berry, Airl Berry, 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 April 1, 2025 and Merlene Hougland seconded; the motion carried. Jeff Bulk made a motion to suspend the rules and pay claims of 2025-5 in their entirety, second by Merlene Hougland, motion carried.

Clerk Deandra Anderson reported work will begin on the budget for this next year; received a request to rezone 125 N. Erpelding St; contact will be made with the property owners. She also stated she has received 2 complaints from neighbors for the property at 107 S. Kansas St, Council agreed to send a cleanup letter.

City Treasurer Bailie Echols asked questions about what was needed for the budget.

City Superintendent Adam Schooler reported he has been mowing and cleaning things up for the spring time. He also stated he has the City of Leonardville sign installed on the city truck. The cemetery sign was discussed, Adam stated he has taken all the letters off of the current one and will look into some different possibilities for signs and get some price quotes.

Attorney Mullin updated the Council on the property at 109 S. Erpelding and what the process of condemnation would be for it. Larry Wendland made a motion to start the condemnation process and Jeff Bulk seconded; the motion carried.

Riley County Police Officer Wagenblast was present to see if Council had any concerns for the PD.

Community Comments: Chandra Ruthstrom and Sandy Glessner were present from the PRIDE group to see about partnering with the City to work on some updates to the Community building. They presented a 7-phase plan, painting the inside, moving trophies to the High school and moving the current display cases, installing new flooring, ordering new tables, making a storage area by the coat rack, and changing out the light bulbs. Several questions were asked. A few concerns that were voiced included was the school going digital and where would they go with the trophies, other questions about the memorabilia were asked. Clerk Anderson stated she doesn't believe phase 6 needs to be done which is updating the light bulbs since the City just did that in June 2020. Larry Wendland made a motion to approve phases 1-6, Larry Wendland then made a motion to amend the main motion and have the City pay for RNR at \$7,286.16 and MHK Epoxy at \$14,226.41, Jeff Bulk seconded the amendment, the amendment carries. The main motion is to have the City pay for RNR at \$7,286.16 and MHK Epoxy at \$14,226.41, Jeff Bulk seconded, the motion carried.

Jeff Crady was present to voice concerns about a letter he received from the City after having trouble with the sewer main. Jeff suggested the possibility of calling The City of Riley instead of Mayer's. Clerk Anderson stated it is nice when we use Mayer's because they send a report and that way we can have it on file and when they come for our whole town cleaning, they already know the problem areas. Some discussion took place. Larry Wendland made a motion to call Riley and see if they would be willing to come when needed, Jeff Bulk seconded, the motion carried.

Old Business: Codification process is moving forward and the questionnaire has been filled out and sent back.

New Business: Clerk Anderson presented a building permit from Jacob Berry. Council reviewed it and Kaye Klucas made a motion to approve the permit and Larry Wendland seconded; the motion carried. Nelson's Benefit was then discussed. Picnic tables will be moved to the City Park on Friday and block off the street from Barton to Chase on Erpelding for Saturday's events. Clerk Anderson then presented Resolution 2025-1 to allow the sales and consumption of alcohol on Erpelding Street on June 14th from 4p.m. to 12p.m. Kaye Klucas made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-1 and Merlene Hougland seconded; the motion carried. Merlene Hougland made a motion to retain Outdoor Bank as the City's main bank, and a co-account held at the Riley State Bank with both banks having the ability to direct debit accounts for payment of water bills, Kaye Klucas seconded, the motion carried. Kaye Klucas made a motion to have the Riley Countian remain as the City's official newspaper and Jeff Bulk seconded, the motion carried. Jeff Bulk made a motion to have the City Council serve as the zoning board and Larry Wendland seconded, the motion carried. Merlene Hougland then made a motion to keep Bailie Echols as City Treasurer, Deandra Anderson as City Clerk, Ryan & Mullin as the City Attorney, and Larry Wendland seconded; the motion carried. Larry Wendland then made a motion to have the Clerk serve as the Freedom of Information Officer and Merlene Hougland seconded; the motion carried.

Mayor's Time: Mayor Shoults stated the Library Board had an opening and he nominated Amanda Ruthstrom to fill that position. Larry Wendland made a motion to approve Amanda to serve on the board and Merlene Hougland seconded, the motion carried. Mayor Chris also stated that we received a price quote for cyber insurance and umbrella insurance.

Jeff Bulk requested a one-day beer license for June 13th at the City Park and one for June 14th on Erpelding St. Larry Wendland made a motion to approve the request for both days, Kaye Klucas seconded; the motion carried and Jeff Bulk abstained.

Dave Norris asked about the policy for burning within City Limits. He then stated he will be having a dumpster on the 16th of May and will get the debris cleaned up.

The next meeting will be June 3rd at 7:00 p.m. With business completed, Larry Wendland made a motion to adjourn, Kaye Klucas seconded, the motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

City Clerk,

Deandra Anderson