

City of Leoti Governing Body met in regular session Monday, February 5, 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 and Aron White. City Superintendent Blaine Medina, Rob Taylor, Lawrence Higgins and Aaron Vestal were also in attendance. Councilor Greg Graff was absent.

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

The Consent Agenda items included: a. January 15, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes, b. Payroll warrants \$31,229.77, c. Accounts Payable warrants \$69,923.23. (The warrants were available for review).

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

Mayor Kreutzer opened the floor to public comments. There was no public comment

Mayor Kreutzer welcomed Lawrence Higgins. Higgins was present to give an update on the cleanup of his properties. Council thanked Higgins for all the progress that has been made. Meyer moved J. Kreutzer seconded Lawrence Higgins properties: 905 N 6th St, 908 N 7th St and 910 N 7th St are no longer in violation of city code. Motion carried unanimously.

Lawrence Higgins and Aaron Vestal left the meeting at 6:45 pm.

Discussion was held on council members volunteering their time running heavy equipment when the crew has to run all night and day. The past snow storm for example. Information from EMC Insurance was presented on how it should be handled. Council will come up with a plan on how to handle it, if extra help is needed.

Clerk Hassell shared information from cities in Kansas on incentives they offer new builds and improvements to properties.

Council reviewed Treasurer Gould's 2023 Budget report.

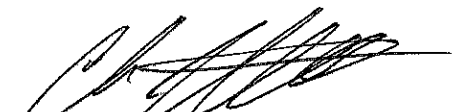
City Superintendent Medina shared the rust conversion at the water treatment plant and well houses are complete and painting will be completed this week. The city crew will be taking care of debris left on properties that snow was piled on. The street sweeper is set to start cleaning streets this week. Medina informed council of the upcoming CCLIP K25 project will start on Monday, February 12, 2024.

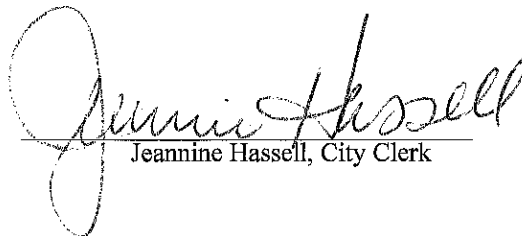
Clerk Hassell reported she attended a grant writing workshop last week. Hassell has obtained her Certified Municipal Clerk Designation. Bids for the Earl Street project have been advertised. Lewis, Hooper and Dick will be here on Tuesday, February 6 to collect data for the 2023 audit. Hassell and Medina notified businesses on north HWY 25 of the upcoming project. Hassell asked for permission to attend the CCMFOA Spring Conference March 20-22 in Manhattan. Permission was granted.

Burch moved Meyer seconded to recess into executive session pursuant to matters exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(6), for preliminary discussions relating to the acquisition of real property with Council, Mayor, City Superintendent and City Clerk for 5 minutes. The meeting resumed at 7:13 p.m. Mayor Kreutzer declared no action taken.

The next City Council Meeting is on Tuesday, February 20, 2024. City Hall will be closed on Monday, February 19, 2024 for President's Day.

There being no further business Burch made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 pm. Meyer seconded. Motion carried.


Chris Kreutzer, Mayor


Jeannine Hassell, City Clerk

