

CITY OF LEONIDAS
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

January 13, 2026 6:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Jo Anne Milton called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The City Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Attendance

Present: Mayor JoAnne Milton, Councilor Jessica Johnson, Councilor Jay DeRoos, Councilor Cassandra Cave, Councilor Brian Otto Maintenance Lenny Kuizenga, Clerk McKenzie Clinton.

Nathan Fiest and Jake from Bollig engineering were also in attendance.

3. Adopt Agenda

Motion by DeRoos, second by Otto to adopt the agenda. Ayes – All. Motion carried.

4. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes of December 9, 2025 City Council Meeting

B. Approval of Payroll ending 12/31/2025

C. Approval of Claims ending 12/31/2025

Motion by DeRoos, second by Milton to approve the Consent Agenda. Ayes – All. Motion carried.

5. Reports

A. Clerk's Report

Clerk Clinton reported that she is working on year-end reports and is preparing quarterly and year-end taxes.

B. Maintenance

Maintenance reported that repairs had been completed on the sand spreader. A brief discussion took place about selling the dump truck and replacing it with a pick-up truck.

C. Hall Manager

Hall Manager Jessica Johnson reported that there were a few rentals in December and that reservations for the summer are already filling up.

6. Old Business

Nothing new to discuss

7. New Business

1. Bollig- Street and Alley Project Update

Nathan and Jake from Bollig Engineering gave a presentation on the street and alley project. A discussion took place about what the priorities are and what areas should be completed first. There was also a brief discussion about funding for the project and whether the city would apply for a loan or use savings/investments to cover the city's costs. Bollig Engineering will put together a task order with the priorities and present it at the February City Council Meeting. This will be discussed further at that time.

2. Designate an official newspaper

The Mesabi Tribune was designated as the official City newspaper for all official city business.

Motion by Cave, second by DeRoos to designate the Mesabi Tribune as the official city newspaper. Ayes – All. Motion carried

3. Select an official Depository, by resolution, for city funds

Clerk Clinton stated that Wells Fargo is the current depository but that an account will be set up with Miner's National Bank in Eveleth and all deposits and disbursements will eventually be processed through that account.

Motion by DeRoos, second by Cave to designate Wells Fargo as the official depository for city Funds. Ayes – All. Motion carried.

4. Appoint an interim Mayor

Councilor Jay DeRoos was appointed as the interim Mayor and will fill in if Mayor Milton is not able to attend a meeting.

Motion by Rock, second by Cave to appoint Councilor Jay DeRoos as the interim mayor. Ayes – All. Motion carried.

5. 2026 Budget

The 2025-year end financial report was gone through and a 2026 budget was created based on the upcoming needs of the community. The cost of the upcoming road and alley projects was added to the budget and other budget items were adjusted to more accurately reflect the current spending. The total disbursement for 2026 is estimated at \$95,850.00 and total receipts are estimated at \$77,400.00 [Full text on file.]

Motion by DeRoos, second by Otto to appoint Councilor Jay DeRoos as the interim mayor. Ayes – All. Motion carried.

8. Adjourn

Motion by Otto, second by DeRoos to adjourn the meeting. Ayes – All. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

JoAnne Milton, Mayor

Attest: _____