January 6, 2025

City Council Meeting Minutes

Mayor Cox called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

Council Members present: Ricky Yeager, Georgie Eggleston, Lyle Sherwood, Terry Tyler, and Bryson Meats.

Approval of the Proposed January 6 agenda. Eggleston moved to approve the agenda. Meats second. Motion passed 5/0.

Mayor Cox called for a motion to approve the December 2nd City Council Minutes. Tyler moved to Approve the city council meeting minutes. Meats second. Mayor Cox asked for a discussion. Eggleston said she did not move for the 3% cost of living increase. Yeager said it was Sherwood who motioned, and Yeager seconded. The correction should be that Sherwood moved for a 3% col increase and Yeager second, and the motion passed 5/0. Mayor Cox then asked for approval of the minutes with the corrections. Tyler moved to approve the minutes with the added corrections, and Meats seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

Mayor Coxed asked for the approval of the warrants/bills presented with the proposed January 6 agenda. Eggleston moved to accept the warrants/bills. Tyler second motion passed 5/0.

Scheduled Visitors:

Millard Talley is moving a small modular house to 11th and E Street. The Council thanked Mr. Talley for bringing a house to the community.

Bill Hazen came to the council to ask for forgiveness on his water bill. Mayor Cox recommended that the council forgive $250.00 and pay the rest over six months. Meats moved to waive half of Mr. Hazen’s water bill, and Sherwood seconded. Mayor Cox asked for a discussion. After the discussion, Mayor Cox asked for a vote to waive half of Mr. Hazen's bill. Motion failed. Lyle Sherwood moved to waive 300.00 of the Bill and allow six months to pay it off. Tyler second. Mayor Cox asked for a vote motion passed on 4/1, with Meats voting no.

Jeff Freeman and Brytany Kepley (via Zoom) SEKRP - Jeff Freeman is asking the council to apply for the 2025 HEAL grant on behalf of Jeff Freeman to revitalize the Brownfield Market, located at 614 Main Street, LeRoy, Kansas. The total project cost is $49,915.75. Mr. Freeman will secure a cash match of $24,957.89 with the HEALS grant to match $24,957.48. The Council asked several questions that could not be answered at the moment. The Council decided to give Brytnee time to gather the information with the answers and to hold a special meeting on January 21, 2025

Mayor Cox recommended passing Ordinance 449, the Water Drought Emergency Ordinance. Meats moved to accept Ordinance 449. Tyler second motion passed 5/0.

Ray Ward: Code Enforcement gave his report to the council.

Aaron Copeland: The city superintendent gave his report on water, Sewers, streets, and parks.

Kim Alexander: The city clerk gave a report.

The city received two bids for fixing the basketball court and sidewalk cement. Trasher's bid was $29,814.06, and V3 Foam's bid was $1000.00. Mayor Cox recommended that the council move to accept V3 Foam's bid. Yeager moved to accept V3 Foam's bid, and Tyler seconded. The motion passed 5/0.

The city received two bids for the cutting and removing of three trees: Yetter’s Tree Service bid, $4025.00, and Bradley's Lawn Care bid, $1000.00. Meats moved to accept Yetter’s Tree Service bid, and Eggleston seconded. The Motion passed 5/0.

The council decided to hold a work session at City Hall on January 21, 2025, at 5 PM.

Mayor Cox recommended that the year-end bonus be voted on, with $300.00 for Copeland and Alexander and $150.00 given to Harman. Tyler moved, and Meats seconded. The motion passed 5/0.

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