

City of Leoti Governing Body met in regular session Monday, August 21, 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, Tammie Meyer-Givens and Tyrrell Tankersley. Also present were City Superintendent Blaine Medina, City Attorney Charles Moser and Code Enforcer Adam Marcotte. Council President Greg Graff was absent. Also in attendance were City Treasurer Liz Gould, Aron White, Chris Kreutzer, Kris Casper, Judith Lemus, Oralia Escamilla, Lori Maxwell and Nikki Bjurstrom.

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

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

Mayor Hughes welcomed Oralia Escamilla, Leoti Housing Authority, Judith Lemus, Wichita County Park and Recreation, Nikki Bjurstrom, Wichita County Economic Development. All entities presented a third quarter report to council.

Mayor Hughes welcomed Sheriff Kris Casper and USD 467 Superintendent Lori Maxwell. Casper thanked the City for helping put in some safety measures to help with the grade school drop off and pick up. Superintendent Medina and crew put a temporary stop sign and cross walks at Wyoming and J Street.

Judith Lemus and Oralia Escamilla left the meeting at 6:36 pm.

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

Council reviewed audit and budget preparation bids from Lewis, Hooper and Dick (Garden City, KS) and Varney and Associates (Manhattan, KS).

Tankersley moved Meyer seconded to accept the 2023 audit and 2025 budget preparation bid from Lewis, Hooper and Dick, Garden City, KS. Motion carried unanimously.

Council reviewed the Cunningham service report on the ground storage tank. Superintendent Medina replied that he has ordered the safety ladder equipment to be in compliance with OSHA.

Discussion was held on different options on uniforms for the city crew. The City of Leoti currently uses Unifirst Uniforms (Garden City, KS). The subject was tabled.

City Attorney Moser shared at the next council meeting he will present some ordinances that need adjustments.

Council reviewed City Treasurer Gould's July 2023 report.

Code Enforcement Officer Marcotte reported the dog pound inspection is this week. Skunks have been an issue lately. Still waiting on a part for one of the severe weather sirens.

City Superintendent Medina shared Well 7 is back up and running double the gallons per minute after it was serviced. The veteran banners were removed and were replaced with the fall banners. Koss Construction is on schedule to have the north lane on Highway 96 open to traffic after Labor Day. Mowing should be slowing down.

City Clerk Hassell shared the plans have been received for the CCLIP K-25 project that take place in the spring of 2024. City Hall staffs have been going block to block in the NE and NW quadrants working on blighted properties, junked or abandoned vehicles and other code violations.

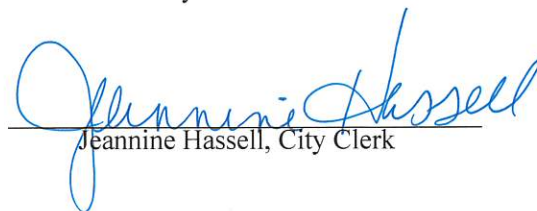
Blaine Medina, Adam Marcotte, Charles Moser, Liz Gould, Aron White, Chris Kreutzer, Kris Casper, Lori Maxwell and Nikki Bjurstrom left the meeting at 7:17 pm.

Givens moved Burch seconded to recess into executive session pursuant to the nonelected personnel matters exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), to discuss an evaluation for 10 minutes with Council, Mayor and City Clerk. Meeting resumed at 7:28 p.m. Tankersley moved Meyer seconded to give said employee discussed in executive session said pay increase. Motion carried unanimously.

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



Mayor, Charlie Hughes



Jeannine Hassell, City Clerk

