LeRoy City Council

Minutes

June 7th, 2021

Mayor Christine Williams called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00 PM at City Hall.

Council Members present: Tim Harvey, Terry Tyler, David Houston, Jeff Brite

Employees present: Nikki Houston, Aaron Copeland, Rustin Kimmell

Visitors present: Cassie Bailey, Matt Thomsen, Tim Johnson, Phyllis Owens, Don Meats, Dan Walker, Gabi Brite, Rob McCann, Sarah Stewart, Bryson Meats, Bobby Skipper, Randall VanValkenburg, Georgie Eggleston, Ryan Yoho, Vern Yoho, Bruce Boettcher, Trenton Worley.

Dave Houston moved and Jeff Brite seconded to approve the May 3rd, 2021 minutes. Motion carried 4-0.

Terry Tyler moved and Tim Harvey seconded to approve the June 7th, 2021 agenda with the addition of a 5-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Motion carried 4-0.

At 6:02 P.M. Tyler moved to recess into a 5-minute executive session with the Mayor and City Council to discuss non-elected personnel. Harvey seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Open meeting resumed at 6:07 P.M. with no action taken.

Appointments:

Attorney, Rustin Kimmell 4-0

Bank, Citizens State Bank 4-0

City Clerk, Nikki Houston 4-0

Newspaper, Coffey County Republican 4-0

Police, Daniel Frazier 4-0

Superintendent, Aaron Copeland 4-0

Treasurer, Andrea Dickerson 4-0

Scheduled Visitors:

Bobby Skipper, Coffey County Economic Development Director, presented a proposal for a new residential and commercial subdivision on the west side of the city limits. Several were in attendance in support of the project; Love, LeRoy members Sarah Stewart, Bryson Meats, Rob McCann, Cassie Bailey with Waverly Post Frame Structures who verbally agreed to build two single family homes in the development, engineer Bruce Boettcher and Trenton Worley with BG Consultants who had surveyed and created a design for the proposed development (ILLP Addition). Skipper asked the council to pass the preliminary plat as presented, council decided to continue the discussion and possible passing of the preliminary plat at a special city council meeting date and time to be determined.

Ryan Yoho expressed his concern with the nuisance letter he received on his property and the legal rights as it is in the process of being put up for a tax sale; would like the city’s attorney to take under advisement as he doesn’t feel like he has the right to do all the required work that is requested of him.

Vern Yoho is concerned with the high rate of speeds that are traveled on F St./Shetland Road which runs right in front of his property and asks the council to address the concern immediately.

Public Comments

Dan Walker spoke about tall grass on nearby properties and asked what was being done with them. Gabi Brite asked the council to look at long-term advertising for businesses on the LED sign and also asked council to consider extending the RV hookups beyond the 3-day limit. Matt Thomsen introduced himself as the incoming USD 245 Superintendent expressing his support for the proposed housing development stating “it would bring new families and students to the area”.

Chief Frazier was not able to be present at the meeting as he was out of town for training. He submitted a written report and also had 3 calls for service, 5 traffic stops, 3 Animal/Nuisance, 7 Code enforcement letters, 1 Active Felony Case.

Superintendent Copeland submitted a written report - B & B Services completed the yearly inspection/cleaning of the city’s water valve at the water plant as well as the chlorination station. Enviroline was currently doing preventive maintenance inspections on the lift stations. As for streets, Killough Construction was in the process of fixing the spots that had been lined out to be patched and replaced as well as crack filling. Jeff True is back helping the city again this summer as well as Trevor Smith; Smith has been hired at $10/hr. to help with mowing, flowers & other random duties during the summer months with approximately 20 hours a week. Copeland has removed the dumpster that was behind the city shop, unfortunately many out-of-town people and some business owners were using it; he agrees that the dumpster helps keep the town clean but the extra tonnage that it was accumulating will also be reflected in the upcoming rate increase the city will be charged and will ultimately be passed on to current solid waste customers. To wrap up his written report, spraying for mosquitos would be getting underway the first week of June.

Copeland brought to the council, per their request, two different options/quotes for a mini trac hoe; the purchase of the trac hoe would let Copeland doing many things on his schedule instead of relying on someone else’s, one being the ditches around town. After much discussion Houston moved and Tyler seconded the purchase of the John Deere Mini Trac Hoe for $46,000. Motion carried 4-0.

Clerk Houston submitted a written report and also presented the council with pictures and prices for several different types of trashcans; she expressed that all of the trashcans that are currently downtown and the main park have seen better days and would like the council to start the process of replacing them.

Tyler made a motion and Houston seconded to purchase 4 trashcans for downtown, not to exceed $850/each. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Williams asked the council their thoughts about keeping or the possibility of selling the old KG&E building, after some discussion the council decided to revisit after some research is done on the matter.

At 6:49 P.M. Brite moved to recess into a 15-minute executive session with the Mayor, City Council and counsel to discuss legal issues concerning the code. Houston seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Open meeting resumed at 7:04 P.M. with no action taken.

Tyler moved and Brite seconded to pay all warrants. Motion carried 4-0.

Houston moved and Tyler seconded to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0.