

LeRoy City Council

Minutes

July 1, 2024

Mayor Cox was absent from the meeting. President Ricky Yeager was acting Mayor.

Council members present Georgia Eggleston, Terry Tyler, and Bryson Meats with one vacant council seat.

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

President Yeager requested a motion to approve the agenda with two additions:

1. An executive session of 20 minutes will be held to discuss potential litigation under item E following the item of scheduled visitors. The session is for attorney-client privilege with the council and Copeland.
2. Adding item c to the council's old/new business section regarding the burn pit contract.

Meats moved to accept the proposed agenda for July 1 with the mentioned additions, and Tyler seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Yeager requested approval of the June 3 City Council Meeting Minutes. Tyler moved to accept the meeting minutes, seconded by Eggleston. The motion passed 4-0.

Yeager recommended that the June 21 City Council Special Meeting Minutes be approved. Meats moved to accept them, seconded by Tyler. The motion passed 4-0.

Yeager asked for approval to pay the warrants/bills proposed with the agenda. Tyler moved to pay the warrants. Meats second. Motion passed 4/0

The regular session concluded, and the hearing for Norman and Rose Yoho commenced. Ryan Yoho represented the couple and presented his evidence. He explained that the surrounding property was all agricultural and would like to have his property considered agricultural. Ryan will have it mowed by July 4<sup>th</sup>. Yeager indicated a lack of information on the matter and requested further details. Copeland informed the council about a nuisance letter that was sent out regarding the grass. The council deliberated on designating half of the property as agricultural. Ryan argued that it is a cash crop and intends to bail it every year, expressing the desire to be recognized as agricultural property. The council decided to adjourn the hearing until the next meeting to conduct a site visit with Ryan and assess the property firsthand to make an informed decision.

Yeager called the regular city council meeting to order. At 6:14.

Public Speakers:

Jeff Freeman: update on the Brownfield Building

Scheduled Visitors:

Martha Newkirk from the Coffey County Cancer Support Group. Their 10<sup>th</sup> annual golf tournament is August 16-17. She is asking for a donation for the tournament. The Coffey County Cancer Support Group helps with the Coffey County community. Yeager asked for a motion for donation. Eggleston moved to donate \$500.00 again this year. Tyler seconded. The motion passed 4/0.

Dina Salava reported to the council that the LeRoy Homecoming this year marks its 76th anniversary. They are requesting a \$3000.00 donation to cover the expenses of hiring a band for the occasion. This year's homecoming dates are August 23, 24, and 25. Meats moved to donate the \$3000.00 to the LeRoy Homecoming, which Eggleston seconded. The motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

With BG Consultants, Bruce is working on the Water Lagoon project, which involves the four cell lagoons. BG Consultants seek funding from the State of Kansas on the city's behalf. The city could use a KDHD loan for this project. This would be a low interest rate, and the city's ranking will help secure higher funding. In 2023, BG Consultants applied for a loan of \$700,000. The city was approved for this loan with additional funding, covering 60 percent of the project cost. However, specific rules and regulations exist to comply with, including buying American products. BG Consultants would take care of the engineer and a set of plans for the project, along with taking bids. An agreement with professional services and a technical memorandum will also be required. Additionally, BG Consultants will have a contract for \$5,000 that needs to be considered. If the city utilizes the loan, a technical memorandum will be needed. The city attorney would like to review the contract, and the subject will be revisited at the August 5 meeting.

Tammy Cox Came to the council for an update on the dog bite she received.

Yeager would like a motion to go into an executive session for 20 minutes with the attorney and Copeland for attorney-client privilege of possible litigation. Meats moved to the executive session, which was seconded by Tyler. The meeting will resume at 7:30.

Yeager called the regular meeting back to order at 7:30. No action was taken from the council.

Yeager asked for a vote on hiring Patty Boyd as the city's Municipal Court Judge. Miss Boyd's wages will be \$150.00 for each court session attended. Meats moved, and Tyler seconded it. The motion passed 4-0.

Bid for shingling the City Parks Gazebo: Borens Roofing was the only bid submitted, costing \$1,100.00 to replace the gazebo roof. Meats moved to accept the bid, and Tyler seconded. The motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

After some discussion, the council agreed to pay the umpires \$25.00 per game that was umped. Eggleston moved to pay \$25.00 per game, and Meats seconded. The motion passed 4/0.

Yeager asked for a motion to donate to the Coffey County Health Foundation. Tyler motioned to pay 100.00 Meats second. Vote 4/0.

Georgia moved to approve a Special Council Meeting for Budget preparation on July 23 at 6:00. Meats seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

Aaron Copeland gave his superintendent a report for water/streets/parks.

Kim Alexander did not have anything to contribute to her report.

Motion to adjourn Tyler, Eggleston second 4/0.

