

City of Leoti Governing Body met in regular session April 5, 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 Deputy City Clerk Cendy Morcillo for Role Call; Councilors Kelma Burch, Jody Crouch, Tyrrell Tankersley, City Attorney Becky Faurot and City Superintendent Travis Seaton. City Clerk Jeannine Hassell, Council President Levi Elder and Council Member Tammie Meyer Givens were absent. Also in attendance were EBH Engineer Andrew Brunner, Darren Crouch, and Sherriff Kris Casper. KDOT representatives Matthew Messina, Jenny Kramer, Hugh Bogle, and Gary Bennet joined the meeting via Zoom.

Mayor Hughes opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Burch moved, Tankersley seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

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

City Attorney Faurot informed Council she has been working on the Water Well 10 easement. Faurot discovered that there is no legal description tied to Water Well 10. Council agreed to have legal surveyor Ken Parks draft a legal description in the amount of \$500. Mayor Charlie Hughes opened discussion on the Smades Manufacturing court case. Council directed City Attorney Faurot to pursue filing a judgement against Mr. Ross Smades in Municipal Court.

Mayor Charlie Hughes welcomed KDOT representatives who joined the meeting via zoom audio. Council reviewed the Traffic Engineering Assistance Program (TEAP) School Crossing Study at K-96/Broadway Draft and raised concerns regarding the proposed pedestrian refuge island and bulb-outs. After review, some of the concerns include wide loads along a 20 foot wide corridor; agriculture equipment such as combines, snow removal equipment, street sweeper, etc. Attorney Faurot requested an alternative that would allow the hauling of large equipment. Zoom meeting ended at 7:05 p.m.

Council reviewed City Clerk Jeannine Hassell's written report.

Council reviewed City Superintendent Travis Seaton's written report. Seaton reported that with the assistance of Doug at KRWA, the chlorine issue at the water treatment plant has been fixed and new injectors have been installed. City crews have been busy fixing pot holes in alleys. Discussion was held regarding a recent sewer main backup on South Street. Seaton presented a quote from DJ's Lock & Key as well as information on the purchase of a new vac jetter. No action was taken.

City Attorney Becky Faurot left the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

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

Mayor Hughes welcomed Andrew Brunner with EBH Engineering who was present to provide a 7th Street Improvement Project update. Brunner presented information on Leoti Street Improvements 2021 Pay Estimate No.1. Crouch moved, Burch seconded to approve Pay Estimate No. 1 in the amount of \$120,545.17. Motion carried unanimously.

Crouch moved, Tankersley seconded to approve the purchase of a Bad Boy 61" Welded Deck, Vanguard, 30 HP Mower in the amount of \$8839.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Council discussed the Main Street planters. It was agreed to send a letter with a May 15, 2021 response deadline to each business owner giving them the option to keep the planter. If no response is given, the City reserves the right to keep or remove the planter at their discretion.


Mayor Hughes welcomed Darrin Crouch who was present to address the North 5th Street issues. No action taken.

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 employee for 5 minutes with Council, Mayor, City Superintendent and Deputy City Clerk. Meeting resumed at 8:10 p.m. Crouch moved, Burch seconded to hire said employee at said rate. Motion carried unanimously.

Crouch moved, Burch seconded for adjournment at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.



Mayor, Charlie Hughes



Cendy C. Morcillo, Deputy City Clerk

