LeRoy City Council

Minutes

March 1st, 2021

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

Council Members present: Jeff Brite, Tim Harvey, Terry Tyler, Kyle Hull, David Houston

Employees present: Nikki Houston, Aaron Copeland, Daniel Frazier, Rustin Kimmell via phone

David Houston moved and Terry Tyler seconded to approve the February 1st, 2021 minutes. Motion carried 5-0.

Hull moved and Jeff Brite seconded to approve the March 1st, 2021 agenda with the addition of a 15-minute executive session. Motion carried 5-0.

At 6:03 P.M. Hull moved the city council to recess into a 15-minute executive session with the Mayor, Council, the City’s attorney under attorney/client privilege. Brite seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Open meeting resumed at 6:18 P.M. with no action taking place.

Visitors were Sarah Stewart via phone, Rob McCann, Bryson Meats representing Love, LeRoy and Linda McMurray, Dinna Salava, Brian Siedschlag, Amber Dean via Zoom.

Rob McCann, Sarah Stewart and Bryson Meats all representatives of the newly formed group Love, LeRoy, introduced themselves along with a brief description of the group. The main focus of the group is on planning and economic development, to include but limited to the city’s housing, businesses, daycare and recreational activities. The group did ask the city council if they had or would consider looking at implementing zoning. It was reiterated by the members of the group that their goal was community and helping individual residents as well as the city, as a whole, to grow.

Bryson Meats along with his attorney, Linda McMurray, Amber Dean (SEKRPC) and a representative from the Department of Commerce (via phone); all were present to answer questions concerning the Meats CDBG Commercial Rehab Grant. It was determined if a side agreement was reached between Meats and the City, stating the city would not be held liable if unforeseen problems would arise, then it looked good to move forward with the next step of the grant process, which would be the public hearing.

Chief Frazier had 4 calls for service, 3 traffic stops, 1 citation, 1 misdemeanor arrest, 2 animal/code violations and 1 agency assists. The new laptop has new records management software installed, provided by Coffey County. New agreements were signed with Burlington Police Department and the KBI for use of their municipal court and for them to be City’s records holder. Chief Frazier introduced Brian Seidschlag as the new part-time patrol officer. Seidschlag will continue to work as a full-time officer for Burlington Police Department as well as part-time for the City of LeRoy.

Superintendent Copeland reported on the affects the recent cold spell had on the city stating lots of customers had frozen pipes which resulted in several calls questioning if their meter was froze; he did go out to make sure that wasn’t the case. With frozen pipes there were also busted pipes; the city’s water usage rose over this time period as well but do to the weather conditions the leaks could not be pinpointed for several days until they surfaced above ground (in most cases). Readings were estimated for a majority of customers in February, again due to weather conditions. Not only were a majority snow covered but the snow actually works as an insulator so it is a good thing to keep them covered reported Copeland. He is scheduled to attend training in Hutchinson March 4th, 2021 where he will receive 5 of the 10 training hours needed for this year

Clerk Houston submitted a written report which she, too, gave a recap on the cold spell and how some customers were affected. She explained to the council that she did extend the water bills due date by 3 days in hopes to ease everyone’s stress levels and detour them from getting out on those bitterly cold days, which in turn, shut offs were also pushed back to March 1st, 2021. Houston also shared with the council a thank you note from the Gary Meats family (Mr. Meats’ funeral dinner was held at the community building) the donations that was included would go towards purchasing 2 roasters and some other kitchen items at the community building.

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

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