

**CITY OF HESSTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

MINUTES of March 9, 2015

Council Meeting No.3

The regular meeting of the Hesston City Council was held on Monday, March 9, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of the Hesston Municipal Building.

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Mike and Adam Kleiber with Ag Service, Inc., John Riggs with Riggs & Associates, Wayne Scritchfield with Kirkham Michael, Brad Burkholder with Hesston MB Church, Dr. Aron Fast with Partners in Family Care, Hesston resident Susan Moore, Council candidate Larry Fuqua, Police Chief Doug Schroeder, Street Superintendent Jim Erb, Utilities Superintendent Scott Robertson, Fire & EMS Director Russ Buller, and Jackie Nelson with the Hesston Record.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Pat Moore moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Lee Birch seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

AG SERVICES, INC. – WATER LEAK ADJUSTMENT REQUEST

Mike and Adam Kleiber, representing Ag Service, Inc. presented a request for adjustment of water usage charges that resulted from a significant leak that was discovered on December 23, 2014. They provided support data to indicate the city may be responsible for the leak.

This item was referred to staff to validate the Ag Service, Inc. findings and report back to the Council when completed.

PARTNERS IN FAMILY CARE SUBLEASE

Dr. Aron Fast with Partners in Family Care and Lead Pastor at Hesston MB Church, Brad Burkholder were present to discuss plans for the unused portion of the Partners In Family Care office located at 110 E. Smith. The Church would like to sublease a section of the building and make improvement to allow it to be used for a youth program. The building is owned by the City and leased to Partners in Family Care. The City must approve any improvement or renovations to the property.

John Reimer approved the renovation plans. Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

PROCLAMATIONS AND AWARDS

Mayor Kauffman presented outgoing Council Members John Reimer and Pat Moore with plaques and keys to the city to commemorate their years of service on the City Council.

WEAVER STREET PROJECT

John Riggs with Riggs and Associates was in attendance to present a report on the trees that are located in the street right-of-way along North Weaver Street. Wayne Scritchfield with Kirkham Michael was present to review the project and answer questions from the Council.

John Reimer made a motion to:

- Solicit street repair bids for both concrete and asphalt;
- keep the street at its current width of 34ft.;
- contact homeowners to see if any trees can be removed voluntarily;
- remove two trees that have been identified as causing damage to the street.

Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 3-2 with Pat Moore and Lee Birch voting no.

800 MHZ RADIO EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

Police Chief Doug Schroeder and Fire & EMS Director Russ Buller presented bids to purchase new communications equipment that will be required for the pending county wide communications upgrade.

Pat Moore moved to authorize the purchase of communications equipment from Motorola in the amount of \$50,721.33 for the Police Department and \$16,465 for the Fire & EMS Departments. John Reimer seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

POLICE DEPARTMENT K-9 UNIT

Police Chief Doug Schroeder presented a request for the Council to consider allowing the Police Department to take ownership of a K-9 unit that is being offered at no cost by the City of Hillsboro.

The item was referred to staff with no action taken.

WEAVER STREET PROJECT - CLARIFICATION

Wayne Scritchfield with Kirkham Michael requested clarification of the motion made in regards to the Weaver Street Project.

John Reimer moved to specify that the project includes the block of N. Weaver St. from the railroad tracks just north of E. Smith St. to the Amos St. intersection. The motion also included terminating the sidewalk that runs on the west side of N. Weaver at E. Vesper St. and constructing a sidewalk approach that directs foot traffic east to the sidewalk that runs along the east side of N. Weaver. Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 4-1 with Pat Moore voting no.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Doug Schroeder gave a departmental report and answered Council questions.

GOLF COURSE POSITION DESCRIPTIONS

Pat Moore moved to approve the golf course position descriptions with the following changes to the Golf Course Operations Managers *Duties and Responsibilities* section:

- "Solicits new golf tournaments and outings" will be moved to a separate point
- A bullet will be added that includes marketing and advertising responsibilities.

John Reimer seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION – WWTP PROJECT

Pat Moore moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Statement of Substantial Completion for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:35 pm Lee Birch moved to enter into an executive session for 30 minutes for consultation with the city attorney with the participants in the session being the mayor, council members, city clerk, superintendent of utilities, and city administrator. Pat Moore seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

At 9:05 pm the regular meeting was reconvened.

WOODS LAW OFFICE – WATER LEAK ADJUSTMENT REQUEST

Lee Birch moved to deny the request for an adjustment of water usage charges that resulted from a water leak at 109 N. Main St. John Reimer seconded. Motion carried 4-1 with Jason Jones voting in the negative.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:05 p.m. Pat Moore moved to adjourn the regular meeting. John Reimer seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

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