

City of Leoti Governing Body met in regular session Monday, November 6, 2023 at 6:30 p.m., at the City Hall Meeting Room.

Mayor Charlie Hughes called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Mayor Hughes asked City Clerk Jeannine Hassell for Roll Call; Councilors Kelma Burch, Derek Meyer and Tammie Meyer-Givens. City Superintendent Blaine Medina and City Treasurer Liz Gould were also present. Also in attendance were Jim Kreutzer, Aron White, and Nikki Bjurstrom. Council President Greg Graff and Councilor Tyrrell Tankersley were absent.

Burch moved Meyers seconded to approve the agenda with an addition of an Executive Session on Preliminary Discussions Relating to the Acquisition of Real Property. Motion carried unanimously.

Meyers moved Burch seconded to approve the consent agenda items A-E. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Hughes welcomed Nikki Bjurstrom, Wichita County Economic Development. Bjurstrom presented her 4th quarter report.

Mayor Hughes opened the floor to public comments. Jimmie Kreutzer asked if the City had issued a burn ban. Mayor Hughes replied that the City has not issued any burn bans.

Council would like for City Deputy Clerk Cendy Morcillo to continue to send out letters for code violations. We have seen progress being made on cleaning up properties with code violations after sending out the letters.

Superintendent Medina had a visit with RMA Engineering and Craig Schlott with KDOT on Highway 96 east drainage ditch. In the near future we will need to get bids on leveling some areas

Superintendent Medina gave an update on the Highway 96 project. Koss should finish up this week with the 20 foot section of concrete on the south side. They will be prepping the remaining area to pour concrete starting next week. The goal is to have both lanes open by Thanksgiving if all goes as planned.

City Treasurer Gould presented the Treasurer and Budget Authority Reports.

City Superintendent Medina reported the demand for water is slowing down as the weather is changing. Flushable wipes are still causing problems with the lift stations. The crew is working on smoothing out south Wichita and applying millings to alley ways.

City Clerk Hassell shared the Trunk or Treat was a success and received positive feedback from the community. The Leoti Animal Shelter/Dog Pound will participate in the Wichita County Community Foundation Giving Day. Donations will go toward updating the dog pound, vaccination clinic and the spay/neuter program. The City will participate in the lighted parade this year.

Givens moved Meyer seconded to recess into executive session pursuant to the nonelected personnel matters exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(6), for preliminary discussions relating to the acquisition of real property with Council, Mayor, City Treasurer, City Attorney, City Superintendent and City Clerk for 15 minutes. The meeting resumed at 7:53 p.m. Mayor Hughes declared no action taken.

Givens moved Meyer seconded to recess into executive session pursuant to the nonelected personnel matters exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(6), for preliminary discussions relating to the acquisition of real property with Council, Mayor, City Treasurer, City Attorney, City Superintendent and City Clerk for 5 minutes. The meeting resumed at 8:02 p.m. Meyers moved Givens seconded to allow Mayor Hughes to negotiate purchase of the targeted water rights, for an amount not to exceed \$425,000. Motion carried unanimously.

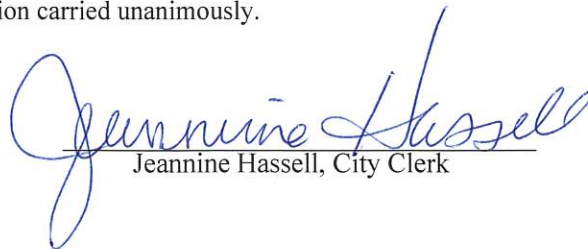
Givens moved Burch seconded to recess into executive session pursuant to the nonelected personnel matters exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), to discuss an employee evaluation for 5 minutes with Council, Mayor and City Clerk. Meeting resumed at 8:20 p.m. Meyers moved Burch seconded to give said employee discussed in executive session, said increase in pay. Motion carried unanimously.

Meyers moved Burch seconded to recess into executive session pursuant to the nonelected personnel matters exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), to discuss an employee evaluation for 5 minutes with Council and Mayor Meeting resumed at 8:28 p.m. Meyers moved Burch seconded to give said employee discussed in executive session, said increase in pay and an extra week of vacation. Motion carried unanimously.

Burch moved Meyers seconded for adjournment at 8:38 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.



Mayor, Charlie Hughes



Jeannine Hassell, City Clerk

