

**CITY OF HESSTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

MINUTES of January 9, 2012

Council Meeting No.1

The regular meeting of the Hesston City Council was held on Monday, January 9, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of the Hesston Municipal Building.

PRESENT

Council members Desiree Martens, Brad Unruh, John Reimer, Pat Moore and Lee Birch, 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 residents Nick Anderson, Landon Wedel, Brenden Lee, Chase Brown, Chris Benjamin, Daniel Webber and Zach Williams, Rebecca Crowder with The Austin Peters Group, Cari Cusick with the Hesston Public Library, Ken Schwanke - Superintendent of Parks, Carlotta Ponds - Hesston Chamber Director, and Jackie Nelson with the Hesston Record.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

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

- 9H - Trail Lighting

Mayor Kauffman added the item to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CREATION OF A SKATE PARK

Hesston residents Nick Anderson, Landon Wedel, Brenden Lee, Chase Brown, Chris Benjamin, Daniel Webber and Zach Williams made a presentation listing the merits of building a skate park in Hesston.

It was the consensus of the Council to refer the item to staff who will proceed with the formation of a committee to further explore the project.

OLD BUSINESS

CONDEMNATION UPDATE - 240 E. PINE STREET

City Attorney Tim Larson provided an update regarding the condemnation proceedings related to 240 W. Pine Street.

City Attorney Tim Larson left the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

THE AUSTIN PETERS GROUP PROPOSAL FOR COMPENSATION STUDY

Becky Crowder with The Austin Peters Group, Inc. reviewed a proposal to conduct a wage and compensation study for the City of Hesston.

John Reimer moved to accept the proposal from The Austin Peters Group to perform a wage and compensation study for the City of Hesston at a cost of \$12,307.50. Lee Birch seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

LIBRARY SHELTER UPDATE

Cari Cusick reviewed research on a local manufacturer of storm and tornado shelters - Protection Shelters out of Wichita, KS

This item was referred to staff who will contact the vendor and arrange a site visit and interview with the City Council.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 1092

Pat Moore moved to adopt Resolution No. 1092, which waives the use of G.A.A.P. accounting for 2012. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

DESIGNATION OF VOTING DELEGATE TO KRWA ANNUAL MEETING

Brad Unruh moved to make the following appointments to the KRWA Annual Meeting: Scott Robertson – voting delegate and Kyle Headrick – alternate delegate. Desiree Martens seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

DATE AND TOPICS FOR JOINT MEETING WITH USD 460 AND HRCE

It was the consensus of the Council to tentatively approve February 27th as the date for the USD 460 and HRCE joint meeting.

NON-COLLECTABLE EMS ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Pat Moore moved to approve the write-off of the non-collectable EMS accounts receivable in the amount of \$4,090. Desiree Martens seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

NON-COLLECTABLE MUNICIPAL COURT ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Brad Unruh moved to approve the write-off of the non-collectable Municipal Court accounts receivable in the amount of \$1,420.42. Desiree Martens seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

NON-COLLECTABLE UTILITY ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Brad Unruh moved to approve the write-off of the non-collectable Utility accounts receivable in the amount of \$2,904.05. Desiree Martens seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

AUDITING CONTRACT WITH LINBURG VOGEL PIERCE & FARIS, CHARTERED

Brad Unruh moved to approve the contract with Linburg Vogel Pierce and Faris, Chartered in the amount of \$14,445 for auditing and support services for the year ended December 31, 2011. Lee Birch seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

REAP AND WRC ANNUAL ASSESSMENT

Pat Moore moved to authorize funding of the annual REAP (Regional Economic Area Partnership) assessment of \$1,241 and the WRC (Water Resource Committee) assessment of \$1,278. Desiree Martens seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

TRAIL LIGHTING – COMMERCE DRIVE TRAIL

City Administrator Carder provided an update on the Commerce Drive Trail and requested guidance from the Council as to the use of leftover grant monies.

It was the consensus of Council to save any remaining funds for future trails projects.

ANNUAL DINNER - UPDATE

It was the consensus of the Council to schedule an employee picnic in the summer of 2012.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

CITY ADMINISTRATORS PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL

At 8:25 p.m. Brad Unruh moved to adjourn to a 15 minute executive session for the purpose of evaluating the City Administrator's performance for the past year with participants in the session being the mayor and council members. Lee Birch seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

At 8:40 p.m. the regular meeting was reconvened.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACT

John Reimer moved to extend the City Administrator contract for 1 year to December 31, 2013. Desiree Martens seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:15 p.m. Pat Moore moved to adjourn the regular meeting. John Reimer seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Recorded by
Jason Thrasher
City Clerk