

**CITY OF HESSTON  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**MINUTES of February 14, 2011**

**Council Meeting No.2**

The regular meeting of the Hesston City Council was held on Monday, February 14, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of the Hesston Municipal Building.

**PRESENT**

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

**ABSENT**

None

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Hesston Street Superintendent Jim Erb, Hesston Parks Superintendent Ken Schwanke, Hesston Chamber Director Carlota Ponds, Hesston Business owner Bill Hurst and Jackie Nelson with the Hesston Record.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

City Administrator John Carder added the following item to the agenda:

- City Shop Lighting Request
- Change date of adjournment to Joint Meeting

**CONSENT AGENDA**

LuAlan Willems moved to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. Desiree Martens seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**SNOW REMOVAL IN DOWNTOWN AREA**

Staff reviewed current snow removal procedures on streets in the downtown area. Hesston Business owner Bill Hurst spoke to the Council about this issue and how it related to his business. The item was referred to staff with no action taken at this time.

At 6:30 pm City Council Member LuAlan Willems left the meeting.

Sidewalk snow removal in other areas of town was also discussed. The item was referred to staff with no action taken at this time.

**REPLACEMENT OF 1989 MODEL DUMP TRUCK**

Phil Regier moved to declare the 1989 model dump truck as surplus and authorize its sale. Further, the motion accepted the bid to purchase an International Dump Truck from Robert's Truck Center in the amount of \$94,431. The funds would come from the Street Department Equipment Reserve. Desiree Martens seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**REPLACE LIGHTING AT CITY SHOP**

John Reimer moved to accept the bid from Robinson Electric in the amount of \$5,159 for the purchase of T-5 lighting fixtures for the City Shop with the city crews performing the installation. The cost would be split between the Streets, Parks, and Utilities equipment reserves. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**DECLARING CERTAIN EQUIPMENT SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING DISPOSAL**

This item was referred to staff with no action taken.

**ESTABLISH NEW FEE STRUCTURE FOR CEMETERY LOTS**

John Reimer moved to increase the cost for graves at the Hesston Cemetery to \$150 per grave / \$600 per lot. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**HOUSING GRANT PROGRAM**

John Reimer moved to reinstate the Housing Incentive Program for the next 12 months. The City would provide a \$1,000 grant to a qualified homebuyer of a new single family or duplex residential property within the City limits. Further, the motion limited the number of grants to 25 during the 12 month period. Desiree Martens seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ANNUAL APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES**

Mayor Kauffman recommended the following annual appointment of officers and employees:

<b>Position</b>	<b>Appointment</b>
City Attorney/Prosecutor	Tim Larson
City Clerk	Jason Thrasher
Deputy City Clerk	Warren Schmidt
City Treasurer	Rhonda Prieb
Municipal Judge	Randall Pankratz
Police Chief	Doug Schroeder
Director of Emergency Services	Russ Buller

Brad Unruh made a motion to affirm the recommendations of the Mayor for the aforementioned appointments. John Reimer seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**INSTALL VFD AND NEW METER AT WATER WELL 12**

Desiree Martens moved to accept the bid from Comm-Tronix in the amount of \$8,950.00 to purchase and install a VFD pump and new meter at Well #12. John Reimer seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**KMU ANNUAL DUES ASSESSMENT**

Desiree Martens moved to authorize the payment of dues to Kansas Municipal Utility in the amount of \$556.00. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**KRWA ANNUAL DUES ASSESSMENT**

Phil Regier moved to authorize the payment of dues to Kansas Rural Water Association in the amount of \$720.00. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 8:00 p.m. Phil Regier moved to adjourn to a 10 minute executive session for the purpose of discussing financial information of a third party with participants in the session being the mayor, council members, city clerk and city administrator. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

At 8:10 p.m. the regular meeting was reconvened with no action taken.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:15 p.m. Brad Unruh moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Desiree Martens seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Recorded by  
Jason Thrasher  
City Clerk