LeRoy City Council

Minutes

April 5th, 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, Terry Tyler, Kyle Hull, David Houston

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

Visitors present: Amber Dean (Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission), Bryson Meats, Mallory Luney and Crystal Decker (TrustPoint Insurance).

To start the monthly meeting Hull made a motion to open the Public Hearing for the Meats CDBG Grant, Houston seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

With no public comments made, Hull moved to close the Public Hearing, Houston seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

David Houston moved and Kyle Hull seconded to approve the March 1st, 2021 minutes. Motion carried 4-0.

Terry Tyler moved and Jeff Brite seconded to approve the April 5th, 2021 agenda. Motion carried 4-0.

At 6:06 P.M. Houston moved to recess into a 10-minute executive session with the Mayor, City Council and the City’s attorney, Rustin Kimmell, to discuss the contract between Bryson Meats and the City of LeRoy, under attorney/client privilege. Brite seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Open meeting resumed at 6:16 P.M. with no action taking place.

Crystal Decker presented the annual insurance review.

Bryson Meats along with Amber Dean (SEKRPC) the Meats CDBG Commercial Rehab Grant. The council agreed in moving forward with the Meats CDBG Grant after Bryson Meats signed an agreement exempting the City of any financial liability if any unforeseen problems occurred. The public hearing was held at the beginning of the regular city council meeting with no public comments/objections.

Hull moved and Tyler seconded to approve Resolution 2021-2 (This resolution certifies legal authority to apply for the 2021 Kansas Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program from the Kansas Department of Commerce and authorizes the mayor to sign and submit such an application). Motion carried 4-0.

Hull moved and Brite seconded to approve Resolution 2021-3 (This resolution declares the building located at 609 Main St., LeRoy, KS blighted with respect to the Kansas Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program). Motion carried 4-0.

By passing both of these resolutions it legally allows the application to be submitted, the applicant (NOT the City of LeRoy) dedicates $139,973.00 of his own funds.

Chief Frazier had 5 calls for service, 1 traffic stops, 0 citation, 0 misdemeanor arrest, 2 animal/code violations, 1 welfare check and 1 agency assists. Frazier reported that he was able to get the police department setup on a data plan with FirstNet for mobile data for the laptop, FirstNet is a government ran service which provides encryption, priority over daily users, and unlimited data. Per request of the governing body, he purchased and installed a camera system for the community building and as of the end of March all installed cameras were functioning. Chief Frazier is actively looking for a qualified inspector to help with the building code violations that had been previously brought up. His goals for April are to start reviewing code violations, continue to prepare for storm season and sight in rifles.

Superintendent Copeland went to Hutchinson to fulfill continuing education hours needed for his sewer certification. The dump truck was sent to get some work done, before City clean-up, which will be April 12-17th. He also added that Mark Strawder will help him that week. As for parks, he has started mowing and cleaning them up and has opened the bathrooms in the main park. All camera systems are up: the city shop, city hall and community building. Included in the council packets was a new protocol for the storm shelter (also available on the City’s website). The new sign is up and fully operating as well.

Clerk Houston submitted a written report which touched on the CCMFOA Spring Conference she attended in mid-March, she went over some of the classes she attending and different things she brought back from the conference, wrapping it up by thanking the mayor and council for letting her attend. After working several weeks with the League of Kansas Municipalities she presented to council a video that was now available to them; which goes hand in hand with the Governing Body Handbook they all recently received. After a 45-minute Zoom training with Daktronics (software company for the new LED Sign) Houston has started adding displays to the sign and did ask the council their thoughts on advertising, both for businesses and personal shout outs (birthdays, anniversaries, etc.) following it up by any community activity, school function and/or fundraiser be at no cost as we purchased this sign for our community as a whole. Unofficially, it was talked that a personal message would be $10 per day and businesses wishing to advertise would be $15 a day. She would get a form typed up with an agreement and costs for anyone wishing utilize the sign. She ended her report by noting a couple of upcoming key dates: April 20th, 2021 the City’s annual audit, April 26th, 2021 Coffey County Capital Improvement Plan Scheduled Open House and May 3rd the next city council meeting.

Mayor Williams was happy with the way everything was running around town and that the sign looked very nice, she agreed with Copeland that they needed to figure out how to landscape the area. She reported that Spill the Tee has moved to their new location across the street right on the corner of Hwy 58 and Main St., and also encouraged everyone to attend the Open House on April 26th, 2021 if their schedules would allow.

Old Business – a lengthy discussion on updating the current water policy focusing mainly on idle accounts, more research and data will be brought back to the council to make more of informed decision on how the city will move forward.

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

Hull moved and Tyler seconded to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0.