LeRoy City Council

Minutes

September 14, 2020

Mayor Christine Williams called the meeting to order at City Hall at 6:00 P.M.

Council Members: Employees:

* Jeff Brite Nikki Houston
* Terry Tyler Thomas Robrahn (by phone)
* David Houston Aaron Copeland
* Tim Harvey Davin West
* Kyle Hull (by phone)

Visitors: Denice Yoho, Randy Rogers, Phyllis Owens, Georgie Eggleston, Brandon Bussell and Bryson Meats.

David Houston moved and Terry Tyler seconded to approve the August 3rd, 2020 minutes. Motion carried 5-0.

Jeff Brite moved and Tim Harvey seconded to approve the August 17th, 2020 minutes. Motion carried 5-0.

Houston moved and Harvey seconded to approve the September 14th, 2020 agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

Legal Report – Mayor Williams read a letter of resignation from Tom Robrahn effective October 13th, 2020.

Brandon Bussell requested an extension and/or payment plan on his water bill. Houston moved and Harvey seconded to Bussell paying $50-$75 every two weeks starting 9/25/2020 along with extending his water bill 30 days, would revisit at the next council meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Denice Yoho visited with the council that she had her property surveyed to verify property lines and the results of the survey.

Houston made a motion to go into a 15-minute executive session with the Mayor, Council, the City’s attorney, Tom Robrahn and Sheriff Randy Rogers for personnel matters of non-elected personnel to discuss specific personnel matters, not general personnel policies pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319 (b), Tyler seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

The meeting then resumed at 6:37 PM, Hull made a motion to go into a 10-minute executive session with the Mayor, Council, the City’s attorney, Tom Robrahn and Sheriff Randy Rogers for personnel matters of non-elected personnel to discuss specific personnel matters, not general personnel policies pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319 (b), Tyler seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

No action was taken upon arriving back into regular session.

Bryson Meats approached the city council about the service alley behind his business, Spill the Tee, he would like to see the alley closed and no longer be used as a service alley and have the city rock the marked alley that sets west of the service alley. After much discussion it was decided that all business owners on the block need to be in agreement. Meats along with a council member would talk to each business owner.

Police - Davin West, Chief of Police, submitted a written statement as well as a short oral report. He had received a quote from Advantage computers for approximately $1000 for a laptop which could possibly be paid for from the CEFS Grant (Federal Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Fund), no action was taken. He also asked the Council to review policies he had given them at the August meeting; he would like to see them be discussed and adopted during October’s City Council meeting. He also reported in sending out 7 certified letters for nuisance properties.

Superintendent Aaron Copeland submitted a written report which stated that the annual chlorine burn-out finished the end of August, flushing quite a bit of water to give the pipes a good clean out. He reported the south lift station pump is installed and running, while here installing the new pump, Enviroline went ahead and did the preventive maintenance on the rest of the pumps per the service contract. As for parks, Copeland stated he is in beginning stages of installing some new touchless equipment the city purchased through Coronavirus Relief Fund that will be given by the State of Kansas via Coffey County. It had been brought to his attention that the north shelter house playground has quite a few sand burrs growing in the river gravel, he took the tractor up and removed some of the gravel in hopes to alleviate some of the problem. He expressed adding 2 inches of decorative rock on top of what was already there would help diminish a lot of the problem. He wrapped up his report stating that he would be extremely busy getting the parks and town ready for the upcoming LeRoy Homecoming celebration.

City Clerk Nikki Houston had a short oral report where she asked the council to allow her to register for year three of institute at the cost of $385.00 taking place in November. This year will be completely virtual, saving the city travel, food and lodging. Mayor and council were all in agreement to let her attend. She then asked the council to allow the City to opt out of President Trump’s payroll tax deferral, they all agreed.

Mayor Williams was very happy with the improvements of two of the buildings downtown getting a fresh coat of exterior paint, stating “a wonderful improvement!”

Brite moved and Tyler seconded to pass the CRF Resolution (Coronavirus Relief Fund). Motion carried 5-0. The resolution simply states the city will spend the monies given to them as requested and would have supplies/equipment purchased and projects completed by December 30, 2020; any monies not spent would be returned by such date as well.

Tyler moved and Houston seconded to reimburse LeRoy Senior Center $250 for paint and materials as part of the City’s Beautification fund. Motion carried 5-0.

Unfinished business – Mayor Williams reported that the County Commissioners agreed that the City could use $50,000 of the infrastructure monies (received from the County) to go towards the Coffey County Housing Authority Moderate Income Housing Grant if the grant is awarded. As for the LED Sign, Mayor Williams said the Commissioners all agreed that it would fall under the definition of infrastructure, therefore the city could purchase if they desired using those monies. It was asked of Clerk Houston to have Kevin Baumann resubmit inspections of the mobile home park with the correct city addresses on them.

New business - Tyler asked Clerk Houston to send the Social Club c/o Liz Osmundson a thank you for the donation of the 3 picnic tables honoring some very special residents. The tables will be placed on the concrete slab that sits just right out the west doors of the community center.

Appointments:

Attorney – Tom Robrahn Hull Tyler 5-0

(until resignation on October 13th, 2020)

Bank – Citizens State Bank Houston/Brite 5-0

City Clerk – Nikki Houston Tyler/Brite 4-0 (Houston abstaining)

Newspaper – Coffey Co. Republican Harvey/Tyler 5-0

Police – Davin West Brite/Hull 3-2

(Tyler & Houston voting no)

Superintendent – Aaron Copeland Brite/Houston 5-0

Treasurer – Andrea Dickerson Tyler/Hull 5-0

Tyler moved and Houston seconded to pay all warrants. Motion carried 5-0.

Brite moved and Tyler seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0.