

City of Leoti Governing Body met in regular session Monday, March 4, 2024 at 6:30 p.m., at the City Hall Meeting Room.

Mayor Chris Kreutzer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Kreutzer asked City Clerk Jeannine Hassell for Roll Call; Council President Derek Meyer, Councilors Kelma Burch, Jim Kreutzer. City Superintendent Blaine Medina, Travis Geyer, Mike Nickelson and Rob Taylor were also in attendance. Councilors Greg Graff and Aron White were absent.

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

The Consent Agenda items included: a. February 20, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes, b. Payroll warrants \$29,304.86, c. Accounts Payable warrants \$56,224.90, d. Accounts Payable warrants \$ 3,631.73. (The warrants were available for review).

Burch made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda a – d, Meyer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Kreutzer welcomed Travis Geyer, Associated Services LLC. Geyer updated council on the renewal of EMC Insurance. Geyer presented two options: \$10,000 deductible on all property, \$96,935 or \$10,000 on all covered losses except for wind/hail of \$25,000, \$88,910. Council will make a final decision at the next council meeting on March 18, 2024.

Travis Geyer left the meeting at 6:37 pm.

Mayor Kreutzer welcomed Fire Chief Mike Nickelson. Nickelson shared Wichita County issued a temporary county wide burn ban and needs to know where the city stands since they can impose their own burn ban separate from the county for the corporation of the city. Due to the dryness it was agreed the city will impose a temporary burn ban in conjunction with the county. City Attorney Moser will prepare a draft resolution for the next council meeting.

Mike Nickelson left the meeting at 6:49 pm.

Mayor Kreutzer opened the floor to public comments. Rob Taylor, editor of The Wichita County Native Sun, asked if there is a plan in place or if there needs to be a plan for council members who have missed multiple meetings. Moser shared there is nothing by statute that requires attendance. The city does not have an ordinance in place that addresses attendance of council members. The only recourse at this time is a recall petition from the electors in the city or drawing up an ordinance that addresses setting standards for council members. Moser will draw up a draft ordinance for review at the next council meeting on March 18, 2024.

Meyer moved J. Kreutzer seconded for the sale and let for sealed bids for Leoti Volunteer Fire Department Unit #424, 1997 Chevrolet Cheyenne 3500 with a minimum bid starting at \$20,000. Lights will be disabled unless sold to a Fire Department. Motion carried unanimously.

Council reviewed bids for the Earl Street Cost Share Project. Vogts-Parga Construction, Moundridge, Kansas bid was \$740,361.13 for the Street Improvement and \$245,322 for the Waterline Improvement for a total of \$985,683.13. Morgan Brothers Construction, La Crosse, Kansas bid was \$851,460.71 for the Street Improvement and \$224,630 for the Waterline Improvement for a total of \$1,076,090.71.

Meyer made a motion to approve the Earl Street Project low bidder, Vogts-Parga Construction for the amount of \$985,684.13 contingent upon Kansas Department of Transportation approval. Burch seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held on applying for a City Connecting Link Improvement Program (CCLIP) Surface Preservation project for south Highway 25. Andrew Brunner, EBH Engineering provided three options and estimates on cost. Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) allowance for project is \$400,000. The City would be responsible for one hundred percent of the design and cost that exceeds the allowance from KDOT. Option one: Full width and full length from concrete at K96 to south city limit. Estimated total cost \$758,503.50. The city's estimated cost \$398,503.50. Option two: Full width from K96 to Logan Street. Estimated total cost \$537,210.00. The city's estimated cost \$167,210.00. Option three: Driving lanes only from K96 to south city limit. Estimated total cost \$430,774.00. The city's estimated cost \$60,774.00. Brunner will follow up with council at the meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Deadline to apply for this project is March 23, 2024.

Burch moved Meyer seconded for the approval of Resolution 2024-02 Participation in the Rural Opportunity Zone (ROZ) Student Loan Repayment Program. Motion carried unanimously.

City Attorney Moser reported that municipal court has been quiet and he has been working on zoning issues.

City Superintendent Medina reported the crew will be picking up chip seal soon in the northwest quadrant. Nutrien has requested an estimate on cost for acquiring city water to their new facilities. Medina will be visiting with Andrew Brunner, EBH Engineering on

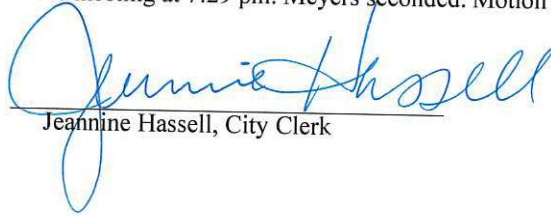
what the cost and process will be. We will be hosting a motor road grader class set up for April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> with the University of Kansas Transportation Center. Wichita County, Tribune and Lakin will be sending employees to attend. Medina would like to have two summer helpers this year. Council agreed to hire two for summer help starting at \$12.00 per hour. They must be 18 years old and have a valid driver's license.

City Clerk Hassell shared the Leoti Animal Shelter received \$420.14 from the Leoti FFA Coin Drive. We will use the funds toward upgrades to the shelter. City hall has been busy working on collecting lead and copper survey's from the community. The required survey report is due to the EPA in October, 2024. City hall is also in the process of updating the zoning map. A public hearing is scheduled for March 28, 2024 at 6:30 pm for a zoning change for 201 N Wichita, residential two to animal housing.

There being no further business Burch made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 pm. Meyers seconded. Motion carried.



Chris Kreutzer, Mayor



Jeannine Hassell, City Clerk

