

**CITY OF HESSTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

MINUTES of November 11, 2019

Council Meeting No.14

The regular meeting of the Hesston City Council was held on Monday, November 11, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber / Municipal Court Building located at 110 E. Smith Street.

PRESENT

Council members Larry Fuqua, Brad Unruh, Clare Moore and Susan Swartzendruber, City Administrator Gary Emry, City Attorney J.T. Klaus and City Clerk Jason Thrasher with Council President Jason Jones presiding. A quorum was present.

ABSENT

Mayor David Kauffman

OTHERS PRESENT

Chago and Marsha Mendez, Bill Unruh and Joe Wright with Excel Industries, Megan Smith with the Hesston Chamber, Fire EMS Director Russ Buller, Police Chief Doug Schroeder, and Adam Strunk with the Hesston Record.

CONSENT AGENDA

Larry Fuqua moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSTITUENCY COMMENTS

Council President Jason Jones asked for constituency comments. Hearing none he moved to the next agenda item.

PROCLAMATIONS AND AWARDS

RECOGNITION OF CHAGO MENDEZ RETIREMENT

Fire and EMS Director Russ Buller was present to brief the Council regarding Isauro "Chago" Mendez's retirement after 38 years of service to the City of Hesston Fire/EMS Department. Mr. Mendez's tenure included him serving as Fire Captain for 20 years and the Department Safety Office for over 7 years.

Council President Jason Jones and the rest of the Council presented Chago with a helmet and plaque to recognize his 38 years of service to the City of Hesston.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 180-2019-143 EXCEL INDUSTRIES, INC IRB'S SERIES 2019

City Attorney J.T. Klaus briefed the Council on this topic and answered questions. Bill Unruh and Joe Wright with Excel Industries were present to outline projects that will be financed with the IRB's.

Larry Fuqua moved to approve Ordinance No. 180-2019-143 which authorizes the issuance of Series 2019 IRB's to Excel Industries, Inc in the amount of \$5,114,202.40. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 4-0 with Council Member Brad Unruh not participating in the discussion and abstaining from the vote.

OLD BUSINESS

CONSIDER REPLACEMENT OF QUINT 56

Fire/EMS Director Russ Buller was present to brief the Council on this topic and to answer questions.

Council Member Brad Unruh moved to authorize the expenditure of \$35,000 to repair Quint 56. Further, the motion directed staff to work towards determining an appropriate match that the City would contribute to a FEMA grant that, if awarded, would purchase a new aerial fire truck. This amount would be brought back to the Council for approval prior to the grant submission. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

GATEWAY SIGNAGE PLACEMENT OPTIONS

Clare Moore moved to approve the corner of Lincoln and Old 81 Highway as the location for the placement of an entryway sign. The motion also included the purchase of a sign from Edgier Design in the amount of \$8,130.50. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

NAMING / DEDICATION OF HESSTON DOG PARK

Larry Fuqua moved to take this item up at the December 9th Council meeting. Susan Swartzendruber seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

2019 AUDIT SERVICE CONTRACT

Brad Unruh moved to approve the 2019 Audit Services Contract with Lindburg Vogel Pierce Faris Chartered in the amount of \$17,240. Susan Swartzendruber seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

SET DATE AND TIME FOR WORK SESSION

It was the consensus of the Council to move this item to the December 9th Council Meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

BOARD AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

This item was for informational purposes only with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:10 p.m. Clare Moore moved to adjourn the meeting. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Recorded by
Jason Thrasher
City Clerk