

**CITY OF HESSTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

MINUTES of April 14, 2014

Council Meeting No.4

The regular meeting of the Hesston City Council was held on Monday, April 14, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of the Hesston Municipal Building.

PRESENT

Council members Pat Moore, Jason Jones, Brad Unruh, and Lee Birch, City Administrator Gary Emry, 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

Andrew Kovar with Triplett, Woolf, and Garretson, John Haas with Ranson Financial, Fire & EMS Director Russ Buller, Street Superintendent Jim Erb, Mike Kellogg with Blue Tee Management, Diana Williams with the United Steel Workers – Women of Steel, Hesston Boy Scouts Troop 112 and Jackie Nelson with the Hesston Record.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Jason Jones requested that following item be added to the agenda:

- Community and Visitors Bureau Update

Mayor Kauffman requested that following item be added to the agenda:

- Jake Brake on I-135

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

- School Zone Lighting

The items were added to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Lee Birch moved to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. Pat Moore seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 1115

Andrew Kovar, bond attorney with Triplett, Woolf, and Garretson, was present to explain the IRB process and answer council questions.

Pat Moore moved to approve Resolution No. 1115 which approves the early redemption of Series A, 2012 industrial revenue bonds issued to Excel Industries. Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 3-0 with Brad Unruh abstaining.

RESOLUTION NO. 1116

Lee Birch moved to adopt Resolution 1116, which declares the intent to issue industrial revenue bonds in the amount of \$13,450,000 million on behalf of Excel Industries and sets the date for the public hearing for the associated tax exemption. Pat Moore seconded. Motioned carried 3-0 with Brad Unruh abstaining.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 1117 - REFINANCE 2006 & 2007 BONDS

Financial advisor John Haas with Ranson Financial was on hand to explain the refinancing process and the option to proceed with a negotiated sale vs. competitive bidding.

Jason Jones moved to approve Resolution No. 1117 which calls for the refinancing of Series 2006 & 2007 GO Bonds. The Resolution specified refinancing the bonds via a negotiated sale using the underwriting firm Piper Jaffrey. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

FIREWORKS PERMIT REQUEST

Diana Williams with the local United Steel Workers Union was present to request that the \$500 fireworks stand permit fee be waived or reduced. The proceeds of the fireworks sales would go towards the local holiday Angel Tree program that would purchase gifts for area kids in need and to the Hesston Resource Center.

Pat Moore moved to approve a reduction in the fireworks permit to \$100 for the U.S.W. applicant due to the non-profit nature of their program and the benefit it will have on the community. Lee Birch seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

GOLF COURSE PROJECTS – BLUE TEE MANAGEMENT

Mike Kellogg with Blue Tee Management requested funds from the annual capital improvement budget to complete the following projects:

- An amount not to exceed \$12,000 to seal the golf course ponds.

Jason Jones moved to approve the request. Lee Birch seconded. Motion carried 3-0 with Brad Unruh abstaining.

- An amount not to exceed \$10,000 to renovate bathrooms on the golf course.

Lee Birch moved to approve the request. Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 3-0 with Brad Unruh abstaining.

Mike Kellogg also discussed a project for the 2015 budget that would involve constructing a new golf maintenance shop in a different location and relocating the golf carts to the existing maintenance shop.

OLD BUSINESS

2014 STREET & SIDEWALK PROGRAM

Street Superintendent Jim Erb was present to discuss the 2014 Street & Sidewalk Program. The school crossing lighting discussion that Council Member Pat Moore added to the Agenda was also discussed at this time.

It was the consensus of the Council to proceed with the program. Large projects will be brought before the Council for final approval.

FIRE & EMS TRAINING BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

Fire & EMS Director Russ Buller was on hand to discuss improvements to the building located at 102 S. Weaver.

It was the consensus of the Council to place the project into a hold status until further notice. Further, the Council requested a City Hall and Fire/EMS building use plan that identifies long term goals for the 115 E. Smith, 110 E. Smith and 102 S. Weaver locations.

PROCLAMATIONS AND AWARDS

NATIONAL ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION

Brad Unruh moved to authorize the Mayor to sign a proclamation declaring April 25, 2014 as National Arbor Day. Lee Birch seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

CITY OF HESSTON PERSONNEL POLICIES CHANGE

Jason Jones moved to approve the following changes to the Hesston Personnel Policy Manual - Section F-9: Health Care Program:

- (a) Benefits eligibility begins on the first of the month following the date of hire.
- (c) The city's paid participation in the group health care insurance plan shall be set annually by the city council.

Pat Moore seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

LIBRARY AGREEMENT – AMENDMENT

Brad Unruh moved to approve the amendment to the City-Library Agreement that would remove language relating to the health care reimbursement of a former library employee. Pat Moore seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

HRCE BOARD APPOINTMENT

Jason Jones moved to approve the Mayor's appointment of Jenna Kluver to the Hesston Recreation and Community Education Board. Pat Moore seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

SET BUDGET MARATHON DATE

It was the consensus of the Council to set the date for the annual budget marathon meeting to Monday, May 19th at 3:00 p.m.

ANNUAL COURT COLLECTIONS REPORT

The report was accepted as presented.

FARM LEASE AGREEMENT

Brad Unruh moved to approve the agreement with Dry Creek Farms to farm the city-owned 6 acres west of the city shop. Pat Moore seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

ANNUAL DESIGNATION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Brad Unruh moved to nominate Jason Jones as Council President, who will preside over the Council in the absence of the Mayor.

Lee Birch moved to approve the nomination. Pat Moore seconded. Motion carried 3-0 with Jason Jones abstaining.

OTHER BUSINESS

TROYER VACATION REQUEST

City Administrator Gary Emry reviewed the Troyer Vacation request. It was the consensus of the council to set a public hearing date and have the issue heard before the Planning & Zoning Board. The Planning & Zoning Board will make a recommendation to the City Council for a final ruling.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMUNITY AND VISITORS BUREAU UPDATE

City Administrator Gary Emry gave an update as to the creation of this new board that will oversee the Transient Guest Tax Fund.

JAKE BRAKE ON I-135

This item was referred to staff.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:50 p.m. Brad Unruh moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Recorded by
Jason Thrasher
City Clerk