

April 7, 2025

City Council Meeting Minutes

Mayor Cox called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present council members included Terry Tyler, Georgie Eggleston, Bryson Meats, and Ricky Yeager (who participated via phone). One seat is currently vacant on the council.

Mayor Cox recommended approving the proposed agenda for April 7. Eggleston moved to accept the April 7th agenda, and Meats seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

Mayor Cox requested a vote to approve the minutes from the City Council meeting held on March 3. Tyler moved to accept the minutes, and Yeager seconded the motion. It passed with a vote of 4-0.

Meats then moved to accept the warrants and bills presented in the proposed agenda, with Tyler seconding. Motion passed 4/0.

Public Comments:

Sara Stewart, representing Titan Thunder, came to the council and asked if the council would donate \$500.00 again this year for the Seniors' banners that Titan Thunder will be hanging on Main Street. Meats moved to donate \$500.00 for the banners. Mayor Cox asked for a second. After hearing none, the motion died.

Jennifer Freeman inquired about the requirements for building a new house in LeRoy. Mayor Cox indicated that the council would begin investigating the matter.

Schedule Guest:

Bruce Boettcher, representing BG Consultants, announced that the city has secured a \$102,000 grant from the Kansas Water Office for technical assistance to enhance the LeRoy Sanitary Sewer System. The grant will enable essential upgrades crucial for improving the community's wastewater management and overall public health.

In light of this development, Bruce is urging the City Council to approve and sign the Consultant-Client Agreement during tonight's meeting. This step is necessary to initiate the project without delay. Once signed, this contract will authorize BG Consultants to commence the project's design phase, which is vital in addressing current infrastructure needs.

While the grant amount is \$102,000.00, the total consultation and design services cost may exceed this figure, depending on the complexity and scope of the work required. After the designs are completed, they will be submitted to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) for review and approval, ensuring that all improvements meet regulatory standards and safety requirements. This project represents a significant step forward for LeRoy's infrastructure, and prompt action from the City Council is crucial.

Carey Spoon, representing the Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission, presented two separate agreements for professional administrative services, each valued at \$7,500. The first agreement pertains to the administrative fee associated with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) loan, while the second concerns the administrative fee for the Kansas Water Office Grant Agreement.

During the meeting, Mayor Cox requested a motion to authorize him to sign both agreements and the contract after the City Attorney has reviewed them to ensure all legal protocols are met and that the agreements can proceed without any issues. Council member Eggleston moved, Tyler seconded. The council voted, and the motion passed 4-0.

Ryan Durst, the Superintendent of the Coffey County Highway Department, informed the council about an upcoming project that will involve shutting down Highway 58. A detour will be in place: travelers will be redirected to Aliceville Road, Wayside, and 8th Road, and Shetland. This detour is designed to ensure the safety of all travelers.

Ryan Yoho and his family have been working on cleaning up the property located at 1441 F Street.

Katie Bowen informed the council about a massive drone that was flying about 15 feet in the air in their backyard. Miss Bowen would like the council to consider regulating their use.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Cox inquired if any council members wished to proceed with the water tower improvement. Yeager requested a quote regarding the OSHA requirements.

Meats moved to donate \$500.00 for the after-prom party. Yeager second. Motion passed 4/0

Mayor Cox read Ordinance 451, which appoints Ray Ward as the City of LeRoy's enforcement officer. Yeager moved to accept Ordinance 451 and approved Ray Ward as the Enforcement Officer. Eggleston seconded. Motion passed 4 /0.

A complaint has been filed against City Councilman Bryson Meats. The complaint alleges that Mr. Meats has been harassing community members and that his behavior is unfit for a city leader. The complainant submitted a petition to the court and was granted a protection order

for a period of two years. Mayor Cox read aloud, " According to the statute, K.S.A 60-1205 Grounds for forfeiture of public office. **60-1205. Grounds for forfeiture of public office.** Every person holding any office of trust or profit, under and by virtue of any of the laws of the state of Kansas, either state, district, county, township or city office, except those subject to removal from office only by impeachment, who shall (1) willfully engage in misconduct while in office, (2) willfully neglect to perform any duty enjoined upon such person by law, (3) demonstrate mental impairment such that the person lacks the capacity to manage the office held, or (4) who shall commit any act constituting a violation of any penal statute involving moral turpitude, shall forfeit such person's office and shall be ousted from such office in the manner hereinafter provided. Mayor Cox recommended that Mr. Meats resign from his position on the city council, and Mr. Meats agreed and resigned immediately from the council.

Daniel Smith, City Attorney, gave a monthly report.

Aaron Copland presented his report on water, sewers, streets, parks, and recreation. Jeff True will again work for the city this summer.

Kim Alexander gave the City Clerk's Report.

Mayor Cox recommended that the city accept TrustPoint/EMC as its insurance company, with a yearly cost of 56884.42. Tyler moved to accept TrustPoint's bid, and Eggleston seconded the motion. It passed with a vote of 3 to 0.

Tyler moved to adjourn, Eggleston second. Motion passed.

