

CITY OF LEEDS
Minutes
November 5, 2025
6:00 PM

A regular meeting of the Leeds City Council was called to order by Mayor Nick Parslow on Wednesday, November 5, 2025, at 6:00 PM at Leeds City Hall. Present were Council Members: Kyle Nelsen, Tony Gratton, Kris Larson, and Patrick Streyle. Also present were city employees: Al Lundstrom and Gina Harkness. Steven Jorgenson and Laura Wanzek joined the meeting briefly.

Sheriff Report

Laura Wanzek, the Benson County Sheriff, joined the meeting briefly to introduce herself. **She will now be the new Benson County Sheriff and is working on hiring new deputies. Laura is looking to rebuild the community relationship with the Benson County Sheriff's Department, which was lost to the prior department. She is asking us to please bear with her as she tries to hire the best deputies, not just fill the spots.**

Public Hearing

Steven Jorgenson joined the meeting to discuss water issues at Industrial Park.

Streyle made a motion to share the expense among the City and the property owners at Industrial Park to have Northern Plains come and dig their power lines deeper into the ditch so the water can properly drain to the north. The motion was seconded by Gratton. The motion carried unanimously. **We will determine the cost for the City vs. the property owner when the bill comes from Northern Plains.**

Public Works

A motion was made by Nelsen, seconded by Larson, to approve the sander chain quote. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Financials

A motion was made by Gratton, seconded by Larson, 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 Gratton, seconded by Larson, to approve the minutes from the October 8, 2025, regular meeting with corrections. The motion carried unanimously.

Old business:

A motion was made by Larson, seconded by Gratton, the mayor to sign the judgment for Jack Graber and to forward it to the attorney. The motion carried unanimously.

Larson made a motion to have the Benson County Sheriff Department deliver a letter to a resident about a nuisance dog and to CC James Wang on the letter. The motion was seconded by Streyle. The motion carried unanimously. **This will be Geri Jorgenson's final final warning.**

New Business

A motion was made by Larson, seconded by Gratton, to give the Leeds Park District \$50,000 for the down payment on the pool renovation project. The motion carried unanimously. Streyle abstained, voting in favor were Nelsen, Larson, and Gratton. No member voted against the motion.

Larson made a motion, seconded by Gratton, to approve the letter of objection from the City of Leeds to the proposed hog farm project on the Pierce County/Towner County line. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Gratton and seconded by Larson, to accept the bid **(\$1,000)** by NCB Electric LLC for the city-owned property located at 100 Main St W. The motion carried unanimously.

Nelsen made a motion, seconded by Larson, to accept the pledge of securities. The motion carried unanimously. Streyle abstained, voting in favor were Nelsen, Larson, and Gratton. No member voted against the motion.

A motion was made by Nelsen, seconded by Streyle, to reimburse the Leeds Active Women \$1,000 for Christmas lights. The motion carried unanimously. **They will decorate the trees on the old Violet property on Sunday, December 7th, after Santa Day.**

Streyle made a motion to sign the Park Vue Apartment Amendment, seconded by Gratton. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Benson Co. Farmers Press	\$295.92
Benson County Treasurer	\$2,707.31
Blue Cross Blue Shield	\$1,168.36
Cendak Cooperative	\$915.71
Cindy Ritterman	\$150.00
Envision	\$25.44
Farmers Union Oil Co. –York	\$84.76
First District Health Unit	\$30.00
Hawkins	\$428.47
Leeds Airport Authority	\$344.89
Leeds City Park District	\$360.00
Mac's Hardware	\$74.85
Main Street Inc	\$141.75
NDTC	\$256.42
Northern Plains Electric	\$241.89
Ottertail Power Co.	\$1,323.30

Payroll	\$12,782.38
Ritterman Trucking	\$2,221.20
Susag Sand & Gravel, INC	\$1,080.00
US Postal Service	\$183.00
USDA	\$94,804.00
Verizon	\$159.58
Visa	\$200.52
Waste Management	\$6,226.57
Yunker Law	\$829.50

A motion was made by Streyle, seconded by Nelsen, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM.

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Nick Parslow
Mayor

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Gina Harkness
City Auditor