

CITY OF LEEDS
Minutes
January 14, 2026
6:00 PM

A regular meeting of the Leeds City Council was called to order by Mayor Nick Parslow on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 6:00 PM at Leeds City Hall. Present were Council Members: Tony Gratton, Kris Larson, Kyle Nelsen, and Patrick Streyle. Also present were city employees: Al Lundstrom and Gina Harkness. Adam Parslow and Brady Stoll joined the meeting briefly.

Sheriff Report

The Benson County Sheriff neither attended nor provided a report for the meeting.

Public Hearing

Adam Parslow and Brady Stoll joined the meeting to present the council with their plan for the Leeds Fire Department's 125th celebration in 2027. They would like to plan Leeds Harvest Days, but given their event schedule, they need the derby moved from Saturday to Sunday.

Public Works

Gratton made a motion to accept the Public Works Superintendent's Report, Larson seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

There was some discussion about purchasing an incinerator due to the volume of cardboard boxes and residents not following the rules at the overflow dumpsters. Suggestion about getting rid of the overflow dumpsters, burning the cardboard at the dump (Gina will check with the state about that), and getting another dumpster around the holiday season.

Financials

A motion was made by Larson, seconded by Gratton, to accept employees' time sheets. The motion carried unanimously.

Larson made a motion, seconded by Nelsen, to accept the financial report. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Streyle, seconded by Larson, to approve the minutes with corrections from the December 3rd, 2025, regular meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

A motion was made by Nelsen, seconded by Streyle, to move forward with the proposed building repairs. The motion carried unanimously.

Gratton made a motion, seconded by Nelsen, to increase the personnel and equipment charge on the fee schedule from \$50.00/hour to \$100/hour. The motion carried unanimously.

The 2026 Election is now open: Kyle Nelsen, Tony Gratton, and Nick Parslow are up for re-election this year. As well as the whole park board, besides Ashley Blegen.

Strategic Planning is something the city should consider having completed. Prioritize the city's direction, get everyone on the same page. It would be helpful to develop a 3-, 5-, and 10-year plan and stick to it.

Community digital bulletin board- Lakota's is a 6x12 and it was \$35,000, we would need a 4x8 he is going to get Nick some pricing on that size.

A motion was made by Larson, seconded by Nelsen, to approve payroll & accounts payable. The motion carried unanimously. The bills are as follows:

Acme Tools	\$9,764.15
Aqua Pure Inc	\$254.50
B & J Excavating, Inc	\$1,404.26
Banyon Data Systems	\$2,215.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield	\$1,168.37
Cendak Cooperative	\$888.03
Farmers Union Oil Co. –York	\$319.95
First District Health Unit	\$30.00
Gibbens Law Office	\$920.00
H.E. Everson Co.	\$49.95
Hawkins	\$2,672.86
Leah Biby	\$1,546.63
Leeds Airport Authority	\$390.21
Leeds City Park District	\$3,000.00
Mac's Hardware	\$10.13
NDTC	\$263.01
Northern Plains Electric	\$594.85
Ottertail Power Co.	\$2,302.32
Payroll	\$13,620.17
Plunkett's Pest Control	\$54.14
Quill Office Supply	\$229.27
Ritterman Excavating	\$32,348.62
Ritterman Trucking	\$4,164.80
Susag Sand & Gravel, INC	\$1,440.00
Verizon	\$159.58
Visa	\$1,024.49
Waste Management	\$6,226.57

A motion was made by Gratton, seconded by Larson, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 PM.

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Nick Parslow
Mayor

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Gina Harkness
City Auditor