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LEAMINGTON TOWN COUNCIL
Thursday, May 14, 2026, 7:00 PM

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM. Roll call:
Michael Lovell, Mayor
Council Members: John Pruitt, Drey Oppenheimer, Tyler Christensen
Not Present: Marcia Pack.
Ashlee Echols, Clerk/Recorder
Brittney Nielson, Treasurer
Other Attendees: Steve O'Camb

Bills were approved and signed.

April Minutes Approval: Tyler motioned to approve April minutes, Drey seconded, all in favor; motion carried.

Administration, Website, and Review of Action Items: Mayor Lovell will meet with T Mountain Media on May 26 to finalize the website. Action items will be discussed under the outstanding business section.

Town Hall and Parks: John informed the council of an upcoming rodeo grounds rental. Discussed summer updates: sprinklers, bathrooms, and the town hall cooling system. <u>Action Item: The condensation box needs to be replaced; Todd is aware and will address it.</u>

Water, Planning, and Zoning: Drey and Mayor Lovell reported that Tyler completed some SCADA work; although it is not yet complete, the well is running and pumping to our needs. Discussed water rights, usage, and the potential need to pull back on our rental from Aces. Planning and Zoning has no items. Drey motioned to cancel June's Planning and Zoning Meeting. John seconded, all in favor; motion carried.

Cemetery and Roads: Tyler sent the road name updates to Adam Britt for Millard County GSI records. Once the county has updated its record, the state should follow suit. <u>Action Item: Tyler will confirm with Adam to ensure the records have been updated.</u> Tyler got a call from Philip Wood, who provided a bid for the Juniper Heights Road work and said he did not receive the Delta bid. However, if he receives the Nephi bid, he can do our road at the previously discussed price of $25,000.

Fire Department: Marcia has been excused. Mayor Lovell met with Marcia and Chief Wilcken on Monday, May 12, to discuss the budget and fire dept agenda items. The fire dept. checked and flushed all hydrants. They've curated a list of potential water leak fixes for Drey to review and discuss with Todd. Chief Wilcken provided the Mayor with the department's budget for next year.

Introductory Training Status: Ashlee updated the council that everyone has completed the training, that she has submitted the fraud risk assessment to the Utah Government Trust, and that she will send it to the state before the due date.

Budget/Spending Status: Water is over budget due to unexpected expenses. Meters were upgraded prior to the new grant being awarded, resulting in the town paying out of pocket for those expenses.

Status of Accounts: Brittney has attempted to transfer the CD money to the PTIF account; however, she is having difficulty getting the state representative, Candce, to respond and give the necessary information to make the transfer correctly.

Memorial Day Program: Mayor Lovell discussed assignments and program details with potential speakers.

Division of Water Rights Site Visit: Mayor Lovell and Drey discussed an upcoming recharge-and-recovery site visit on May 29th. Chad will send a monthly report to both Water Rights and Water Quality.

Water Rate Proposals: Mayor Lovell went over the 4 proposals in detail, highlighting why the change is necessary to reduce state-imposed fees, and the council discussed the impacts. <u>Drey moved to adopt water rate proposal 3 for implementation in July; Tyler seconded. All in favor; motion carried.</u>

Property tax: Mayor Lovell does not want to increase the property tax rate; the council agreed to accept the county's certified rate when it’s available.

Budget Review, Planning, and Changes: Mayor Lovell instructed the council on budgeting and discussed next month's public hearing plans, including a budget increase to cover previously discussed water expenses. <u>Action Item: Council to review the budget planning document and worksheet for their department for FY 27 planning.</u>

Online bill pay: Ashlee explained Xpress Bill Pay’s implementation process and recommended that, if Xpress Bill Pay is the chosen bill pay option, implementation begin in June for fiscal year 27 payments. Drey recommended that the town not enter into a contract with Xpress in case Harmony offers online payments in the near future. Council discussed whether online will be utilized enough now that fees are in place. Decided to move forward with a free square account for Leamarado days and optional in-person water payments.

Water projects: Drey and Mayor Lovell discussed the wall by the well that needs to be completed for CIB close-out.

Town hall remodel: Richard Stickland may complete the areas surrounding the elevators.

Maintenance building: Work is coming along with help from community members Richard, Russ, Todd, and Jake.

Fire Hydrant Inspection and Testing: Complete *discussed in council reports*

Road Signs: Mayor Lovell shared that Russ found new road signs downstairs to install if in good shape. Council members will inspect them after the meeting.

Road Chip and Seal: *discussed in council reports*

Miscellaneous Discussion:
Council discussed the Wild Horse fire, the town's contribution, and an agreement for the state to use the town park facilities, which requires the Mayor's approval.

Adjournment: Tyler motioned to adjourn, John seconded, all in favor; motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM