

City of Leoti Governing Body met in regular session Monday, May 4, 2020 at 6:30 p.m., at the City Hall Meeting Room.

Due to the COVID -19 pandemic, the City Council meeting was conducted through Zoom. City Hall provided a Zoom link for the public to join the meeting.

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

Those present at City Hall were Mayor Charlie Hughes, City Clerk Jeannine Hassell and City Deputy Clerk Cendy Morcillo.

Those joining from home via Zoom were Council President Levi Elder, Council Members Tyrrell Tankersley, Jody Crouch, Kelma Burch and City Attorney Becky Faurot.

Guest joining via Zoom were Greg Graff and Miranda Unruh

Mayor Hughes asked City Clerk Jeannine Hassell for Roll Call; Those present were Council President Levi Elder, Councilors Kelma Burch, Jody Crouch, Tyrrell Tankersley. City Superintendent Joel Landis, Deputy City Clerk Cendy Morcillo and City Attorney Becky Faurot were also present. Tammie Meyers-Givens was absent.

The Mayor opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Crouch moved Elder seconded to approve the consent agenda items A-D. Motion carried unanimously.

City Attorney Faurot discussed details on illegal dumping of hazardous substances. Faurot talked with Northwest Local Environmental out of Colby. They do not cover Wichita County because the County Commissioners opted out of their services. Faurot will do research on cost and what steps are needed for their service and get with the County Attorney to pursue asking if the Commissioners will reconsider. Faurot covered the options for handling the issue and will follow up with the Sheriff on this investigation. Faurot inquired about what to do with Municipal Court. Council agreed to follow the district court regulations. When the courthouse reopens, municipal court will resume on the first Wednesday of the month.

Council agreed to keep City Hall's doors locked until June 1.

Mayor Charlie Hughes welcomed Miranda Unruh with City on a Hill. Unruh shared City on a Hill's 2019 budget with council.

Miranda Unruh left the meeting at 6:40 pm

Council reviewed City Treasurer Gould's report.

City Superintendent Landis reported that chip sealing of the southeast quadrant of Leoti will happen in the next couple of weeks. Weather permitting.

Council reviewed the report submitted by City Clerk Hassell.

Burch moved Crouch seconded to approve Proclamation 2020-03-High Plains Public Radio Day. Motion carried unanimously.

Crouch moved Elder seconded to approve the WCJSHS work-study program for the 2020-21 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Hughes updated council on property value changes with EMC Insurance. Council discussed the possibility of insuring the baseball lights and poles. Mayor Hughes will visit with Travis Geyer on the coverage prices and options.

Greg Graff left the meeting at 6:50 pm

Elder 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 a city employee evaluation for 10 minutes with Council, Mayor City Clerk, City Superintendent and City Attorney. Meeting resumed at 7:00 p.m. with no action taken during executive session. Crouch moved, Tankersley seconded to increase said employee's wage by \$0.50 backdated to employees 90 day date. Motion carried unanimously.

Elder moved Crouch seconded for adjournment at 7:05 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Next City Council Meeting is May 18, 2020 at 6:30 pm.

  
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Mayor, Charlie Hughes

  
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Jeannine Hassell, City Clerk

