

**CITY OF LEON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 14, 2019
7:00 PM**

Mayor Allen Simmonds called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Council present Keith Hinds, Sue Kelly, Jonathan Erb, via cell Darlene Fuller; absent Jake Jacobs.

Motion by J Erb seconded by S Kelly to approve the agenda. All ayes, motion carried.

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

Motion by S Kelly seconded by K Hinds to open the public hearing regarding the vacation of 6th St between 601 and 605 Mindi St. All ayes, motion carried. The following resolution was read:

Resolution to Vacate Street and Dispose of Real Property

RE: All of the unneeded street right-of-way included in the extension of SW 6th Street located between 601 and 605 Mindi Street, in the Town of Leon, Decatur County, Iowa, more particularly described as follows:

Lot 7 Turpins Addition #1 in Leon, Decatur County, Iowa,

*WHEREAS, City of Leon is the owner of the property legally described above; and
WHEREAS, the City of Leon finds that the City ownership of this property is not necessary to the public use as a street and the disposition of such property would be in the best interest of the City and citizens of Leon for the purpose of reducing maintenance expenses, reducing liability exposure and generating property tax; and,*

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to vacate the portion of the street described above and dispose of the property by sale to Charles and Linda Decker on the following terms and conditions:

- 1. The property will be sold by quit claim deed and no abstract shall be provided by the City of Leon.*
- 2. The environmental condition of the site is unknown and the property is being sold "AS IS" as vacant property.*
- 3. The purchaser of the property shall be responsible for all costs of advertising and all recording fees and expenses associated with vacating the alley and conveying title;*
- 4. The purchaser shall be responsible for any survey costs*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IN RESOLVED by the City Council of Leon, Iowa that:

- 1. That the street with legal description described above is vacated.*
- 2. That such vacated street will be sold to Charles and Linda Decker pursuant to the terms and conditions described above.*

All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Mayor Simmonds asked if there were any comments regarding the closure after the reading. Deb Greene asked who would be paying for the street closure and cost.

Motion by J Erb seconded by S Kelly to close the public hearing regarding the vacation of 6th St between 601 and 605 Mindi St. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by S Kelly seconded by D Fuller to approve Resolution 2019-13 to Vacate Street and Dispose of Real Property in regard to 6th Street between 601 and 605 Mindi St. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by S Kelly seconded by J Erb to approve the demo grant for \$5000 to Cody Cooper for removing the derelict house at 807 NE Q St. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by S Kelly seconded by K Hinds to approve the purchase of 2 chemical pumps for the water treatment plant from Vessco Inc in the amount of \$5,575. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by J Erb seconded by S Kelly to approve the purchase of 2 turbidity meters for the water treatment plant from Hach in the amount of \$6,948.80. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by S Kelly seconded by J Erb to approve the promotion of Officer Gfeller to Sergeant with a \$1.00/hour increase in wages. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by S Kelly seconded by J Erb to approve the one time officer incentive payment for Officer Gfeller and Roudebush in the amount of \$1500 each at the beginning of November 2019. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by J Erb seconded by D Fuller to table the museum wall repair. K Hinds abstain; J Erb, S Kelly, D Fuller ayes; motion carried.

Motion by S Kelly seconded by J Erb to approve Trunk or Treat on October 31, 2019. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by J Erb seconded by S Kelly to appoint Jessica Gepner to the Park and Rec Board. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by S Kelly seconded by J Erb to appoint Kari Byrd to the Library Board. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by J Erb seconded by S Kelly to adjourn at 7:41 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

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

Allen Simmonds, Mayor

Denise Simmons, City Admin/Clerk

