

LEAMINGTON TOWN COUNCIL
Wednesday, March 11, 2026 7:00 PM

Call to Order/Roll Call: The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM.

Present: Michael Lovell, Mayor

Council Members: Drey Oppenheimer, Tyler Christensen, Marcia Pack, John Pruitt

Ashlee Echols, Clerk/Recorder

Brittney Nielson, Treasurer

Other Attendees: Russ Finlinson

Bills were approved and signed.

February Minutes Approval: Marcia motioned to approve February minutes, John seconded, all in favor; motion carried.

Council Reports:

Administration and Website: Mayor Lovell explained the council reports going forward. Discussed the annual budget steps the council will take leading up to the June public hearing. Mayor Lovell updated the council on his ongoing work with the developer on our website, with the goal of having it in use by July. Russ asked if events would be posted on the website, and Mayor Lovell confirmed they will.

Town Facilities: John shared upcoming rental dates. He will continue pursuing the park lights timer/switch as the electrician becomes available. Mayor Lovell informed the council of a water tap at the town hall that needs to be replaced.

Water, Planning, and Zoning: Drey and Mayor Lovell updated the council on water projects with comments from Russ. The new well is projected to be online within 3 weeks. **Action Item: Drey will discuss with John Chatier the abandonment of the old well.**

Cemetery and Roads: Mayor Lovell is awaiting a response from Jess Peterson regarding grants for road signs. Russ Finlinson gave an update on speed and cemetery signs. **Action Item: Tyler will reach out to Adam Britt at Millard County regarding road-naming procedures and GSI recording.**

Fire Department: Marcia complimented our town for being the first to complete a signed wildland fire agreement. Marcia expressed the need to require backflow prevention and suggested metering any hydrant that may be used to fill water

tanks; the council discussed, with comments from Russ. Discussed truck maintenance and grant application status.

Staff Reporting:

Online bill pay options: Ashlee shared her research on a few options, and the council discussed priorities, budget constraints, and the continued research needed. Russ suggested reaching out to other small communities to discuss what they use. **Marcia motioned for Ashlee to continue the research and report back. Drey seconded, all in favor; motion carried.**

Budget Report: Brittney reviewed the budget line items that need adjustment, with comments from Mayor Lovell. Russ gave insights into how the budget works.

New Business:

Amendment to Title 11.1.6 Fire Code Adopted: Mike discussed the amendment to include the WUI code and recommended we adopt; **Tyler motioned to adopt; Marcia seconded; all in favor; motion carried.**

Resolutions 2026-03-01 and 2026-03-02: Mayor Lovell informed the council that there are 2 shared out-of-town connections in conflict with town ordinances. These resolutions are to address these connections and bring them into compliance. Russ mentioned that one property has galvanized piping that is required to be replaced, and the original property/connection owner may want to disconnect from the town completely. A transfer of service, instead of a new connection, may be the direction the two property owners decide to go. Mayor Lovell discussed the details of each resolution and recommended that the council vote to adopt.

Tyler motioned to adopt resolution 2026-03-01, and Marcia seconded. Roll call vote taken: Mayor Lovell - Aye, Drey Oppenheimer - Aye, Tyler Christensen - Aye, Marcia Pack - Aye, John Pruitt - Aye, motion carried. Action Item: 90-day follow-up on the connection being paid for.

Tyler motioned to adopt resolution 2026-03-02, and Drey seconded. Roll call vote taken: Mayor Lovell - Aye, Drey Oppenheimer - Abstained, Tyler Christensen - Aye, Marcia Pack - Aye, John Pruitt - Aye, motion carried.

Resolution 2026-03-03: Mayor Lovell discussed the town's need for a moratorium on new water connections until upgrades are completed and the water supply

increases. **Marcia motioned to adopt resolution 2026-03-03. Drey seconded, all in favor; motion carried unanimously.**

Fire-hydrant inspection and testing: Mayor Lovell and Marcia discussed the need to test the hydrants. **Action item: Marcia will discuss with Russ Wilcken and report back once it's complete.**

Centra-Com Internet Service: Russ discussed the possibility of connecting the town hall, firehouse, and maintenance building to Centra-Com for a good deal. Mayor Lovell recommended a hard line with Centra-Com for the wellhouse; logistics were discussed. **Action Item: Russ will contact Centra-Com and report back on our monthly bill.**

Outstanding Business:

Cemetery solar trailer batteries: Council discussed the need to replace batteries, logistics, and pricing. Russ shared insights and recommendations for creating a different setup to prevent batteries from needing to be replaced in the future. **Action item: Drey and/or Mike will discuss with Todd about having Joe replace the batteries.**

Water projects: *Discussed in council reports*

Town hall remodel: Mayor Lovell gave a status update.

Maintenance building project: Mayor Lovell discussed the recommended fencing type change proposed by Russ Finlinson. **Marcia motioned to change the fence type between the maintenance building and the Wright property, Tyler seconded, all in favor; motion carried.**

Miscellaneous Discussion: Russ offered a computer to the town if it would run Windows 11. He will get with Tyler to see if it is compatible.

Adjournment: Tyler motioned to adjourn, Drey seconded, all in favor; motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM.