

**CITY OF HESSTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

MINUTES of August 11, 2014

Council Meeting No. 8

The regular meeting of the Hesston City Council was held on Monday, August 11, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of the Hesston Municipal Building.

PRESENT

Council members Brad Unruh, Pat Moore, Lee Birch, and Jason Jones, 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

Todd Anderson with SMH Consultants, Utilities Superintendent Scott Robertson, Brian Lansaw, President of United Steel Workers Local 11228 and Jackie Nelson with the Hesston Record.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

City Administrator Gary Emry requested that the following item be added to the agenda:

- Executive session – Consultation with City Attorney

Mayor Kauffman added the items to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Pat Moore moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Lee Birch seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

CONSTITUENCY COMMENTS

Brian Lansaw, President of the United Steel Workers Local 11228 was present to report to the Council the success of the USW annual charity golf tournament and fireworks stand. He reported that the events raised approximately \$1,500 for local charities.

PUBLIC HEARING - 2014 BUDGET AMENDMENT

Mayor Kauffman opened the 2014 Budget Amendment Public Hearing at 6:10 p.m. Hearing on public comments the hearing was closed at 6:11 p.m.

Brad Unruh moved to adopt the 2014 Budget Amendment as presented. Pat Moore seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

TRANSIENT GUEST TAX GRANT – HESSTON BETHEL PERFORMING ARTS

Brad Unruh moved to approve the grant request of \$5,000 to the Hesston Bethel Performing Arts for their 2014-2015 concert series. Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

TRANSIENT GUEST TAX FUND ACCOUNTING

Lee Birch moved to assign current funds and future revenue in the Transient Guest Tax fund to the Chamber of Commerce to be used for appropriate Transient Guest Tax related purposes. The motion also discontinued the monthly Chamber salary subsidy. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 3-0 with Jason Jones abstaining.

PUBLIC HEARING - 2015 BUDGET

Mayor Kauffman opened the 2015 Budget Public Hearing at 6:20 p.m. Hearing no public comments the hearing was closed at 6:21 p.m.

Pat Moore moved to adopt the 2015 Budget as presented. Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

AUDIT REPORT BY LINDBURG VOGEL PIERCE FARIS, CHARTERED

Auditor Roger Field with Lindburg Vogel Pierce Faris, Chartered presented the 2013 audit of the City's financial statements and answered council questions.

Brad Unruh moved to accept the 2013 audit report. Pat Moore seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

VACUUM EXCAVATOR PURCHASE

Pat Moore moved to approve the purchase of a vacuum excavator in the amount of \$30,001 from Vermeer Great Plains using funds from the utilities maintenance fund. Lee Birch seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

WASTEWATER PLANT PROJECT – CHANGE ORDER

Brad Unruh moved to approve the change order in the amount of \$19,138 to install two **operated** valves on the sludge lines located in the basement of the admin/pump station building of the WWTP. Lee Birch seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

SLUDGE REMOVAL – AERATION BASIN OF WWTP

Jason Jones moved to approve the bid from Mayer Specialty Services in the amount of \$17,800 to remove the sludge and grit from the four channels of the wastewater treatment plan aeration basin. The funds will come from the Utility Maintenance Reserve Fund. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 020-2014-153: UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENSE CODE, 2014 EDITION

Pat Moore moved to approve the adoption of the Uniform Public Offense Code, 2014 edition. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 020-2014-154: STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE, 2014 EDITION

Pat Moore moved to approve the adoption of the Standard Traffic Ordinance, 2014 edition. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:05 pm Brad Unruh moved to enter into an executive session for 45 minutes to consult with the city attorney. Participants in the session were the mayor, council members, city clerk and city administrator, utilities superintendent and Todd Anderson, engineer with SMH consultants. Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

At 7:50 pm the regular meeting was reconvened.

Brad Unruh moved to approve the contract, contingent upon a review by the city attorney, with SMH consultants to conduct a capacity study of the WWTP. The cost of the study would be split between the benefiting parties. Lee Birch seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:55 pm Brad Unruh moved to enter into an executive session for 20 minutes for discussion of privileged information with the city attorney. Participants in the session were the mayor, council members, city clerk and city administrator. Lee Birch seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

At 8:15 pm the regular meeting was reconvened.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

City Administrator Gary Emry made a report on discussions with Hesston College relating to a sporting facility.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:27 p.m. Brad Unruh moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Recorded by
Jason Thrasher
City Clerk