

**CITY OF HESSTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

MINUTES of May 11, 2015

Council Meeting No. 5

The regular meeting of the Hesston City Council was held on Monday, May 11, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of the Hesston Municipal Building.

PRESENT

Council members Brad Unruh, Jason Jones, Larry Fuqua, Gary Pauls, Clare Moore, City Attorney Tim Larson, City Administrator Gary Emry and City Clerk Jason Thrasher with Mayor David Kauffman presiding. A quorum was present.

ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

John Haas with Ranson Financial, Fire and EMS Director Russ Buller, EMS Department Officers Andy Rizza and Brian Reimer, Utility Superintendent Scott Robertson, Mike and Adam Kleiber with Ag Service, Inc., Hesston resident and archery instructor Bill Augustine and Jenna Quentin with the Hesston Record.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were requested to be added to the agenda:

- Archery Range at Interstate Park – Bill Augustine
- Announcement – Tim Larson
- EMC Safety Dividend Program – Larry Fuqua
- Meeting Protocol – Jason Jones

Mayor Kauffman added the items to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Jason Jones moved to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

ARCHERY RANGE

Archery instructor Bill Augustine, working with the Hesston Recreation and Community Education Board, requested that the City allow an archery range to be placed at Interstate Park.

Larry Fuqua moved to approve the request. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

AG SERVICE INC. WATER LEAK ADJUSTMENT REQUEST

Mike and Adam Kleiber were present to request forgiveness for a water bill associated with a water leak that occurred in December 2014.

Jason Jones moved to grant the request to forgive charges for water associated with the water leak in question. This deviation from policy would be a one-time allowance due to mitigating factors that placed some responsibility for the initial installation of the service line on the City. Gary Pauls seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

WEAVER STREET FINANCING

John Haas with Ranson Financial was present to discuss the options to finance the Weaver Street Improvements and to answer Council questions. He also presented a calendar to bond the project using the following dates:

- On or before June 22th – Construction Bid Opening
- June 29th at 7:00 am - Special Council Meeting: Call for Bond Sale
- July 20th at 5:00 pm – Special Meeting: Bond Sale

ANNOUNCEMENT – TIM LARSON

City Attorney Tim Larson announced his resignation.

Mayor David Kauffman presented City Attorney Tim Larson with a plaque to recognize his years of service to the City of Hesston.

FIRE TRUCK FINANCING OPTIONS

Brad Unruh moved to approve the prepayment of \$444,632 in 2015 with the balance due in 2016 to purchase a Rosenbauer Rescue/Pumper vehicle. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

EMS DEPARTMENT – AMBULANCE PURCHASE

Fire and EMS Director Russ Buller was in attendance to present bids for the purchase of a new ambulance for the EMS Department.

Clare Moore moved to approve the purchase of a Horton ambulance from Professional Ambulance in the amount of \$189,500 with a \$10,000 contingency. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

MAYER SPECIALTY SERVICES - SEWER LINE REPAIR ESTIMATE

Utilities Superintendent Scott Robertson was present to answer Council questions relating to the bid from Mayer Specialty Services to repair the sewer line west of S. College Drive.

Jason Jones moved to approve the bid from Mayer Specialty Service in the amount of \$7,500 to make repairs to the sewer line west of S. College Drive. Gary Pauls seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 130-2015-125 – AMEND ZONING MAP

Clare Moore moved to approve Ordinance No. 130-2015-125, which changes the zoning of 448 N. Lancaster from I-1 (Light Industrial) to C-2 (General Commercial). Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

RESCIND ORDINANCE NO. 130-2015-124 – 2012 RESIDENTIAL BUILDING CODE

Brad Unruh moved to rescind Ordinance No. 130-2015-124. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

CITY OF HESSTON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Jason Jones moved to approve the distribution of a request for proposal that would facilitate the development of a comprehensive plan for the City of Hesston. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

SET DATE FOR STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW RETREAT

This item was referred to staff with no action taken.

APPOINTMENT TO HRCE BOARD

Gary Pauls moved to approve Mayor Kauffman's appointment of Chad Fuqua to fill the unexpired term of Jared Fry to the Hesston Recreation and Community Education Board. The term runs January 2015 – December 2018. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 4-0 with Larry Fuqua abstaining.

APPOINTMENT TO PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD AND BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

No action taken.

CITY ATTORNEY ENGAGEMENT LETTER

Brad Unruh moved to confirm Mayor Kauffman's appointment of J.T. Klaus of Triplett, Woolf, and Garretson as City Attorney. Gary Pauls seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

COUNCIL AND STAFF BUDGET MEETING SCHEDULES

The meeting schedules for the Council / Department head budget meetings on May 18th & 19th were presented to the Council.

EMC SAFETY DIVIDEND CHECK PRESENTATION

Larry Fuqua presented the Council with a dividend check for \$18,690.57 from the Kansas Municipal Utilities Safety Group Insurance Program. This program is managed by EMC Insurance and includes over 450 cities. A proportioned share of the total group dividend is paid out to all participants.

MEETING PROTOCOL

Jason Jones requested that, whenever possible, all Council members provide prior notification and share information before adding an item to the agenda. This would allow the other members to better prepare for the discussion of the topic.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

DISCUSSION OF THE ACQUISITION OF REAL ESTATE

At 8:20 p.m. Clare Moore moved to adjourn to a 20 minute executive session for the purpose of discussing the acquisition of real estate with participants in the session being the mayor, city attorney, city administrator, and city clerk. Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

At 8:40 p.m. the regular meeting was reconvened.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:43 p.m. Jason Jones moved to adjourn the regular meeting to reconvene on Monday, May 18th at 4:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers of the Hesston Municipal Building. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Recorded by
Jason Thrasher
City Clerk