

**CITY OF HESSTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

MINUTES of April 13, 2009

Council Meeting No.4

The regular meeting of the Hesston City Council was held on Monday, April 13, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of the Hesston Municipal Building.

PRESENT

Council member's LuAlan Willems, Desiree Martens, Phil Regier, David Kauffman, and Brad Unruh, City Administrator John Carder, City Attorney Tim Larson and City Clerk Jason Thrasher with Mayor John Waltner presiding. A quorum was present.

ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Hesston Emergency Services Director Russ Buller and Deputy Fire Chief Brian Reimer, Hesston Police Chief Doug Schroeder, Larry Goering, Michael Hiebert and Jim Sauerwein representing Highland Township, outgoing Council Member John Griffin and Jackie Nelson with the Hesston Record

SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

City Clerk Jason Thrasher swore in newly reelected Mayor, John Waltner, newly reelected Council Member Desiree Martens and newly elected Council Member Brad Unruh prior to the Mayor convening the Council Meeting.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

City Administrator John Carder requested that the following items be added to the agenda:

- Cleaning Services Contract
- Community Garden Request by Dave Gerber
- Purchase of Equipment for Ladder Truck

Mayor Waltner declared these items as additions to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA:

LuAlan Willems moved to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. Phil Regier seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

CONSTITUENCY COMMENTS

Larry Goering, Michael Hiebert and Jim Sauerwein with Highland Fire Township discussed the City of Hesston and Highland Township Fire Services Agreement. There was an understanding that:

- The second and final payment from the township will be allowed in January of the following year to correspond with the townships final distribution in December.
- The City will waive the \$233.85 balance owed for 2008.
- The valuation figures are provided from the County each October or November and will be used to calculate the Fire Services fee, based on 5 mils, for the next budget year. (Example: The 2007 valuations came out in Nov. 2007 and were used in May of 2008 to set the 2009 budget fees).
- The City will re-affirm in May of each year the fees that are owed for the next budget year and will contact the township with this information.

PROCLAMATIONS AND AWARDS:

ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION

LuAlan Willems made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign an Arbor Day Proclamation designating Arbor Day as April 24, 2009. David Kauffman seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

LuAlan Willems moved to authorize the Mayor to sign a proclamation declaring April 12-18, 2009 as National Library Week. David Kauffman seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE TO JOHN GRIFFIN

Mayor Waltner presented outgoing Council Member John Griffin with a plaque and Key to the City in appreciation for his service on the City Council.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 1067

David Kauffman moved to adopt Resolution No. 1067, which consents to the dissolution of the Public Wholesale Water Supply District No. 10. LuAlan Willems seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

VENDOR INVOICES FOR THE WATER TOWER PROJECT

Phil Regier moved to approve the payment of invoices in the amount of \$29,000 to Schwab-Eaton for services relating to the design of the new water tower. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

2009 STREET AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PLAN

LuAlan Willems moved to authorize staff to proceed with the 2009 Street and Sidewalk Plan as presented. Desiree Martens seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

COPS GRANT FOR ADDITIONAL POLICE OFFICER

Police Chief Doug Schroeder made a presentation and answered questions regarding his request for an additional officer to be funded by a COPS Grant.

Phil Regier moved to approve the hiring of an additional officer, contingent upon receiving the COPS grant, which would fund the salary and benefits of the officer for the first three years. The City would be required to keep the officer on staff for one additional year. David Kauffman seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

FARMERS MARKET REGULATIONS

Desiree Martens moved to approve the Hesston Farmer's Market regulations as presented. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

PURCHASE OF HUSTLERS Z MOWER FOR PARK DEPARTMENT

Phil Regier moved to authorize the purchase of a Super Z Hustler mower for the Park Department and to authorize the sale of the surplus Excel 3400 mower on the Purple Wave auction site. David Kauffman seconded. Motion carried 4-0 with Council Member Brad Unruh abstaining.

ESTABLISH BUDGET FOR THE LIBRARY RENOVATION PROJECT

It was the consensus of the Council to refer this item to staff to be discussed at the May 2009 Council Meeting.

FINAL APPROVAL OF FIRE STATION EXPANSION

David Kauffman moved to accept the following proposals to expand the Fire Station Equipment Bay at City Hall: Flamming Metal Systems for \$176,500; Kansas Electric for \$7,630; Goering Hardware for \$8,554.52. Desiree Martens seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

ANNUAL DESIGNATION OF THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Phil Regier moved to nominate David Kauffman as the Council President, who will preside over the Council in the absence of the Mayor. LuAlan Willems seconded. Motion carried 4-0 with David Kauffman abstaining.

SET DATE FOR COUNCIL/STAFF BUDGET WORK SESSION

It was the consensus of the Council to designate May 13, 2009 at 5:00 pm as the date and time of the Council / Staff Budget work session

USD 460 GOLF TEAM CONTRACT

LuAlan Willems motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign the proposed golf contract with USD 460. Des Martens seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

HESSTON COLLEGE GOLF CLASS CONTRACT

Des Martens motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign the proposed golf contract with Hesston College. LuAlan Willems seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

AUTHORIZE STAFF TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR POLICE TRUCK

David Kauffman moved to authorize staff to acquire bids for the Police truck that was budgeted for in the 2009 CIP. LuAlan Willems seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

DISPOSITION OF FUNDS FROM DISSOLUTION OF PUBLIC WHOLESALE WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT NO. 10

LuAlan Willems made motion to require the Public Wholesale Water Supply District No. 10 to provide to the City a direct payment in the amount of \$2,924.43, which represents the City's share of the entity's assets. Phil Regier seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

PROPOSAL FOR PLATTING AND SURVEY OF NEW SECTION IN THE CEMETERY

Brad Unruh moved to accept the proposal from Garber Surveying Service, P.A. in the amount of \$1,350.00 to survey and plat the new cemetery addition. Phil Regier seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

PAY REQUEST FOR DESIGN FEES BY HANS FISCHER, CONSULTING ARCHITECT ON THE LIBRARY PROJECT

David Kauffman motioned to approve the pay request by Hans Fischer in the amount of \$12,510.41 for design services relating to the Library Project. LuAlan Willems seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

CLEANING SERVICES CONTRACT

David Kauffman moved to accept Janet Thrasher's proposal to assume the current cleaning contract for the City Building and the Police Department Building with no changes. Des Martens seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

COMMUNITY GARDEN REQUEST BY DAVE GERBER

Mayor Waltner expressed the Council's support of this type of project and recommended that Gerber and his group submit an application for a Community Services Grant.

PURCHASE ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT FOR LADDER TRUCK

LuAlan Willems moved to approve up to \$7,500 to purchase misc equipment to outfit the newly purchased ladder truck. Phil Regier seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

LuAlan Willems moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:00 p.m. Phil Regier seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Recorded by
Jason Thrasher
City Clerk