City of Leola

SPECIAL MEETING

Unofficial Meeting Proceedings

November 17, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Mayor Royce Erdmann. Present council members: Jackie Leibel, Jackie Rau, Michael Yost, Alan Wimer and Brett Schaible. Absent was Richard Reis. Finance Officer Sondra Waltman was also present. Bob Babcock and Lucas Hoover, both from Helms & Associates and Jordan Hintz from NECOG also attended the meeting.

A special meeting was held to resolve questions and concerns regarding the water project. The water project budget was the first topic. After discussion with the engineers, it was concluded that extra the street work was what exceeded the funding. Additional damage occurred to the streets from heavy construction equipment, outside of the initial projected areas. To repair the streets correctly, the chip sealing was done on the entire width of the streets. Throughout the city, roughly 20% more chip sealing done which left a bill of approximately $30,000. Other topics of concern were change orders, compaction testing, application ratios of primer/oil, miscommunications, warranty, and the additional engineering expenses directly related to project extensions. Mr. Babcock from Helms & Associates answered questions and stated he wanted to maintain the relationship with the city by making things right. He offered to thoroughly review the city’s bill from Jensen Rock & Sand, better communication, providing a large printed city map for easy referencing, completing the remaining project documents at no charge along with no other bills, and a refund of $7,500. He also mentioned platting Lundquist Street at no additional expense at a later date. Schaible moved to accept the proposed offer with a second from Wimer. All in favor, motion carried.

At 7:44 pm, Rau moved with a second from Leibel to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried.

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ATTEST: Royce Erdmann, Mayor

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Sondra Waltman, Finance Officer

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