

City of Leoti Governing Body met in regular session Monday, June 5, 2023 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 City Clerk Jeannine Hassell for Roll Call; Council President Greg Graff, Councilors Derek Meyer, Tammie Meyer-Givens, City Superintendent Travis Seaton and Code Enforcer Adam Marcotte. Councilors Kelma Burch, Tyrrell Tankersley and City Attorney Charles Moser were absent. Also in attendance were Jim Kreutzer, Chris Kreutzer, Aron White, Steve Baum, Kris Casper, City Treasurer Liz Gould and Rob Taylor.

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

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

Mayor Hughes welcomed Steve Baum, Emergency Management (EM) Director. Baum shared that he took the full time position of emergency management director and was present to discuss his budget. Since this has never been a full time position a budget has not been set. Baum presented a budget to the County Commissioners. The commissioners asked Baum to request budget funds from the City of Leoti since he would be working to protect the city. Council members requested more information before making a decision.

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

City Clerk Hassell shared a request received from T-Mobile to reduce the lease agreement for renting space on the water tower located at 300 W N St for antenna equipment. T-Mobile currently pays \$1200 per month. The new requested terms would be \$\$843.78, 5 additional renewal terms (1 term is equal to 5 years) and escalation on January 20, 2026 a 10% term – 5 year escalator will take effect. Another option is a lump sum payment of \$158,400 with a 99 year easement on property and assign the lease rights and rental income under the lease with T-Mobile. After much discussion and direction from City Attorney Moser it was agreed to keep the current lease of \$1200 per month until January 20, 2026. City Clerk Hassell will relay the message to T-Mobile.

Discussion was held on getting rid of afterhours and weekend reconnection of water service due to nonpayment. City Clerk Hassell shared that water is never disconnected on a Friday or before a holiday.

Givens moved Graff seconded to approve Ordinance 2023-02 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LEOTI, KANSAS, AMENDING SECTIONS 24 AND 25 OF ORDINANCE 2014-06, CODIFIED AT SECTIONS 30-347 AND 30-348 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF LEOTI, KANSAS CLARIFYING THE TIMES WHEN RECONNECTION OF WATER SERVICES WILL BE CONDUCTED. Motion passed.

Council and City Treasurer Gould discussed the 2024 budget.

City Code Enforcer Marcotte shared he has been mowing, spraying bindweed and handling vicious animal calls. Marcotte expressed if residents have a complaint they should come to City Hall and fill out a complaint form.

City Superintendent Seaton reported Karst Water Well Drilling & Services out of Hays, KS will be coming to evaluate well seven. The crew have been mowing and spraying after the much needed rains.

City Clerk Hassell shared the 2024 City Council Candidates: Aron White and Jim Kreutzer. 2024 Mayor Candidates: Chris Kreutzer and Charlie Hughes.

Council President Graff had nothing new to report on water.

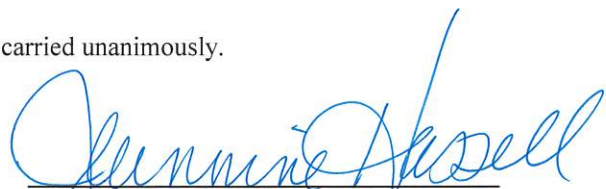
Rob Taylor, Liz Gould, Aron White, Chris Kreutzer, Jim Kreutzer, Travis Seaton and Adam Marcotte left the meeting at 8:08 pm.

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 a matter involving a city employee for 10 minutes with Council, Mayor and City Clerk. Meeting resumed at 8:19 p.m. Givens moved Meyers seconded to give said employee said increase in wages discussed in executive session. Motion passed.

Graff moved Meyers seconded for adjournment at 8:21 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.



Mayor, Charlie Hughes



Jeannine Hassell, City Clerk

