

CITY OF LEONIDAS
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

March 10, 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 Jay DeRoos, Councilor Cassandra Cave, Maintenance Lenny Kuizenga, and Clerk McKenzie Clinton. Jack Van Kempen from Bollig Engineering was also in attendance.

Councilor Brian Otto and Councilor Jessica Johnson were absent.

3. Adopt Agenda

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

4. Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes of February 10, 2026 City Council Meeting
- B. Approval of Payroll ending 2/28/2026
- C. Approval of Claims ending 2/28/2026

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

5. Reports

A. Clerk's Report

Clerk Clinton reported that she is working with Walker, Giroux and Hahne on completing the 2025 Agreed Upon Procedure.

B. Maintenance

Maintenance reported that there were multiple issues with the furnace and it was not working properly. Maintenance Lenny Kuizenga spent multiple hours working on the furnace and meeting with Iron Range Plumbing and Heating. A new thermostat and temperature sensors were installed. Iron Range Plumbing and Heating also did repairs and replaced parts on the furnace. Maintenance Lenny Kuizenga will continue to monitor the furnace.

C. Hall Manager

It was reported 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

Jack Van Kempen from Bollig Engineering gave an update on the street and alley project. A survey was completed during the first week of March, the next step is to have soil borings taken. Bollig received three estimates for soil borings, the lowest estimate was from Twin Ports Testing and would include 7 borings for a cost of \$7,075.00, the other estimates received would be for a higher cost and less borings taken. A motion was passed to approve the estimate from Twin Ports Testing.

Motion by DeRoos, second by Milton to approve the estimate from Twin ports Testing for 7 borings at a cost of \$7,075.00. Ayes – All. Motion carried.

2. North Ridge Community Credit Union- CD Maturity

Clerk Clinton reported that the Certificate of Deposit at NorthRidge Community Credit Union reached maturity on March 8, 2026. The value of the CD is approximately \$254,000.00. There is a ten-day window where you can choose to withdraw the funds or roll the funds over into a new CD. The approved signers would need to be updated before any action could be taken.

A motion was passed to add Clerk McKenzie Clinton to the approved signers on the account at NorthRidge Community Credit Union and remove former Treasurer Becky Elko and former Councilor Charlotte Geruilli. Mayor Jo Anne Milton is already an approved signer so she will remain on the account.

Motion by Cave, second by DeRoos to update the approved signers for the NorthRidge Community Credit Union account to include Clerk McKenzie Clinton and remove former Treasurer Becky Elko and former Councilor Charlotte Geruilli. Ayes – All. Motion carried.

A discussion then occurred about using the funds to pay for the upcoming Street and alley project. The project is being done in multiple phases so the funds from the CD would cover the cost of phase one. This would also eliminate the need to apply for a USDA loan at this time. The loan could then be applied for the next phase of the project. The council felt it would be better to use the available funds for the projects rather than apply for a loan and pay interest.

A motion was then passed to withdraw the full balance of the Certificate of Deposit from NorthRidge Community Credit Union, approximate value of \$254,000.00. The fund will be deposited in the City's main checking account at Wells Fargo. Clerk Clinton and JoAnne Milton will go to NorthRidge and withdraw the fund.

Motion by Cave, second by DeRoos to withdraw the full balance of the Certificate of Deposit from NorthRidge Credit Community Credit Union and deposit it into the checking account at Wells Fargo. Ayes – All. Motion carried.

3. City Wide Clean up

The City of Eveleth is starting their alley clean up on May 18th and residents are able to drop off trash and rubbish to the city garage located in Eveleth from April 27th-May 6th. Eveleth will pick up yard waste in Leonidas alleys and Leonidas Residents are able to bring household refuse to the Eveleth City Garage. A brief discussion occurred about Leonidas doing a one-time pickup of trash and refuse from the residents in Leonidas. The council felt that it was a helpful service to provide for residents and that doing so would result in less waste and blight in Leonidas. Maintenance will pick up rubbish in the alleys on May 7th and dispose of it at the Eveleth city garages. A letter regarding this will be sent out to residents.

Motion by Cave, second by DeRoos to offer a one-time pickup service for Leonidas residents. Ayes – All. Motion carried

8. Adjourn

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

JoAnne Milton, Mayor

Attest: _____