LeRoy City Council

Minutes

October 5, 2020

Mayor Christine Williams called the meeting to order at City Hall at 6:00 P.M., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Members: Employees:

* Jeff Brite Nikki Houston
* Terry Tyler Aaron Copeland
* David Houston Davin West
* Tim Harvey

Absent – Kyle Hull

Visitors: Rustin Kimmell, Phyllis Owens, Georgie Eggleston and Brandon Bussell.

Terry Tyler moved and David Houston seconded to approve the September 14, 2020 minutes. Motion carried 4-0.

Tyler moved and Houston seconded to approve the October 5th, 2020 agenda with the addition of a 30-minute executive session after the Mayor’s report. Motion carried 4-0.

Brandon Bussell gave an update to the council concerning his water bill. It was agreed to grant an additional extension until November 2nd, 2020, with the entire bill being due at that time.

Rustin Kimmell visited with the mayor and council expressing interest in replacing the City’s Attorney, Thomas Robrahn (whose last day would be October 13, 2020). Houston moved and Tyler seconded to hire Rustin Kimmell with a contracted amount of $400 monthly, to be reviewed after 6 months (April 5, 2021). Motion carried 4-0.

Police - Davin West, Chief of Police, submitted his monthly report; stating other than a couple of small issues, LeRoy Homecoming event went really well. The month went well overall, basic case work for the month prior and a meeting with the Team Decision Making group (TDM); hoping to keep that door open with the group as it is an amazing resource for the community. West reported that he felt that some of the nuisance letters have helped as he has seen several of the properties starting to get cleaned up.

Superintendent Aaron Copeland submitted a written report; stating everything is running smoothly and that town homecoming was a success! He did add that he had been in contact with Killough Construction, concluding that between having to rely on the weather and COVID the streets may not get cracked filled until Spring. Copeland also talked with Jeff Beyer from the County regarding chip and seal (north and south roads) for next year; does not foresee a problem.

City Clerk Nikki Houston submitted her monthly report; focusing on delinquent accounts (shut off’s), payment plan agreements and follow up on past due invoices.

Mayor Williams was very happy and impressed with how well LeRoy Homecoming went, kudos to all involved she said.

At 6:42 PM Tyler made a motion to go into a 30-minute executive session with the Mayor, Council, the City’s attorney, Rustin Kimmell and Clerk Houston for personnel matters of non-elected personnel to discuss specific personnel matters, not general personnel policies pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319 (b), Harvey seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

The meeting then resumed at 7:13 PM, Tyler made a motion to go into a 10-minute executive session with the Mayor, Council and the City’s attorney, Rustin Kimmell 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 4-0. Executive session started at 7:15 PM.

Meeting reconvened at 7:25 PM with no action taken upon return.

Brite moved and Houston seconded to accept Strawder Construction’s bid for the service window to be installed at City Hall in the amount of $1015.00. Motion carried 3-0 (Tyler abstaining). The service window is part of the City’s plan to be better prepared if the doors were to be locked again due to COVID-19 or any other unforeseen circumstance; monies that will be used are part of the Coronavirus Relief Fund from the State of Kansas via Coffey County and the CRF Taskforce.

Unfinished business – Clerk Houston updated the council on where things stood concerning the Coronavirus Relief Fund and the money the city would be getting from the fund. She presented a spreadsheet of everything requested and approved, by the CRF Taskforce, totaling $12,281, of that $300.99 was reimbursement for software that was purchased to do remote work, the remainder is requests of $11,980.01, all COVID related. Houston has also filed a second request on behalf of the city in the amount of $18,796.99 which would include labor costs that will be endured in installing the new plumbing fixtures as well as aide in purchasing an LED Sign, which could display health/pandemic emergencies and updates along with other community announcements. The CRF taskforce will meet again on October 13, 2020 to review the request.

Houston moved and Tyler seconded to pay all warrants. Motion carried 4-0.

Tyler moved and Harvey seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 4-0.