

City of Leoti Governing Body met in regular session Tuesday, February 16, 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; Council President Levi Elder, Councilors Jody Crouch, Kelma Burch, Tammie Meyer-Givens, Tyrrell Tankersley, City Attorney Becky Faurot and City Superintendent Travis Seaton. Also in attendance were Darla Lewis, Judith Lemus and Nikki Bjurstrom.

Mayor Hughes opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

City Attorney Faurot reported that due to the zoning ordinance for Block 2, Swanson Addition, Mrs. Wilken would not be able to place her RV for dog grooming. Faurot also shared that Mrs. Wilken could apply for a variance with the Planning and Zoning Committee. Faurot will send Mrs. Wilken the information.

Nikki Bjurstrom entered the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Council and Faurot discussed the contract for law enforcement services. Council agreed, that no changes need to be made.

Dangerous structures were discussed. Council agreed to hold off pursuing dangerous structure properties at this time.

Mayor Hughes welcomed Judith Lemus, Wichita County Parks and Recreation. Lemus updated council on Rec. Basketball, new treadmills at the fitness center and the shade structure for the swimming pool.

Mayor Hughes welcomed Darla Lewis and Nikki Bjurstrom, Wichita County Economic Development. Lewis shared information about June Jaunt scheduled for June 5. Lewis also shared a new text casting service for businesses to use to send out alerts to the community members who participate. Bjurstrom shared the next housing meeting will be on Thursday, February 25, 6:00 pm at the Business Care Center. All tax credits have been sold for the Child Care Center. Eco Devo has five points of focus to work towards this year. Housing, Child Care, Business Promotion, Community Engagement and Senior Related Services.

Darla Lewis, Nikki Bjurstrom and City Attorney Becky Faurot left the meeting at 7:00 pm

Council reviewed City Superintendent Seaton's written report. The city crew are getting prepared for the possible power outages. Due to extreme frigid temperatures, there have been many calls about frozen pipes that the city crew responded to over the weekend.

Council reviewed City Clerk Hassell's written report.

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

Crouch moved Burch seconded to approve Jones Construction bids for dangerous structures demolition of 309 S 3rd St for \$9800 and 211 S 7th St for \$6200. Motion carried unanimously.

On Monday, February 22, 2021, EBH Engineering and Morgan Brothers Construction will begin construction on the 7th Street Project.

Council discussed ways to repair the alley behind the Economic Development office, Laws Feed Store, Liz Gould's area. Until warmer weather, the city crew will fill in the problem areas with gravel.

The Wichita County Commissioners will have a public hearing on March 1 at 9:00 am to discuss the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan. Council member Tammie Meyer-Givens will attend the meeting on behalf of the City.

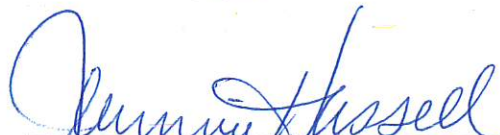
Crouch moved, Elder seconded to recess into executive session pursuant to the nonelected personnel matters exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), to discuss a matter involving a city employee for 5 minutes with Council, Mayor, City Superintendent and City Clerk. Meeting resumed at 7:32 p.m. Givens moved, Crouch seconded to give said employee discussed in executive session, said pay increase. Motion passed unanimously.

Crouch moved, Elder 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 employee for 15 minutes with Council, Mayor, City Superintendent and City Clerk. Meeting resumed at 7:49 p.m. Crouch moved, Givens seconded to terminate said employee discussed in executive session. Motion passed unanimously.

Crouch moved, Elder seconded for adjournment at 7:50 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.


Mayor, Charlie Hughes




Jeannine Hassell, City Clerk