LeRoy City Council

Minutes

February 3rd, 2020

Mayor Christine Williams called the meeting to order.

Council Members: Employees:

* Jeff Brite Aaron Copeland
* Tim Harvey Nikki Houston
* David Houston Tom Robrahn
* Kyle Hull
* Terry Tyler

Visitors:

* Ronda Gilbert
* Dale True

Terry Tyler moved and David Houston seconded to approve the December 30th, 2019 minutes. Motion carried 5-0.

Kyle Hull moved and Tyler seconded to approve the February 3rd, 2020 agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

Ronda Gilbert addressed the Mayor and Council about the City’s interest in a Moderate Income Grant for housing in LeRoy (to be located at the corner of Main St. and Hwy 58). Gilbert gave some history of the grant she had done for the City of Burlington including details of what a future grant would consist of. She had met with (LeRoy) community members/leaders on a couple of different occasions and in turn shared some of the ideas that stemmed from those meetings. It was the consensus of the LeRoy City Council for a future donation of the property at Hwy 58 and Main Street, Coffey County, if the Housing Authority receives the Moderate Income Grant to build housing.

Dale True, LeRoy Pride Committee, attended the meeting to inquire if the City had interest in the purchase of an electronic community sign and expressed that the LeRoy Pride Committee would be willing to donate some funds for the purchase. True shared information that he had gathered.

Appointments:

Houston moved and Tyler seconded to appoint Kyle Hull as Council President for 2020. Motion carried 4-0.

Committees:

STREETS Houston/Harvey

WATER/SEWER Hull/Tyler

FINANCE Tyler/Brite

POLICE Brite/Houston

PARKS Harvey/Hull

Police: mechanical problems with patrol car (fuel pump) had Beyer Motor Co. fix it, court for dog at large NTA (notice to appear) & DUI is scheduled for February 13th. City Hall received numerous complaints on rabbits on the south end of town; believes the issue has been resolved (rabbits appear to be gone). Officer was in contact with individual about having too many dogs, working with them on a resolution. Working on a couple nuisance properties. Brandon Speer has resigned from the police department; Lind requests to hire a replacement. Council reviewed an application for a full-time officer and it was decided that Brite and Houston make contact to set up interview.

Superintendent Aaron Copeland

Water/Sewer – looking to focus on broken water meter pits; to fix and/or replace.

Streets – Mike Schmidt was down and started ditch project, first problem area was completed; council reviewed additional areas that may need addressed. Chip and seal would not be necessary this year but would be crack fill roads instead.

Parks – 2 bids were reviewed in adding electricity on poles downtown which would be necessary for the placement of additional Christmas decorations. Tyler moved and Hull seconded to accept the bid of Thweatt Electric, LLC and the purchase of 4 more decorations, not to exceed $500/each. Motion carried 4-1 with Houston objecting.

City Clerk Nikki Houston

Pleased to report that KWIKOM plans to be in town in February to start the process to setup internet service and weather permitting project should be completed by the end of February. Online payments increased to 54 for the month January. Spring Conference dates will be March 11, 12 and 13th in Manhattan, KS; treasurer, Andi Dickerson, will be able to cover City Hall those three days. Council agreed to have her attend the Spring CCMFOA. She then concluded her report by recognizing the great job Jay and Andi Dickerson did painting the office (over the MLK Holiday weekend).

Mayor Williams went to the Coffey County Courthouse in January to listen to the State Representatives speak. She also expressed how nice the office looked.

Houston moved and Hull seconded to accept Resolution 2020-1 (GAAP Waiver). Motion carried 5-0.

Council approved 2 Kennel Licenses.

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

Tyler moved and Hull seconded to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0.