

City of Leoti Governing Body met in regular session June 7, 2021 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 Role Call; Councilors Kelma Burch, Jody Crouch, Tammie Meyer-Givens, Tyrrell Tankersley, City Attorney Becky Faurot and City Superintendent Travis Seaton and Code Enforcement Officer Adam Marcotte. Also in attendance were Amy Varner and Greg Graff. Council President Levi Elder was absent.

Mayor Hughes opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Hughes thanked the city employees who helped with the summer cinema on Friday evening at the pool. Approximately 75 people attended.

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

Crouch moved Burch seconded to approve the consent agenda items A-E. Motion carried unanimously.

City Attorney Faurot reviewed the Noisy Animal Ordinance with council. Code Enforcement Officer Marcotte receives noisy animal calls on a regular basis. The current ordinance does not pertain to noisy/barking animals. Council asked Faurot to draw up a draft noise ordinance for City of Leoti residents and animals. They would also like to add a fee for repeat offenders. Faurot updated council on the Smades hearing.

Givens moved Tankersley seconded to approve ORDINANCE 2021-03 AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN LAND LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF LEOTI, KANSAS, FROM RESIDENTIAL TO COMMERCIAL UNDER THE AUTHORITY GRANTED BY STATUTE AND THE LEOTI CODE: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12, Block 42, Original Townsite, Leoti, KS. Mayor Hughes called the role: Givens, yea, Burch, nay, Tankersley, yea, Crouch, abstain due to conflict of interest. Motion carried 2:1; Burch dissented.

Mayor Hughes welcomed Amy Varner with ADM. Varner requested permission to apply a dust guard on F Street for the upcoming harvest. Varner also asked if the city would grade F Street before the application is applied. City Superintendent Seaton will take care of grading F Street.

Burch moved Givens seconded to approve the application of dust guard on F Street. Motion carried unanimously.

Amy Varner left the meeting at 6:53 pm.

City Superintendent Travis Seaton has reported the city crew has been very busy mowing, spraying bindweed and spraying for mosquitos. Installed new water service on 7<sup>th</sup> St and scheduled to install water service on M St. A new chlorine pump was replaced on Well 14.

City Attorney Faurot left the meeting at 7:02 pm.

Council reviewed Code Enforcement Officer Adam Marcotte's written report.

City Clerk Hassell reported that Greg Graff, Kelma Burch and Derek Meyer would be on the November ballot for City Council. Kennedy McKee & Company will be here the week of June 21, 2021 for the 2020 audit.

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

Councilor Crouch presented information on the City's current sanitation, fuel surcharge and landfill fees. Crouch proposed ways to reduce the fees. After much discussion, the council agreed to visit with city auditor Jim Kennedy before making a decision. The item was tabled until further information can be gathered.

Mayor Hughes shared the additional block on 7<sup>th</sup> Street has been approved for construction. The additional block is from Highway 96 to "L" Street.

Burch moved Givens seconded to approve the 7<sup>th</sup> Street Improvement Project Pay Estimate No. 3 in the amount of \$166,725.35. Motion carried unanimously.

Crouch moved Tankersley seconded for the approval of the Civil Rights/Fair Housing Policy. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Hughes updated council on the Highway 25 CCLIP application. The State of Kansas called with a couple of options. The first option; put on an asphalt overlay on approximately 160 feet north of the K-25 and K-96 intersection. The asphalt would only last 2 to 4 years. The second option: replace just the driving lanes with concrete. After much thought and consideration it was agreed to go with the replacement of the driving lanes with concrete. This project will take place in 2023 with the states final approval.

Tankersley moved Burch seconded to continue with the participation in Rural Opportunity Zone Student Loan Repayment Program with a contribution of \$5000. Motion carried unanimously.

Travis Seaton, Adam Marcotte and Greg Graff left the meeting at 7:53 pm.

Crouch moved, Givens seconded to recess into executive session pursuant to the nonelected personnel matters exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), to discuss a matter involving city employees with Council and Mayor for 10 minutes. Meeting resumed at 8:03 p.m. Mayor Hughes declared no action taken.

Givens moved, Crouch seconded to recess into executive session pursuant to the nonelected personnel matters exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), to discuss a matter involving city employees with Council and Mayor for 5 minutes. Meeting resumed at 8:09 p.m. Crouch moved Givens seconded to give said employees written warnings for said reasons discussed in executive session. Motion passed

Crouch moved, Burch seconded to recess into executive session pursuant to the nonelected personnel matters exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), to discuss a matter involving a city employees evaluation with Council, Mayor and City Clerk for 10 minutes. Meeting resumed at 8:29 p.m. Mayor Hughes declared no action taken.

Crouch moved Givens seconded for adjournment at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.



Mayor, Charlie Hughes



Jeannine Hassell, City Clerk

