**Leonard City Council**

The Leonard City Council met on Monday July 7, 2025. Council members present: Mayor Sheila Brown, Gilbert Schumacher, Ben Shepherd, Arlin Vanderwerff, Caroline Kraning and City Auditor Trina Nudell. A few of community members were also present.

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm. June meeting minutes read and approved. (Caroline, Ben)

The Cass County Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan was read and approved/adopted (Ben, Arlin). Finance Report given by Auditor Nudell. Mayor Brown reported that the welcome sign replacement and the local business sign replacement has been put on hold for the time being. Heating quotes for the city shop are in the process of being gathered. Bids for paving the road from the highway, past the convenience store, past the fire station, towards the railroad tracks are being gathered as well.

 Due to the significant tree damage from the June 27 storm, the city tree pile is once again over capacity. To prevent this from happening in the future, the city is asking any 3rd party Tree Services that would like to dump trunks, limbs, or branches at the City Dump Site to contact Mayor Sheila, so we can control the size of the pile and make plans for additional temporary piles if needed. The biggest pieces could possibly be put into a separate pile to allow time to dry out.

City and county noise ordinances were discussed because there have been multiple noise complaints in town and even more in the past few weeks. More information will be gathered about what can be done and how these ordinances can be enforced.

As discussed at the last meeting, a quote for a propane heater for the city shop is coming and a decision will be made whether to go with electric heat or propane heat once all quotes have been received. The cost of a Generac generator that flips on automatically to run the lift station when there’s a power outage will be researched as well.

Kayla Delagrave and Marsha Cassezza have been tasked with determining monthly winners for yard of the month since original plans didn’t come through.

Mayor Sheila would like to thank everyone in the community for their help cleaning up the city after the storm. That Saturday was a very long day, but the neighborly gestures and teamwork resulted in a huge amount being accomplished on just that first day. Sheila commented that it was great to see the community come together to get yards, streets and the park back in order so quickly.

Mosquitos was a topic brought up and discussed towards the end of the meeting. Cass County Vector Control has been seen in town checking mosquito traps regularly and they decide when and how often to spray. A community member noted that another way to help control mosquitos is by putting mosquito pucks in any standing water in yards or ditches and putting mosquito pucks in buckets of water, so mosquito larvae are killed.

The following building permits were reviewed and approved by the council: Delagrave Shop (Ben, Caroline) Erbe Shed (Arlin, Gilbert) Everson Fence (Ben, Arlin)

The following bills were approved to be paid: Acme Tools $60.36, Cass County Reporter $77.54 & $60.63, ND League of Cities $505 & $37. Fat Man Trash $1,908.76, Sheyenne Valley Lumber $2,348.35, Plains & Agronomy $261.25, One Call Concepts $6.80, Waste Management $1,245 & $415, Trina Nudell reimbursements $258 & $219, Q2 Council Stipends: Sheila Brown $277.05, Ben Shepherd $138.53, Gilbert Schumacher $138.53, Caroline Kraning $138.53 & Arlin Vanderwerff $138.53

Next regular meeting will be Monday August 4, 2025,at 7 pm.

Trina Nudell, City Auditor