

CITY OF LEON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
July 8, 2024
6:00 PM

Mayor Bob Frey called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Council members present were Lisa Moffett, Jerry Parsons, Trevor Brown, Jonathan Erb and Tonya Lindsey.

Administrator Sheetz stated that Public Works Department Director Connor Christensen would like the council to amend the agenda to include a Steet Department purchase of a street sweep attachment for the Public Works Department skid steer.

Motion by T Lindsey seconded by T Brown to approve the amended agenda. All ayes, motion carried, adding one item.

Motion by J Parsons seconded by J Erb to approve the consent agenda. All ayes, motion carried.

Joe Stephens was present to discuss his thoughts on the utilization of the city owned property (City Farm) on NW Cedar Ridge. He mentioned that he believes that there are ways for the city to make some income from the property. Additionally, stating that he views it as a resource going to waste.

Ideas mentioned by Mr. Stephens include the following:

- Sell trees from the City Farm with a possible income of \$300-\$1,000 for a tall hardwood tree.
- Allow a farmer to make hay on the open areas of the City Farm.
- Sell urban hunting permits allowing hunters to bow hunt on the property.

Some issues discussed by council members and Mr. Stephens include:

- The legal process of leasing publicly owned property.
- A needed ordinance change to allow bow hunting within city limits.
- Liability issues with allowing new uses on publicly owned property.

Motion by J Parsons seconded by T Brown to approve the Public Works Department Purchase of a Skid Steer Street Sweeping Attachment from Ziegler Cat for \$11,155.75. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by J Parsons seconded by T Lindsey to approve RESOLUTION 2024-22: A RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS OF THE SOUTHERN IOWA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (SICOG Annual Payment). All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by J Parsons seconded by L Moffett to approve Paying the Remaining Principal and Interest on the USDA Loan for the Sewer Department. Paying approximately \$284,000.00. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by J Erb seconded by T Lindsey to approve RESOLUTION 2024-23: A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE TRANSFER OF \$290,000.00 FROM THE SEWER FUND TO THE SEWER SINKING FUND AND PROVIDING FOR THE REPAYMENT THEREOF. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by L Moffett seconded by T Lindsey to approve RESOLUTION 2023-24: A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CERTIFICATION OF COSTS INCURRED FOR THE ABATEMENT OF A NUISANCE. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by T Lindsey seconded by T Brown to approve RESOLUTION 2023-25: A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CERTIFICATION OF COSTS INCURRED FOR THE ABATEMENT OF A NUISANCE. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by T Brown seconded by L Moffett to approve RESOLUTION 2023-26: A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CERTIFICATION OF COSTS INCURRED FOR THE ABATEMENT OF A NUISANCE. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by T Brown seconded by L Moffett to approve RESOLUTION 2023-27: A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CERTIFICATION OF COSTS INCURRED FOR THE ABATEMENT OF A NUISANCE. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by J Parsons seconded by T Brown to table action on permission for the Leon Fire Chief to Bid on Purple Wave for a 2000 Freightliner FL80 Fire Truck Allowing the Fire Chief a Maximum Bid of \$50,000. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by T Lindsey seconded by T Brown to approve the Demo Grant Application for 501 SE 5th St. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by J Parsons seconded by L Moffett to approve the Signing and Submission of General Accounting Expenditure (GAX) #1 for the CDBG Façade Grant. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by T Brown seconded by T Lindsey to approve Paying Curtis Architecture & Design PC \$47,460 for Architectural Design on Buildings Participating in the GDBG Façade Grant. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by T Lindsey seconded by T Brown to approve Paying SICOG \$4,647.00 for Grant Administration Work on the GDBG Façade Grant. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by T Lindsey seconded by T Brown to adjourn at 8:03 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

<These minutes are subject to approval at the next regularly scheduled council meeting.>

Bob Frey, Mayor

Kyle Sheetz, City Admin/Clerk

CITY OF LEON
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
July 15, 2024
6:00 PM

Mayor Bob Frey called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Council members present were Lisa Moffett, Trevor Brown, Jonathan Erb, and Jerry Parsons. Tonya Lindsey was absent. Jon Thomas of Workforce Solutions, LLC and School Resource Officer Shaun Kloster were also in attendance.

Motion by T Brown seconded by J Erb to approve the agenda. All ayes, motion carried.

T Lindsey was present at 6:02 PM.

Motion by T Lindsey seconded by T Brown to approve the Resignation and Separation Agreement of Leon Chief of Police. All ayes, motion carried.

Jon Thomas presented options for providing the required law enforcement coverage for the City of Leon. Options discussed included:

1. Entering an agreement with the Decatur County Sheriff's Office for 100% law enforcement coverage.
2. Entering an agreement with the Decatur County Sheriff's Office for emergency and criminal law enforcement coverage with the city to handle code enforcement and civil complaints.
3. Using current City of Leon employees, including some whom would need to attend the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy, to cover the city's law enforcement needs.
4. Hiring new law enforcement personnel for open Police Department positions.
5. Entering into an agreement with a neighboring community for shared law enforcement.

Motion by J Parsons seconded by T Brown to proceed with contacting the Decatur County Sheriff's Office for the development of a 28E Agreement for law enforcement coverage. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by J Parsons seconded by T Brown to table the Posting of Vacancy of the Leon Chief of Police Position. All ayes, motion carried.

Mayor Bob Frey read a proclamation hereby proclaiming August 6, 2024 as National Night Out in the City of Leon.

Motion by T Lindsey seconded by L Moffett to adjourn at 7:13 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

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Bob Frey, Mayor

Kyle Sheetz, City Admin/Clerk