

CITY OF LEEDS
Minutes
July 9, 2025
7:00 PM

A regular meeting of the Leeds City Council was called to order by Mayor Nick Parslow on Wednesday, July 9, 2025, at 7:00 PM at Leeds City Hall. Present were Council Members: Kris Larson, Kyle Nelsen, Tony Gratton, and Patrick Streyle. Also present were city employees: Al Lundstrom and Gina Harkness. Arlen Anderson joined the meeting for a short time.

Sheriff Report

Benson County Sheriff did not attend the meeting but provided a report with the June calls for the City of Leeds.

Public Hearing

Arlen Anderson joined the meeting to talk about his plans for his nuisance property. Now that summer is here and summer school is completed, he is back to working on his project. He will be building new rafters, building a new wall in the back, and putting tin on the while building. The timeline for completion is in the fall of 2025, before the freeze-up. The nuisance vehicles on the property: the red and white bucket truck needs a starter and is waiting for Pioneer tags, and the brown pick-up has tags.

A motion was made by Larson, seconded by Gratton, to send a 2nd notice to some of the recurring nuisance properties to join the monthly City Council meeting. The motion carried unanimously. This time, they were invited to the August meeting.

Public Works

Street cleaning for downtown only, not the derby area. The derby area is for Leeds Derby Days to pay for.

A motion was made by Gratton, seconded by Larson, to pay half of the police contract for Leeds Derby Days. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Financials

A motion was made by Gratton, seconded by Streyle, to accept employees' timesheets. The motion carried unanimously.

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

A motion was made by Streyle, seconded by Larson, to approve minutes with corrections from the June 4th regular meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Gratton made a motion, seconded by Streyle, to accept the quote from Bechtold Paving, Inc. The motion carried unanimously.

Old business:

Mr. Loren Lunde called, wondering if he met the needs of the City Council and if they were going to continue with the charge of maintaining public nuisance, or if it could be dropped. The council agreed he got rid of the part of his building that was causing a nuisance so that the charges could be dropped, but next time he was in town, he was to look at the front of the building and the damage that is starting there.

Kyle has connected with a lawyer from Devils Lake, Jack Yunkers, regarding the Jack Graber Elevator. He has a phone meeting with him in the next few weeks. The agreement we will have with Jack is that the City will help with providing the pit and getting the correct licenses to get the elevator demolition, but Jack must maintain the property after the elevator is gone.

Grocery store sustainability grant: they are refining the guidelines. They are begging the city to apply. They will pay up to \$100,000 for equipment.

New Business

The Golf Course is building land bridges for the golf carts, and was wondering about the clay from the dump. The council said they can go and get whatever they need. Tony also said they have a big pile of clay out at the elevator that they can have if they need.

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

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| Avante Advisory. LLC | \$390.00 |
| Benson County Sheriff's Department | \$600.00 |
| Butler Machinery Co. | \$2,192.61 |
| Bobcat-Interstate Billing Service | \$243.32 |
| Blue Cross Blue Shield | \$1,168.37 |
| Cendak Cooperative | \$1,869.77 |
| Cindy Ritterman | \$150.00 |
| Dakota Fire Extinguishers | \$118.55 |
| Farmers Union Oil Co. –York | \$340.83 |
| Hawkins | \$393.18 |
| Johnson's Plumbing | \$119.30 |
| Leeds Active Women | \$60.00 |
| Leeds Airport Authority | \$985.10 |
| ND Dept of Health | \$27.00 |
| ND Sewage Pump Lift Station | \$775.00 |
| NDTC | \$256.03 |
| Nelson Lawncare Services | \$935.00 |

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| Northern Improvement Co. | \$1,023.00 |
| Northern Plains Electric | \$490.97 |
| Ottertail Power Co. | \$2,092.74 |
| Payroll | \$15,059.96 |
| Plunkett's Pest Control | \$127.06 |
| Ritterman Excavating | \$5,150.00 |
| Todd Nelsen | \$1,200.00 |
| Verizon | \$185.98 |
| Visa | \$675.68 |
| Waste Management | \$5,894.39 |

A motion was made by Gratton, seconded by Streyle, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 PM.

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Nick Parslow
Mayor

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Gina Harkness
City Auditor