

LeRoy City Council

Minutes

March 4, 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, Ricky Yeager, and Bryson Meats. There is one vacant council seat.

Mayor Cox called to approve the proposed agenda for March 4, 2024. Meates moved to accept the agenda, and Eggleston seconded. Motion passed 4/0

Tyler moved to approve the proposed February 5, 2024, City Council Minutes, Eggleston second. The motion passed 4/0

Mayor Cox asked for a motion to approve the warrants/bill presented with the agenda. Meats moved to accept the warrants/bills. Tyler second. Motion passed 4/0.

Public Speakers.

Laurie Goracke is representing SCC Titan Thunder. The group is asking for a \$500.00 donation to purchase banners with the seniors' pictures to hang downtown Main Street. The Seniors would receive their banners at the end of the year. Meats moved to give Titan Thunder \$500.00 Yeager second. Motion passed 4/0.

Wes and Nikki Houston came for an update on the water meter for the house they moved in.

Scheduled Visitors:

Cassandra Goodpasture and Mackenzie Evans spoke to the council regarding the abatement of 726 11th Street. Mackenzie asked for the council to lift the April deadline. They have progressed in clearing the property. Mackenzie stated she is still working with the KDHE and had to resubmit the application to burn the house. Mayor Cox recommended that the council keep the April deadline. Yeager motioned to extend the deadline to May 6 and for Cassandra and Mackenzie to return at the May 6 council meeting with an update. Tyler second. The mayor asked for a vote. The Motion passed 4/0

Kimberly Skillman brought in the proposal for the annual coverage of EMC insurance. EMC did not renew the D&O policy this year due to the increased cost of claims. Kimberly found another company to insure the city for the Directors' and Offices' Liability. Kinsale Insurance is willing to insure the city. The only difference in the policy will be in the deductible amount the city would pay per claim. With EMC, the deductible was \$1,500.00 per incident. Now, with Kinsale, the deductible will be \$25,000.00 per incident. The overall increase for this year will be 16%, with the total cost being \$53,998.42.

Tom Johnson came to the council for the neighborhood watch program and gave tips on making the community safer.

Mr. Skipper and Rhonda Gilbert - Rhonda brought some information from the housing authorities for the council. Bobby Skipper discussed ideas for housing and economic development. Bobby will come back and visit with the council with a plan.

Matt Thompson informed the council what the new school bond would produce for the school. May 14 will be when the community can vote on the school bond.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Cox visited with an attorney who might be interested in working as the city's attorney. Yeager said that he had spoken to an attorney and still had one more to contact. Mayor Cox recommended the approval of Joe Falls as the city's attorney. There was no motion. The council would like the attorneys to come to next month's meeting so they can visit with them.

Meats motioned to donate \$250.00 for the SCC elementary play day. Tyler second. Motion passed 4/0.

Superintendent Aaron Copeland discussed with the council that he has an estimate for a new John Deer Tractor budgeted at \$7,000.00. The total trade-in cost of the city's older model is \$8,350.00. Eggleston motioned to purchase the new John Deer Mower for \$8,350.00 Per second. Motion passed 4/0

Aaron received three bids for cementing the city shop floor: Adams and Adams, Toddy, and Burlington Construction. Tyler moved to approve the Toddy bid for \$19,515.00, with Yeager seconding. The motion passed 4/0.

Mayor Cox recommended the approval of EMC insurance, even with the 16% increase at the rate of \$53,998.42 for the year. Meats moved to accept the proposal; Yeager seconded; the motion passed 4/0.

Mayor Cox asked for a motion to adjourn, Tyler moved, and Yeager second. Motion passed 4/0.

The meeting ended at 8:30 PM.