**Leonard City Council**

The Leonard City Council met on Monday May 5, 2025. Council members present: Mayor Sheila Brown, Gilbert Schumacher, Ben Shepherd, Arlin Vanderwerff, Caroline Kraning and City Auditor Trina Nudell. A couple of community members were also present.

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

Old business included the upcoming city clean up and guidelines on what can’t be disposed of in the roll offs. Regarding the city shop insulation and heating project, the first phase will be the ceiling. For the heating portion, the old wire will have to be replaced with new electrical conduit wire.

The banner purchase that the council approved at a meeting earlier in the year will be arriving in the next few weeks. The Fall Festival banners won’t be hung until closer to August. There is another banner on the Display Sales website that would work well with the four flag banners already purchased. Motion made by Arlin and seconded by Caroline to purchase two of these red, white and blue banners with the following wording: “Great Place to Call Home”.

Discussion on building permit requirements for sheds was the next topic of discussion. In the past few years, the criteria for needing a permit were based on whether the shed was attached to the ground and whether the shed could be moved. More research will be done on the official written city requirements, and a more specific guideline will likely be written. The new guideline would most likely state that sheds over a certain size would require a building permit. Also discussed was the possibility of creating a written guideline that each yard must maintain a certain percentage of green space. Cass County guidelines will be researched, and more information will be gathered.

Building permits were discussed next. Two separate fence permits will be coming at a later time. The council approved building permits for Rick and Bonnie Gruel for a privacy fence and a lumber patio/deck. A final decision has not yet been made on whether a permit is needed for the shed.

The following bills were approved to be paid: Fat Man Trash $1,908.76, Immense Impact/Municipal Impact annual website subscription $737, One Call Concepts $8.50, Trina Nudell reimbursement for flag banners, welcome banners and Fall Festival banners and hardware purchased through Display Sales $2,422.66. Bill Magstadt $692.62.

Next regular meeting will be Monday June 2, 2025,at 7 pm.

Trina Nudell, City Auditor