

September City Council Meeting

September 9, 2024

Council members present Ricky Yeager, Georgia Eggleston, Bryson Meats, Terry Tyler, and Lyle Sherwood.

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

Mayor Cox administered the oath of office to Lyle Sherwood, officially welcoming him as the new council member.

Mayor Cox asked for a motion to approve the September 9 agenda with adding Ordinance 446 to the Mayor's Report as item E. Councilmember Eggleston moved to approve the agenda with the addition of item E. Councilmember Meats second. The motion passed 5-0.

Approval of the August 5 Proposed City Council Meeting Minutes: Tyler moved to accept the proposed city council minutes, and Yeager second. The motion passed 5-0

Mayor Cox proposed that the August 20 Special Budget Meeting minutes be approved. Yeager moved to accept them, and Tyler seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Cox asked for a motion to approve the special meeting minutes for the Proposed Lagoon project. Meats moved to accept the August 29 Special Meeting on the Lagoon minutes, and Eggleston seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Tyler moved to accept the proposed warrants/bills with the proposed September 9 agenda. Meats second.

Public Speakers

Doris Harman would like the council to consider changing the ordinance regarding storage bins in the city.

Mayor Cox recommended a 15-minute executive session with the city council and Aaron to consult with our attorney. This session is deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, according to K.S.A. 75-4319. Meats moved to go into a 15-minute executive session, and Yeager second. The motion passed 5-0. The regular session ended at 6:06, and at 6:21, Mayor Cox called the meeting back to order.

Scheduled visitors:

Martin Earnst, representing the Coffey County Emergency Management, is seeking permission from the City of LeRoy to lease a piece of land located at 9th and California to construct a standalone cell tower. The county is willing to consider purchasing the property but prefers to secure a 50-year lease agreement with the city. The proposed cell tower will only occupy a 75'x75' area and will be enclosed by a fence. Following a motion by Yeager to proceed with the drafting of the radio tower lease contract, which Meats seconded, the vote passed 5-0.

Representing Harvester Grill, Crystal Decker is seeking clarification on the city's ordinance regarding the sale of commercial malt beverages (CMB). The grill is interested in obtaining permission to sell CMB on Sundays and to commence sales in the mornings when they open. Per the ordinance, if the grill's food sales

constitute 30% of its income, it can sell CMB on Sundays. They are eager to determine the specific date and time for serving CMB. The City Attorney will review this matter and will respond to Miss Decker.

Tammy Cox came in for an update on the dog bite. Mayor Cox informed Tammy that the city is moving forward with this matter.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Cox recommended moving \$1,000,000.00 from the Money Market Account to a six-month CD. The bank will need three signatures and a copy of the minutes with the three individuals on the signature statement. Georgie Eggleston, Terry Tyler, and Steve Cox will be the signatures.

Committees :

Finance - Eggleston, Tyler

Street - Sherwood, Yeager

Water - Yeager, Sherwood

Parks/Recreation - Meats, Tyler.

Mayor Cox read Ordinance 447, which prohibits semi-truck parking on the side of city streets. Yeager moved to approve Ordinance 447, and Tyler seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Cox read Ordinance 446, which amends section 7-204 of the City of LeRoy code of ordinances concerning open burning. Ordinance 446 now prohibits all outdoor burning within 300 feet of the fuel depot of the LeRoy CO-OP. Mayor Cox proposed changing the wording to specify that outdoor burning is not permitted within 300 feet of the fenced-in fuel depot of the LeRoy CO-Op. Eggleston moved to accept Ordinance 446 with the proposed changes added. Yeager seconded the motion, which passed 4-0, with Meats voting no.

The city attorney updated the burn pit lease agreement to list the items requested from Kaw Valley and Neosho River Investment.

Aaron Copland, the City superintendent, gave his report on the parks, streets, water, and sewers.

Old/ New Council:

A discussion was held on moving a sign at 405 B Street. Eggleston motioned to leave the sign as is, and Sherwood seconded. The motion passed 5/0.

Tyler moved to adjourn Yeager's second. Motion passed 5/0.

The meeting ended at 7.45

