

CITY OF LEON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
November 13, 2023
6:00 PM

Mayor Bob Frey called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Council members present were Jonathan Erb, Tonya Lindsey, Cody Cooper, and Daniel Moffett. Trevor Brown was absent.

Motion by C Cooper seconded by J Erb to approve the agenda. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by T Lindsey seconded by C Cooper to approve the consent agenda. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by J Erb seconded by C Cooper to open the Public Hearing FOR THE PROPOSED FAÇADE GRANT FOR DOWNTOWN LEON. All ayes, motion carried.

Jermery Round from Southern Iowa Council of Governments was present to read aloud statements that are required to be read to the public before grant application.

Public Comment:

1. It is too bad that we had to use “slum and blight” for the grant application.

Community Development and Housing Needs in Leon for LMI Persons:

1. Downtown upper story apartments for rent
2. Quality rental properties that are affordable

Other Community Development and Housing Needs:

1. Better sidewalks around the city
2. The façade grant
3. Railings on the sidewalk steps downtown
4. Cleaning of the courthouse and library
5. Stone at the courthouse entrance
6. Downtown street lighting

Planned or Potential Activities to Address Housing and Community Needs:

1. Façade grant
2. Additional upper story housing project
3. Possible apartment building behind Casey’s
4. Childcare project
5. Making the library handicap accessible

Motion by C Cooper seconded by J Erb to close the Public Hearing FOR THE PROPOSED FAÇADE GRANT FOR DOWNTOWN LEON. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by C Cooper seconded by T Lindsey to approve RESOLUTION 2023-32: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FUNDS AND THE SUBMITTAL OF THE CDBG GRANT APPLICATION FOR A DOWNTOWN FAÇADE GRANT, committing up to \$290,000 in city matching fund for the grant project. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by T Lindsey seconded by J Erb to approve granting written permission to keep livestock on the property at 1201 NW Church St. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by T Lindsey seconded by C Cooper to approve permission to use a meat smoker in the parking in front of 200 N Main St for food preparation at Battle Axez Restaurant. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by C Cooper seconded by T Lindsey to open the public hearing on the Sale Of City Owned Property at 601 & 703 SE Poplar St. All ayes, motion carried.

Public Comment:

T Lindsey and J Erb expressed the desire to work towards a rental agreement with Leon Little League that would include Leon Little League mowing the properties.

Motion by T Lindsey seconded by C Cooper to close the public hearing on the Sale Of City Owned Property at 601 & 703 SE Poplar St. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by C Cooper seconded by J Erb to table RESOLUTION 2023-33: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN CITY OWNED REAL ESTATE AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE PROPER DOCUMENTATION NECESSARY TO CONVEY TITLE (601 & 703 SE Poplar St). All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by T Lindsey seconded by C Cooper to approve RESOLUTION 2023-34: RESOLUTION FOR TOWNSHIP FIRE PROTECTION 28E AGREEMENT WITH EDEN TOWNSHIP. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by J Erb seconded by C Cooper to approve renewal of the Delta dental insurance plan for city employees with the 2.035% increase in premium cost. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by J Erb seconded by T Lindsey to approve renewal of the Wellmark health insurance plan for city employees with the 5.01% increase in premium cost. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by C Cooper seconded by D Moffett to approve RESOLUTION 2023-35: A

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2023 FISCAL YEAR ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by J Erb seconded by T Lindsey to approve RESOLUTION 2023-36: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2023 FISCAL YEAR ANNUAL URBAN RENEWAL REPORT. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by C Cooper seconded by J Erb to approve RESOLUTION 2023-37: RESOLUTION APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND THE CITY OF LEON, IOWA, FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE SETOFF PROGRAM. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by T Lindsey seconded by C Cooper to adjourn at 7:40 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