

City of Leoti Governing Body met in regular session Monday, September 18, 2023 at 6:30 p.m., at the City Hall Meeting Room.

Mayor Charlie Hughes called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Hughes asked City Clerk Jeannine Hassell for Roll Call; Councilors Kelma Burch, Derek Meyer and Tammie Meyer-Givens. Also present were City Superintendent Blaine Medina, City Attorney Charles Moser and Code Enforcer Adam Marcotte. Council President Greg Graff and Councilor Tyrrell Tankersley were absent. Also in attendance were Deputy City Clerk Cendy Morcillo and Aron White.

Burch moved Meyer seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Givens moved Meyers seconded to approve the consent agenda items A-C. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held on the audit and budget engagement letters from Lewis, Hooper & Dick.

Givens moved Burch seconded for the approval of Lewis, Hooper and Dick audit and budget engagement proposal. The 2023 financial statement audit, estimated cost will be \$19,000 and the 2025 budget preparation estimated cost will be \$4000. Motion carried unanimously.

City Attorney Moser shared he has been working with Marcotte and Morcillo on code violation letters. Morcillo shared what types of letters that have been sent out and that many property owners have cleaned up or placed house numbers on their residents. Moser researched if the City of Leoti has to have a code enforcement officer. He found that the city does not have to acquire one person to be the code enforcement officer. The duties can be split up with the office staff or other employees. Marcotte will move to the city shop crew effective immediately but will still perform code enforcement duties as needed.

City Superintendent Medina shared an update on the Highway 96 project. The north side should be open to drive on by the end of the week. Construction on the south side will begin the week of September 25, 2023. Residents living on the south side of the highway will have need to find alternative parking during this phase. An alert will be sent out to the community tomorrow letting them know of the change.

Mayor Hughes opened the floor to public comments. No public comments.

Code Enforcement Officer Marcotte reported there is a fox problem in the city limits. Marcotte has reached out to the Kansas Game Warden to come up with a solution to get rid of them. Many traps have been rented to reduce the skunk and fox population. Marcotte is stepping down from the Code Enforcement position and will move to the city crew. The office staff will take over the position until it is filled.

City Superintendent Medina shared he is looking at having professionals come and give training to the crew at the treatment plant. The city crew has been picking up fallen branches from the recent storm. Planning on getting the street sweeper back out. Medina is working on acquiring millings to be placed on specific streets that are in need of attention.

City Clerk Hassell shared she will attend the KPERS fall employer workshop in Oakley on October 3rd. Medina and Hassell will attend the Core and Main customer appreciation in McPherson on October 6th.

Marcotte, Morcillo and White left the meeting at 7:10 pm

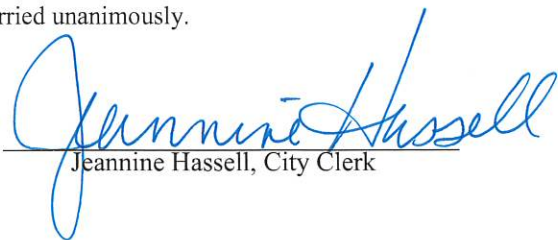
Givens moved Meyers seconded to recess into executive session pursuant to the nonelected personnel matters exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(6), for preliminary discussions relating to the acquisition of real property with Council, Mayor, City Treasurer, City Attorney, City Superintendent and City Clerk for 10 minutes. The meeting resumed at 7:15 p.m. Mayor Hughes declared no action taken.

Givens moved Meyers seconded to recess into executive session pursuant to the nonelected personnel matters exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), to discuss an employee evaluation for 10 minutes with Council, Mayor, City Superintendent and City Clerk. Meeting resumed at 7:26 p.m. Meyers moved Burch seconded to give said employee discussed in executive session, said increase in pay. Motion carried unanimously.

Burch moved Givens seconded for adjournment at 7:29 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.



Mayor, Charlie Hughes



Jeannine Hassell, City Clerk

