City of Leoti Governing Body met in regular session Monday, January 16, 2023 at 6:30 p.m., at the City Hall Meeting Room.

Mayor Charlie Hughes called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Mayor Hughes asked City Clerk Jeannine Hassell for Roll Call; Council President Greg Graff, Councilors Kelma Burch, Tammie Meyer-Givens and Derek Meyer. Also present were City Attorney Charles Moser, City Superintendent Travis Seaton, Code Enforcer Adam Marcotte and City Treasurer Liz Gould. Councilor Tyrrell Tankersley was absent

Mayor Hughes announced the 2023 City of Leoti appointments of the Wichita County Native Sun as the official newspaper. Greg Graff as city representative and voting delegate for League of Municipalities (LKM), Kansas Municipal Utilities (KMU) and Kansas Rural Water (KRWA). Givens moved Meyer seconded to approve the 2023 City Official appointments. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Givens moved Tankersley seconded to approve the consent agenda items A-D. Motion carried unanimously.

City Attorney Moser reported that he visited with Sheriff Casper on what violations could be brought to municipal court versus district court. Moser and Judge Dixon with look into finding a new court appointed attorney due to Bryce Haverkamp stepping down. Discussions were held on sending out a notice to all city residents, sharing the City of Leoti will be working on cleaning up properties that are not in compliance.

Meyer moved Graff seconded for the approval of Central Power Systems & Services generator repair estimates for the water treatment plant (\$1932.96) and well seven (\$1321.79). Motion carried unanimously.

Givens moved, Graff seconded to approve 2023-02 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF LEOTI, KANSAS AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN RURAL OPPORTUNITY ZONE STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM CALENDAR YEAR 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Council briefly discussed the Blue Cross Blue Shield pathways to a healthy community pledge multimodal transportation and recreation trails package. Discussion was held on what to do with the remaining \$72,000 left over from pathway phase one. A few ideas were to add more sidewalks on Highway 96, a sidewalk on Wyoming going to the Methodist church, a crosswalk on Highway 25 in front of Leoti Foods due to poor visibility. Council tabled the discussion in order to have more time to study the pledge package.

Possible future projects that were discussed; purchase of water wells, replacing cast iron water mains, street repairs and a generator for Well 16. Greg Graff, Travis Seaton and Jeannine Hassell met with Andrew Brunner (EBH Engineering) on Thursday, January 12, 2023 to discuss the projects. Brunner will put together some different plans and cost amounts for possible projects.

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

Council reviewed the December 2022 Treasurers Report and Budget Authority Report from City Treasurer Liz Gould.

City Superintendent Seaton reported that two stop signs were added to the corners of Garland Street and I Street and Waters Street and H Street. The city crews were busy digging up manholes, prepping for Mayer. Mayer Specialty Service completed annual sewer one cleaning/maintenance in the northeast quadrant. The crew has also changed out more water meters that were missed during the installation of the new system.

Code Enforcer Marcotte shared there are two dogs currently in the dog pound up for adoption. All city residents who have registered their dog by February 28th will be entered into a drawing for a gift basket donated Chewy.com. The drawing will be March 1st. Marcotte will be posting properties that do not have address numbers on their house or buildings. Those residents not in compliance in 30 days of the posting will be subject to a fine. (Article VIII – House Numbering, Sec. 8-253, Sec 8-254 and Sec. 8-255)

City Clerk Hassell shared City Hall is taking orders for veterans banners until January 31, 2023. This will be the only order we will take this year. In the process of getting end of year tax forms processed. Projected start date of the Highway 96 project will be March 2023. We are waiting on confirmation from KDOT on the specifics.

Meyer moved, Givens seconded for adjournment at 7:47 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor, Charlie Hughes

Jeannine Hassell, City Clerk

