LeRoy City Council

Minutes

August 2nd, 2021

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

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

Employees present: Nikki Houston, Aaron Copeland, Rustin Kimmell, Daniel Frazier

Visitors present: Rob McCann, Gabi Brite, Pat Beard, Phyllis Owens, Don Meats, Cindy Sutherland, Wayne Houston, Julie Patterson, Matthew Huntsman, Georgie Eggleston, Chanda Acklin, Tre Copeland, Eddie Skaggs, Janelle Wilson, Bryson Meats, Jennifer Freeman, Lauren Hull.

Dave Houston moved to approve the July 5th, 2021 minutes and Terry Tyler seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Dave Houston moved to approve the July 8th, 2021 minutes and Tim Harvey seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Jeff Brite moved to approve the July 19th, 2021 minutes and Tyler seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Houston moved to approve the August 2, 2021, agenda and Harvey seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous vote of 5-0.

No Scheduled Visitors

Public Comments: Patrick Beard representing the group “Love LeRoy,” updated the council on the proposed ILLP project. Cindy Sutherland spoke to the council and alleged that the city had cut down a tree on her property without permission. She expressed her displeasure and indicated she would speak to an attorney about the issue.

Police – Mayor Williams informed the council that she had suspended police chief Daniel Frazier for insubordination because he refused to personally serve Charlie and Julie Patterson with the council's order to abate nuisance. The Mayor asked Mr. Frazier to resign his office. Mr. Frazier refused. The Mayor initiated a pre-termination hearing for Mr. Frazier to respond to the insubordination charge. The Mayor requested the city attorney preside over the hearing. Daniel Frazier appeared with his attorney Matthew Huntsman. Mr. Frazier admitted to the council that the Mayor directed him to serve the order to abate nuisance and admitted he refused to comply with the Mayor's directive. Mr. Huntsman presented argument to the council and rested. The Mayor submitted a proposed resolution to the council removing Mr. Frazier from office. Brite read the proposed resolution aloud. Brite moved to adopt the Mayor's proposal as Resolution 2021-6, removing Daniel Frazier from the office of police chief for insubordination. Tyler seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Superintendent Copeland submitted a written report; reporting that the chlorine residuals were good, the State of Kansas would be coming down August 10th to do a sewer and water inspection. He was also scheduled for continue education classes in Topeka the 3rd & 4th of August to finish up his required hours (needed by September). As for sewer, Charlie from the KRWA came down to measure the sludge in the lagoons, something the State will require to removed in time. Copeland had been busy getting some of the ditches dug around town and thanked the Council for the purchase of the mini excavator and trailer. He commended Jeff True and Trevor Smith for all their hard work in the Parks department.

Clerk Houston gave an oral report on nuisance properties and the 6 additional letters that had been mailed out, reported on shut offs and also showed the council a notice that was sent out in the water bills concerning dog tags and ATV/UTV permits. She spoke on Crystal Decker behalf for the dividend check that was given by EMC via TrustPoint Insurance in the amount of $5559.05; for the safety programs and practices the city employees implement.

Mayor Williams reported that she went to a Rotary Meeting in Burlington to hear Derek Schmidt speak. She then suggested appointing Jerry Tiemeyer Council President. Tyler moved to appoint Tiemeyer Council President and Houston seconded. The motion passed on a vote of 4-0 (Tiemeyer abstaining)

Under Petitions/Requests/Complaints Mayor Williams submitted a request from the Coffey County Cancer Support Group requesting a donation for their Annual Golf Classic. Tiemeyer moved to donate $100 and Houston seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous vote of 5-0 . The City’s annual budget hearing was set for August 9th, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. Before the meeting, Charlie and Julie Patterson submitted a written request for a hearing on the Order to Abate Nuisance they recently received from the City. Following a short discussion to coordinate schedules with council members, the Mayor scheduled that hearing for August 9th, 2021, at 6:30 P.M. at City Hall.

New Business – Terry Tyler raised a concern that horses are currently in the city in violation of the city code. b. The Council agreed to look into the issue.

Tyler moved to pay all warrants and Brite seconded. The motion passed on unanimous vote of  5-0.

Houston moved to adjourn the meeting and Tyler seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous vote of 5-0.