

# CITY OF LEON

## City Council Meeting Minutes of the Previous Month

### Governing Body:

#### Present Not Present

Mayor: Kristina Semish (Kris)  
Council President: Kyle Combs (NP)  
Council Member: Kyle Hrabec  
Council Member: Cathy Schmidt (zoom)  
Council Member: Hank Boucher (NP)  
Council Member: Harley Laughlin

### Staff:

#### Present

#### Not Present

City Manager: Jodie Laidler  
Maintenance Supervisor: Dylan Chilcott  
Police Officer: Brandon Lindahl

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:

Minutes for August 4, 2025

Present: Mayor Semisch and Council members: Kyle Hrabec, Harley Laughlin, Kyle Combs, and Cathy Schmidt. Dylan Chilcott was present for maintenance. Brandon Lindahl was present for the police. The audience consisted of Laury Schuetz, Gladys Wall, Tammy Holt, Frank and Sharon Sandbothe, RoseMary Saunders, Laci Babcock, Cindy Dragoo, and Doug Lentz.

**The meeting on July 7, 2025, opened @ 6:30 pm.**

Harley Laughlin motioned to move Agenda item #11 to follow Agenda item #3, Kyle Hrabec 2nd. Motion passed 3-0. Kyle Hrabec motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, which included minutes from July 7th, Special meeting minutes from July 14, and the monthly bills—Harley Laughlin 2nd. Motion passed 3-0.

### Ranson Financial

**Council approved the documents for the storm sirens.** Kyle Hrabec made the motion to accept the \$5,000 to pay if accepted for the \$55,000 grant for the storm siren. It will be placed at the city office and will serve the city limits—Harley 2nd. Motion passed 3-0. Kyle Hrabec made a motion to allow all the paperwork to be signed for the SIREN grant. Cathy Schmidt 2nd. Motion passed 3-0.

**Item 11 on the Agenda moved to here (Mayor):** Mayor Semisch addressed the council regarding the vote on July 14, at the Special Meeting, on the new police car. She reiterated that, although such a purchase would be necessary at a later time, she would like to request a reconsideration of the vote, given the council's hearing from the community at this time. Harley Laughlin made a motion to rescind the vote on the purchase of a new police vehicle. Kyle Hrabec 2nd. Motion passed 3-0.

**Agenda:** No one present

**Unfinished Business:** Kyle Hrabec made a motion to pass Resolution 63-2025, granting Doug Lentz, at 425 W. Mechanic St., a two-month extension on

### Public Hearing:

Harley Laughlin made a motion to extend 400 N. Main St. for three months to continue progress on the property—Kyle Hrabec 2nd. Motion passed 3-0.

**Permit Approval:**

Kyle Hrabe made a motion to allow the city manager to approve permits that come into the office and do not need adjustments or exceptions, but follow all the guidelines of the code—Harley Laughlin 2nd. Motion passed 3-0.

**Order of Violations:**

None at this time

**Committee and Staff Reports:**

**Library Update:** A library report was presented. Mayor Semisch appointed Sharon Sandbouth to the Library board, and the council approved the appointment.

**Manager/Code/Maintenance/Law:**

Jodie shared that she has been documenting the city's regular protocols and practices and placing them in a folder. One of these is explicitly the practice of having a council member on the police department as a Reserve, who will not vote on matters related to the department, including purchasing and hiring decisions. They may give input, but then must recuse themselves from all voting. As for code, letters are being sent and received, and follow-up on pending items is ongoing.

**Maintenance Report:** A maintenance report was presented. Chip and seal should arrive on Wednesday, and we will wait to see if the chip seal needs to be broomed off.

**Law enforcement report:** A law report was presented, including reserves and updates on class.

**Proposed Ordinance(s) and/or Resolution(s)****Ordinance(s) and/or Resolution(s)**

None

**Open Forum:**

Gladys Wall expressed that she felt the council was doing a good job, and everyone was always going to have a difference of opinion. Maybe tweaking the letters might help, and her primary concern was the reserve voting on police matters, but that seems to be fixed.

Tammy Holt wants the limb pile opened more so she can clean her yard.

Laci Babcock and Cindy Dragoo are concerned about their neighbor, the recent events, and the dogs that are always at large. They feel there are safety concerns and the city should be doing more to alleviate the conditions. Kyle Hrabe made a motion to add 306 W. Plumb to the Notice of Order for 8-101, 2-203, 8-608—Harley Laughlin 2nd. Motion passed 3-0.

**Mayor:**

Was moved under #3 on the agenda.

**Council:**

None

**Formal Action:**

None

**Executive Sessions:**

None

Harley Laughlin made a motion to adjourn at 7:26 pm—Cathy Schmidt 2<sup>nd</sup>