

LeRoy City Council

Minutes

February 7th 2022

Mayor Steve Cox call the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00 PM at City Hall.

Council Members Present: Terry Tyler, Tim Harvey, Jeff Brite, Rob McCann, Georgia Eggleston

City Employees Present: Aaron Copeland, Rustin-Kimmel, Kim Alexander

Visitors Present: Don Meats, Sara Stewart, Ronda Gilbert, Phyllis Owens, Kevin Stall

Approval of Minutes: The council unanimously approved the minutes from the January 10th meeting with the addition to add that Steve Cox was sworn into Mayor position.

Approval of Agenda: The council unanimously voted to approve the agenda. With 2 executive sessions one for 15 minutes and one for 30 minutes for attorney client council.

Public Discussion: Ronda Gilbert from the Coffey County Housing Authority wanted to discuss having a Ground breaking event for the new housing complex that will be built. The council agreed that having the event was a good ideal. Ronda stated that she would put together a couple dates. Ronda also discussed that Mister Skillman had already signed the deed over to the housing authorities for the property that he owned Ronda and Mr. Skillman would like for the city to sign the deed over soon so the project could get started.

Rob made a motion to go into executive session for 15 minutes for attorney client consult Georgia 2nd the motion motions passed 5/0

Upon returning from the executive session, the Council authorized the mayor to execute a quitclaim deed to the Coffey County Housing authority for lots 19 and 20 in block 52 excepting out a portion lot 20 for the city's electric sign. Aaron Copeland City Superintendent to contact surveyor to identify the portion of lot 20 to except out.

Don Meats spoke and said that he was attending the meeting in his role as county commissioner to observe and answer any council questions regarding county business.

Bryson Meats asked the board to close the existing alley behind his business located at 609 S. Main. After brief discussion, Terry Tyler moved to table the issue, Jeff Brite seconded the motion to table passed 4-1; Georgia Eggleston decentered. In addition, Mr. Meats indicated that he no longer intended to fulfill his obligations under the block grant to renovate his business building. Mr. Meats indicated that Carey Spoon with the Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission planned on attending the Council's March 7 meeting to close out the grant. Terry Tyler expressed frustration with Mr. Meats failure to formally notify the council that he no longer intended to complete work under the grant. The Mayor, through attorney Kimmell requested that Mr. Meats provide written notification to the city of his intentions regarding the grant.

Mr. Stall came to the meeting for approval of his Kennel License, the board unanimously approved to table this discussion until the next board meeting.

Aaron Copeland the city superintendent gave his report including requested amendments to the city code. Every requested to lease some city land for about 4 months while they replace the electric poles in the city.

Tim Harvey moved to enter into a lease agreement with Evergy upon the Attorney Kimmel's approval of the lease. Terry Tyler seconded motion passed 5/0.

KDHE inspected city buildings in December. The Department's inspector informally indicated that electrical wiring needs to be placed in conduit.

Tim Harvey approve Aaron Copelands attendance at continuing education event for his water treatment plant cortication and pay the \$175. Attendance fee. Terry Tyler second. The council voted unanimously to approve.

Tim Harvey moved to approve Kim Alexanders attendance at a city clerks conference and pay the \$325 attendance fee. Terry Tyler seconded. The council voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Republic is raising their monthly charge for residential solid waste disposal from \$19.63 to \$20.62 starting May 1. The Mayor directed Attorney Kimmell to draft a proposed ordinance amending the city code to reflect the increased price. The proposed ordinance to be considered at the council's march meeting.

The city has received several complaints about nuisance properties. The Mayor directed Attorney Kimmell to prepare a proposed course of action to address the properties. That course of action to be considered at the council's march meeting.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has asked the city to adopt a city ordinance regarding flood plane development. Brite moved to table discussion of the flood plane ordinance. McCann seconded. The motion passed on unanimous vote.

Terry Tyler moved to pay ½ of the joint Leroy – Gridley recreation director costs in the amount of \$750. Harvey seconded the motion passed on an unanimously vote.

Tyler moved to go into a 30-minute executive session to discussion non-elected personnel.

Upon returning from the executive session McCann moved to amend the city's agreement with the city attorney. Instead of paying a flat fee, the city will pay Attorney Kimmell the fee he charges private client. Tyler seconded the motion. "The motion passed unanimous vote.

Tyler moved to approve payment of all warrants. Brite seconded the motion passed unanimous vote.

Harvey moved to adjourn the meeting. Brite seconded. The motion past unanimous vote.