

LeRoy City Council

Minutes

January 8, 2024

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

City Council members present Georgia Eggleston, Terry Tyler, Tim Harvey, and Sam Lingenfelter. The council has one seat vacant.

Tyler made a motion to accept the January 8, 2024, proposed agenda. Eggleston seconded. Mayor Cox called for a vote. The January 8 agenda passed 4/0.

Mayor Cox amended the agenda in the recommendation of the City Attorney that the new council members be sworn in before the proposed city council minute vote. Ricky Yeager, Bryson Meats, and Terry Tyler took the oath of office.

Mayor Cox returned to the agenda and proposed approving the January 8 agenda. Tyler made a motion to accept the agenda. Meats second. Mayor Cox asked for a vote, and the motion passed 4/0.

Mayor Cox asked for a vote on the proposed city council minutes from the December 4th city council meeting. Meats made a motion to accept the city council minutes, and Tyler second. The motion passed 4/0.

Mayor Cox asked for the approval of the warrants/bills presented with the city council agenda. Tyler made a motion to accept the warrants/bills. Meats second. The motion passed 4/0

There was no public comment

There were no scheduled visitors.

Cassandra Goodpasture and Mackenzie addressed the council with a plan for the property located at 726 11th Street. They contacted KDHE requesting to burn the house with the roof and shingles attached. KDHE has 30 days to respond. Goodpasture will notify City Hall of the KDHE decision. Mayor Cox approved of their written proposal. And extended the deadline to 90 days Yeager gave Goodpasture Jim Luney's phone number and encouraged them to reach out to Fire Chief Luney with any questions.

Mayor Cox appointed Sam Lingenfelter for the vacant seat on the council. Yeager had concerns about the appointment because of Charter Ordinance #9 that exempts the council from K.S.A.15-201. City Attorney Kimmell advised the council that Charter Ordinance #9 does not change the fact that an open seat is appointed by the Mayor. Yeager is not satisfied with this answer and will contact the League of Municipalities.

Mayor Cox recommended passing Resolution 2024-1 GAAP, as read by Meats. Meats made a motion to pass Resolution 2024-1. Tyler second. Motion passed 3/0 with Yeager abstaining.

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

Kim Alexander gave her City Clerks Report.

Yeager made a motion to remove Mayor Cox from being the Code Enforcer for the City. Meats second. Mayor Cox called for a discussion. After hearing the discussion, Mayor Cox called for a vote. The motion passed 4/0. Mayor Cox voiced concern about who is going to be the code enforcer.

Yeager made a motion to terminate Rustin Kimmell as City Attorney, effective immediately. Meats second. Motion passed 3/0 with Tyler abstaining. The mayor voiced concern about not having an attorney present at the council meeting. Yeager stated that the city didn't need an attorney present at all the city council meetings. Tyler followed with the council could not go into executive meeting without an attorney.

Eggleston made a motion to have Meats visit Thomas F. Robrahn, Attorney at Law, to see if he would consider being the temporary City Attorney. Yeager second. Mayor Cox asked for a vote, and the motion passed 4/0.

Tyler made a motion to adjourn. Eggleston second. Mayor Cox asked for discussion, and hearing none, he called for a vote Motion passed 4/0. The meeting ended at 8:20 PM.