

**CITY OF HESSTON  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**MINUTES of October 14, 2013**

**Council Meeting No. 10**

The regular meeting of the Hesston City Council was held on Monday, October 14, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of the Hesston Municipal Building.

**PRESENT**

Council members Brad Unruh, John Reimer, Pat Moore, Lee Birch, and Jason Jones, City Attorney Tim Larson, City Administrator John Carder and City Clerk Jason Thrasher with Mayor David Kauffman presiding. A quorum was present.

**ABSENT**

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Sarah Steele with Gilmore & Bell, P.C., J.T. Klaus and Andrew Kovar with Triplett, Woolf & Garretson, LLC, Hesston Resident and Kansas House Representative Don Schroeder, Bob Tonge, owner of the Country Village Mobile Home Park and Jackie Nelson with the Hesston Record.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

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

- Name Change to Street in Prairie Lakes Addition
- KMGA Board of Directors Nomination

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

- Strategic Plan Update

Mayor Kauffman added the items to the agenda.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR TAX EXEMPTION IRB'S - SILVERSTONE, INC.**

Mayor Kauffman opened the public hearing at 6:05 p.m.

Sarah Steele with Gilmore & Bell, P.C. addressed the Council and answered questions about the IRB process and cost benefit analysis related to the Silverstone / GVL Poly project.

Mayor Kauffman closed the public hearing at 6:15 p.m.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1105**

Pat Moore moved to adopt Resolution No. 1105 which declares the Councils intent to issue Industrial Revenue Bonds on behalf of Silverstone Inc. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**ORDINANCE NO. 100-2013-073**

John Reimer moved to approve Ordinance No. 100-2013-073 which amends the loan agreement with KDHE for the purpose of financing the waste water treatment plant project. Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1106**

John Reimer moved to adopt Resolution No. 1106 which declares the Councils intent to issue Industrial Revenue Bonds on behalf of Excel Inc. Pat Moore seconded. Motion carried 4-0 with Brad Unruh abstaining.

**MAYORAL APPOINTMENT OF NEW CITY ADMINISTRATOR WITH CONTRACT APPROVAL**

John Reimer moved to approve the Mayor's appointment of Gary Emry to the City Administrator position effective December 9, 2013. The motion also includes approval of the contract for said position. Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**FUTURE PLANS FOR COUNTRY VILLAGE MOBILE HOME PARK**

Bob Tonge, owner of the Country Village Mobile Home Park was on hand to talk about recent improvements made to the park and to determine if there was interest in the city purchasing a portion of the park.

**PROCLAMATIONS AND AWARDS**

Brad Unruh authorized the Mayor to declare October 23-31, 2013 as Red Ribbon Week. Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**NOMINATE CANDIDATE FOR HRCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

**DECLARE SURPLUS ITEMS FROM PARK DEPARTMENT**

Brad Unruh moved to declare a list of items complied by the Parks Department as surplus and authorized them to be sold at silent auction. Lee Birch seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**REQUEST FOR SIGN REGULATION WAIVER – PRAIRIE LAKES ADDITION**

Brad Unruh moved to approve a waiver of sign regulations on behalf of Schowalter Villa for a sign that will advertise their Prairie Lakes subdivision with the understanding that the sign is temporary and will be properly maintained. Pat Moore seconded. Motion carried 4-0 with Jason Jones abstaining.

**SITE ACCESS AGREEMENT FOR MONITORING WELLS**

Pat Moore moved to approve an agreement with Blackstone Environmental, Inc., working on behalf of KDHE, to install two monitoring wells – one on city property and one in the city right-of-way. The wells will monitor petroleum contamination from the former Prime Time Store located at Main and Old Hwy 81. John Reimer seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**CONTRACT FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN AND INSPECTION – WEST EMBER IV**

Pat Moore moved to approve the contract with Ruggles and Bohn Engineering for design and inspection work related to the West Embers IV subdivision. John Reimer seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**TYLER TECHNOLOGIES PROPOSAL FOR ONLINE UTILITY PAYMENTS**

Brad Unruh moved to approve the proposal from Tyler Technologies to provide online utility billing services. Pat Moore seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**ORDINANCE NO. 030-2013-154**

Brad Unruh moved to approve Ordinance No. 030-2013-154 which changes the name of a street in the Prairie Lakes subdivision from Blue Stem Drive to Little Blue Stem Way. Pat Moore seconded. Motion carried 4-0 with Jason Jones abstaining.

**KANSAS MUNICIPAL GAS AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATION**

Lee Birch moved to approve the nomination of Gary Emry to the KMGGA Board of Directors effective November 30, 2013 and ending August 31, 2014. Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE**

Council and staff discussed the status of the strategic plan related to:

- enhancing the visual “first impression” of the community,
- redesign and expand recreation facilities (specifically trails)
- administrative and community leadership

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 8:15 p.m. Brad Unruh moved to enter into an executive session for 30 minutes to discuss land acquisition with participants in the session being the mayor, council members, city clerk and city administrator. Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

At 8:45 p.m. the regular meeting reconvened with no action taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:47 p.m. Pat Moore moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Lee Birch seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Recorded by  
Jason Thrasher  
City Clerk