

Minutes from March 7, 2022

Present: Mayor Semisch, Councilmembers Geri Ebersohl, Bruce Proctor, Steve Schuetz Darcie Gomez, and Kyle Hrabe. George Laidler and Dylan Chilcott were present for Maintenance. Steve Howard was present for the Police; In the audience: Rose Mary Saunders, Matt Crissup, Jennifer Tirres, and Melissa Donham.

Mayor Semisch opened the meeting at 6:30

Bruce Proctor made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on February 7, 2022, with Geri Ebersohl 2nd. Passed 5-0. Darcie Gomez made a motion to approve the bills. Bruce Proctor 2nd. Motion passed 5-0.

Ranson Financial:

- a) Geri Ebersohl made a motion for the City of Leon to enter into a contract with the State of Kansas for \$616,000 to work on the water system. Darcie Gomez 2nd. Motion carried 5-0.
- b) Darcie Gomez made a motion for the Mayor to sign the letter for the State with the contract and the budget attached. Steve Schuetz 2nd. Motion carried 5-0.
- c) Mayor stated that the council did approve Mayor Kristina Semisch, Jodie Laidler City Clerk, and Geralyn Ebersohl President of the Council to be the designated signers to sign the draw downs for the funds to be released. All those in favor were 5-0.
- d) Bruce Proctor made a motion to approve the Civil rights, Code of Conduct, and Fair Housing Policy as presented. Steve Schuetz 2nd. Motion carried 5-0.
- e) Bruce Proctor made a motion to approve the Procurement Policy with the changes to reflect our small purchase procurement already in place. Steve Schuetz 2nd. Motion carried 5-0.
- f) Steve Schuetz made a motion to designate the City clerk to be the contact person for the Civil Rights Fair Housing contact person. Kyle Hrabe 2nd. Motion carried 5-0.
- g) There will be a work session scheduled in April. Jodie will let the Council know what days work for Rose Mary and Wilson & Company.

PRIDE COMMITTEE:

Steve Schuetz made a motion to move the Leon Pride Committee checking into their own account still under the City and with the current structure and the current signers. Bruce Proctor 2nd. Motion carried 5-0. Melissa talked about the Pancake and Sausage Feed and the Easter Egg Hunts that are upcoming. Melissa talked about Kyle's idea of putting some culverts into the ditch at the Park that way the water flows and the Park is flat and level and not worrying about a kid can get taken away with the water flow during rain. Melissa talked about students wanting to do things to volunteer to help with things for the Park.

Old Business:

Nothing at this time

Agenda:

- (a) Jerry Boman-not present, the Clerk is to send Jerry Boman a letter and tell him to come to the meeting in April.
- (b) Matt Crissup-his place has been cleaned up so his fence permit will be approved. It needs to be completed. Bruce Proctor made a motion to allow Matt to finish his permit. Kyle Hrabe 2nd. Motion carried 5-0.
- (c) Darcie Gomez recused herself by leaving the room. Bruce Proctor made a motion to approve the increase of \$25 increase from \$250.00 to \$275.00 for BG Lawns. Geri Ebersohl 2nd. Motion carried 5-0.

Permit Approvals:

- (a) Matt Crissup: approved in agenda

- (b) Business enterprise renewal-Danny Jimenez has his place in order but the semi-trailer needs to be repaired in 30 days or will start the process of city ordinance.

Order of Violations:

Steve Schuetz made a motion to accept the Order of Violations. Bruce Proctor 2nd. Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARING:

None

Staff Reports:

Clerks Report:

Clerks report was discussed.

Meeting procedures: When someone comes before the Council without being on the agenda then the Council will sit and wait and bring it to the next meeting. Budget and spending info was discussed. Permits for sewer and plumbing were reviewed. Steve Schuetz made a motion to make it a practice to not hire any contractors unless they have a Certificate of Liability insurance provided and Workman's Compensation insurance provided. The Council approved the new construction of water and sewer construction with the change of saying the city will charge \$15 for the brass nipple and install the nipple. The City is the only one who takes the nipple out and puts it in. The Council directed the clerk to write a letter to the Library Board asking when they have the meetings, to have a city representative on the Board. The City insurance said we need to require the Treasurer to be bonded and to require a quarterly financial statement from the Library.

Maintenance Report:

Maintenance report was discussed.

Steve Schuetz called about Gick Fleming. Steve asked if we are writing a vacation ordinance to do the street. Steve said he says that is on Gick but Jodie told him that at the last meeting we decided to do it at the meeting, Steve said okay. Discussion about Gick's water line was discussed. Darcie Gomez made a motion to put a meter on Gick Fleming's property with \$400 plus expenses to put a meter in and \$400 plus expenses to put a new one in if the Engineer okay's it. Kyle Hrabe 2nd. Motion carried 5-0.

Information was given to Council about the new KDHE guidelines pertaining to Lead and Copper. They will find out more information at the end of the month when they go to training. Steve said he told Gick he would call him and the clerk will write something up for him to sign. Darcie expressed concern about Council speaking to citizens outside of a meeting and it shouldn't happen. Bruce wants to know if the trash truck is backing down Edwards Dr. Bids were given for road equipment. Council wants to look at the motors before they approve. Tabled for next meeting.

Courts Report:

Court went well this month.

Law Report/ Code Enforcement:

Law report was discussed.

An Officer resigned from Police department and will not be eligible for re-hire, Chief mentioned Russell was under investigation from himself so not sure if that is why he resigned. Officer Bready was terminated and will not be eligible for re-hire. Chief Howard discussed a ride-a-log he is having in case she may be interested in being a Reserve. He also discussed his wife becoming a Reserve or an assistant to Police Admin. He said it is her "job" with him to narrate and she does the formatting of the reports. This way he can have a female and could be a multi-function role and since his wife hears confidential information. Geri asked if his wife would write tickets and he stated she would not. Geri is concerned with circumventing the office and that cannot happen. Darcie asked if she would be unpaid as a Reserve officer and basically be a secretary. Chief said she would help with forms and she is

also a sign language interpreter. He said at some point she may want to write tickets and be on the road but at this point she will just be behind the scene. He said he does not want her to be NCIC trained. He mentioned her helping with KLER and as a civilian she can't go in the back be on KLER. Geri asked if he has gotten in touch with the guy from Harvest Home and Steve said no, he hasn't. He said he has a concern if that guy was doing the weights then would he be able to help if the Sherriff called and needed it.

Council said put the price on the scales for \$5,000 as a bottom dollar and put them on Purple Wave. He spoke about the new Use of Force report. He will continue to check into training. Chief went over the cars and the Vic now has the transmission out and Steve Schuetz said to not fix it. Jodie did say that Jesse did say the car was good. Council said to keep the Vic then if another car goes down, we will fix whichever is cheaper to fix. Chief has said Michael Bryant has expressed interest for a wage increase. He will start looking into grants. Geri did direct the Chief to cover scheduled days that aren't covered especially with Spring Break the days off need to be covered. Geri did ask if the Chief could work the weekends and the Chief agreed to split the time up and have coverage. Council agreed.

Executive Session:

Darcie Gomez requested a 5-minute executive session for personnel. Geri Ebersohl 2nd.

Executive session started 9:17pm.

Executive session ended 9:22pm.

Council did agree to have the Chief write up a proposal for job performance to earn "rewards".

Mayor:

Steve Schuetz made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-03 pertaining to water changes. Bruce Proctor 2nd.

Motion carried 5-0.

Darcie Gomez made a motion to approve Charter Ordinance 2022-01. Geri Ebersohl 2nd. Motion carried 5-0.

Darcie Gomez made a motion to adopt Resolution 02-2022 making the city website the official paper. Geri Ebersohl 2nd. Motion carried 5-0.

Darcie Gomez made a motion to accept the Proclamation for Severe weather. Geri Ebersohl 2nd. Motion carried 5-0.

Darcie Gomez made a motion to accept the Proclamation for Child Abuse Month. Geri Ebersohl 2nd. Motion carried 5-0.

Darcie Gomez made a motion to accept the Code of ethics, mission statement, and value statement. Geri Ebersohl 2nd. Motion carried 5-0.

Kyle Hrabec made a motion to approve after Darcie checks on the formal letter for the Mayor to sign saying we will not enforce the portion of the UPOC book pertaining to voting. Geri Ebersohl 2nd. Motion passed 5-0.

Security cameras were tabled to next month. Sidewalks are tabled to next month.

Council:

No items

Open Forum:

No one

Steve Schuetz made a motion to adjourn. Bruce Proctor 2nd. Motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:52pm.