LeRoy City Council

Minutes

July 6th, 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
* David Houston Aaron Copeland
* Kyle Hull Davin West

Tim Harvey was absent.

Visitors: Don Meats, Jennifer Freeman-Liles, Maddie Meats, Kaitlyn Meats and Bryson Meats.

Kyle Hull moved and David Houston seconded to approve the June 1st, 2020 minutes. Motion carried 4-0.

Jeff Brite moved and Terry Tyler seconded to approve the June 16th, 2020 minutes. Motion carried 4-0.

Tyler moved and Houston seconded to approve the July 6th, 2020 agenda. Motion carried 4-0.

County Commissioner Don Meats received word at the July 6th, 2020 commissioner’s meeting that Coffey County would be receiving 1.7 million from the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) program. Details were limited as the news was just released but he strongly suggested that either the mayor or any person of the council to be on the 11-member board to keep the city abreast of the details and to be on the lookout for more information from Russel Stukey (Director of Emergency Management).

Bryson Meats requested that he be able to close the street/block on main street from HWY 58 to Kansas St. to do a City-Wide garage sale the morning of August 8th, 2020. Cost will be $10 per table if set up downtown and $5 for all interested participants to be placed on a map. All proceeds going for updates to the SCC gym. Council had not objections to his request.

Meats will also be closing on his new property, Spill the Tee, on July 20th, 2020 and with that requested that the tree in front of his business be removed and the sidewalk replaced; he is also concerned about the “fake” alley that runs directly behind the businesses and the fact his property line goes through it.

Kaitlyn and Maddie Meats were present to ask the city to annex their property into the city limits. No action was taken due to the fact that more research needs done by the city’s attorney.

Jennifer Freeman-Liles informed the mayor and council that she would like to hold an Alztimeizer’s Glow Walk October 24th, 2020 in honor of her dad, Bill Freeman. It was all agreed that it was a great idea. No motion was needed.

Crystal Decker was not able to attend the meeting but wanted the council to know she would be dropping off a dividend check to the City in the amount of $5755.27 and wanted to thank Aaron and Nikki for all their hard work and safety.

Elijah Garcia asked the council for a payment plan to catch up his water bill do to the fact he was laid off of work from the results of COVID-19. An agreement was made.

Police - Davin West, Chief of Police, submitted a written report as well as a short oral report. He reported that the part-time officers had not been back to work since the suspension had been lifted due to COVID-19, he asked if he could look for someone to work 10-15 hours a month if the other officers did not feel they could give the city the time it needed; mayor and council agreed. He then asked the council if they would consider issuing him a law enforcement phone in stead of using his personal phone. Mayor and council agreed. West has ordered small vinyl tags for the ATV/UTV permits from a company in Colony. He was happy to report that the City did get approved for the CEFS Grant (Federal Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Fund) and will receive up to $14,094 in grant monies.

Superintendent Aaron Copeland submitted a written report to the mayor and council. He added in his oral report that as far as the South lift station was concerned that after testing was done by Enviroline the pump needed to be sent off to have work done. As far as the water department, everything is looking good and the chlorine residuals are holding good so far. He said that the annual water chlorine burn out, initiated by the City of Burlington, will be happening early August lasting until the end of the month. Copeland talked with Krayton Cox about installing a light on the outside of the storm shelter for security reasons, he also suggested purchasing a small security system with 4 cameras. The reason behind is request is to be able to open the shelter without a city employee having to stay while people were in there during storms; recommending a camera in the storm shelter room, one facing the basketball court, another facing the shelter house and one in the main lobby of the community building. The main ballroom of the building can be locked off and therefore no need for a camera. Hull moved and Brite seconded the purchase of an exterior light and security system for the community building and park area. Motion carried 4-0. He concluded his report asking for guidance from the mayor and council as far as how to proceed with the ditch projects being handled, explaining how hard it has been to get contractors in on a timely manner and therefore the work not getting completed. After much discussion it was decided to have Vernon Williams help with the project as well as Copeland and Jeff True doing the work themselves when time allowed by renting a track hoe. Tyler moved and Houston seconded to purchase a transit for around $1000. Motion carried 4-0.

City Clerk Nikki Houston reported the codification committee completed going over the codification book. She will now compile all changes and get those to the publishing company. Over 60 customers utilized the online bill pay in June. Clerk Houston had been working diligently with customers affected by COVID resulting in past due balances over the last several weeks. She stated upon receiving the CEFS Grant she did training with one of the State Administrators as well as a Civil Rights training that was required in order for the City to proceed to the next step of the grant.

Mayor Williams was happy to share the new business, Spill the Tee, would be taking over Gunlock & Gleue and thanked Sandra Gunlock for being a part of the downtown business community for the last 25 years. She has heard lots of great comments on how the City’s parks and flowerbeds looks. Kudos to Aaron and Jeff for their hard work. She added the additional flags that were hung for the Independence Day holiday looked awesome.

A sponsor request from the OK Kids events was presented. Hull moved and Tyler seconded to the $250 Sky’s the Limit sponsorship. Motion carried 4-

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

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