

CITY OF LEAVENWORTH 100 N. 5th Street Leavenworth, Kansas 66048

City Commission Special Meeting Commission Chambers Tuesday, November 1, 2022 6:43 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER - The Governing Body moved from a study session to a special meeting and the following commission members were present in the commission chambers: Mayor Camalla Leonhard, Mayor Pro-Tem Jermaine Wilson, Commissioners Nancy Bauder and Edd Hingula. Absent: Commissioner Griff Martin.

Staff members present: Assistant City Manager Penny Holler, Public Works Director Brian Faust and City Clerk Sarah Bodensteiner.

Mayor Leonhard asked for a motion to open a Special Meeting.

Commissioner Wilson moved to open the special meeting. Commissioner Bauder seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved. Mayor Leonhard declared the motion carried 4-0.

First Consideration Ordinance Franchise Agreement with Unite Private Networks – Public Works Director Brian Faust presented for first consideration an ordinance that would grant a Franchise Agreement between the City of Leavenworth and Unite Private Networks, L.L.C. The City of Leavenworth was notified that Unite Private Networks is expanding into Leavenworth as part of a project to provide fiber-based telecommunications services to Leavenworth Public School District USD 453. The intent of the project is to connect the schools and other school district facilities on one network. The proposed agreement has been reviewed by the City Attorney and City Staff. Reviewed highlights of the proposed agreement. City Staff is currently reviewing the plans for the project. The Franchise Agreement is one of the items needed to be in place before this project can begin construction. Reviewed the 2 phases of the project.

Commissioner Bauder:

Asked about drawbacks with AT&T also laying fiber in the area

Mr. Faust:

There are a lot of different utilities located within the limited public right-of-way and in the case of a
water main break where excavation is needed, there are a lot of things in the way, but
telecommunications can locate within the public right-of-way

Commissioner Hingula:

 Asked how do things work in an emergency situation if you have multiple utilities that need to be contacted

Mr. Faust:

There are emergency locates which respond quickly in those situations

There was consensus by the Commission to place the ordinance on first consideration.

Commissioner Hingula moved to close the special meeting. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved. Mayor Leonhard declared the motion carried 4-0.

Other:

Ms. Holler:

- Reminded the Commission that there will not be a meeting on November 8th due to Election Day
- Sign-ups are open for the holiday parade and tree lighting

Commissioner Bauder:

• Asked about riders from the City in the Veterans Day Parade

Commissioner Wilson:

• God bless, be safe and enjoy the warm fall weather

Mayor Leonhard:

• Enjoy the rest of the week

Adjournment:

Commissioner Wilson moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Bauder seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned.

Time Meeting Adjourned 6:53 p.m.

Minutes taken by City Clerk Sarah Bodensteiner, CMC