

**CITY OF HESSTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

MINUTES of June 11, 2012

Council Meeting No. 6

The regular meeting of the Hesston City Council was held on Monday, June 11, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of the Hesston Municipal Building.

PRESENT

Council members Desiree Martens, Brad Unruh, 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

Council member John Reimer

OTHERS PRESENT

Mickey Fornaro-Dean, Jim Heinicke, Bill Ewert, and Byron Warta with Harvey County Economic Development Council; Marla Flentje with The Austin Peters Group, and Jackie Nelson with the Hesston Record.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Council member Pat Moore requested that following item be added to the agenda:

- City Employee Health Care Benefit
- Storm Siren Liability

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

- Harvey County Health Grant

Mayor Kauffman added the items to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Brad Unruh moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Desiree Martens seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

HARVEY COUNTY EDC 2013 FUNDING REQUEST

Mickey Fornaro-Dean, Executive Director of Harvey County Economic Development Council and Board President Jim Heinicke presented the HCEDC Annual Report and 2013 budget request.

Pat Moore moved to approve the request for funding from HCEDC in the amount of \$23,247 for their 2013 budget. Desiree Martens seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

PROCLAMATIONS AND AWARDS

Desiree Martens moved to authorize the Mayor to sign a proclamation declaring March 5th as Lyle Jost Day in Hesston and to begin preparation for a day of recognition on March 5, 2013. Lee Birch seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

CROSSING GUARD AGREEMENT WITH HESSTON AREA SENIORS

Brad Unruh moved to adopt the proposed Crossing Guard Agreement with H.A.S. that provides for school crossing guards for two intersections (Amos & Ridge and Weaver & Old 81) at a fee of \$2,000 per intersection or a total of \$4,000 per year. Desiree Martens seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

STRATEGIC PLAN PROPOSAL BY MARLA FLENTJE WITH AUSTIN PETERS

Marla Flentje with The Austin Peters Group discussed options and sought feedback from the Council regarding her proposal to conduct a strategic planning and visioning retreat for the City.

It was the consensus of the Council to proceed with the project and to have Marla Flentje provide a proposal outlining options and costs associated with facilitating the planning retreat.

NEW BUSINESS

REQUEST FOR PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF AGILITY COURSE IN DOG PARK

Brad Unruh moved to authorize City Administrator Carder to purchase dog park agility equipment from Agility by Carlson to adequately equip the Hesston Dog Park. Lee Birch seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

INCREASE DAILY RATE FOR PRISONERS INCARCERATED IN THE HARVEY COUNTY JAIL

City Administrator Carder presented a letter from Harvey County outlining an increase in rates beginning in 2013 for housing inmates at the Harvey County Detention Center.

KING PARK LIGHTING PROPOSAL

Pat Moore moved to accept the proposal from Kaye Electric in the amount of \$4,995 to install lighting at the Hesston Skate Park with the provision that the project take into account adding additional lighting at King Park at a future time. Lee Birch seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

CITY EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFIT

It was the consensus of the Council to direct staff to schedule a meeting with Mark Isley of Group Benefit Specialists to discuss employee health benefit options.

TORNADO SIREN LIABILITY

It was the consensus of the Council to direct the City Attorney to draft a letter to AGCO that defines the City responsibility and liability as it relates to the storm siren early warning system.

HARVEY COUNTY HEALTH GRANT

Brad Unruh moved to approve a grant in the amount of \$350 to the Harvey County Health Department to conduct a health assessment for Harvey County. Lee Birch seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:20 p.m. Lee Birch moved to enter into an executive session for 45 minutes to discuss personnel issues with participants in the session being the mayor, council members, city attorney, city clerk and city administrator. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

At 9:05 p.m. the regular meeting was reconvened with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:07 p.m. Desiree Martens moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Pat Moore seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Recorded by
Jason Thrasher
City Clerk