

**CITY OF HESSTON  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**MINUTES of December 9, 2019**

**Council Meeting No.15**

The regular meeting of the Hesston City Council was held on Monday, December 9, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber / Municipal Court Building located at 110 E. Smith Street.

**PRESENT**

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

**ABSENT**

None

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Fire / EMS Director Russ Buller, Police Chief Doug Schroeder; Chamber/CVB Director Megan Smith, Chamber Board Members Luke Logan, Roxana Koch and Brad Sweitzer; Mike Lamb and James Krehbiel attending for the grocery store issue; Gerhard Fast and Dean Leatherman attending for the rezoning issue; Larry Kleeman with Ranson Citycode and Will Wesolowsky with AGCO; and Wendy Nugent with the Hesston Record.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**CONSTITUENCY COMMENTS**

Mayor David Kauffman asked for constituency comments. Hearing none he moved to the next agenda item.

**PUBLIC HEARING – AMEND 2019 TRANSIENT GUEST TAX FUND BUDGET**

At 6:02 p.m. Jason Jones moved to open the public hearing. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Kauffman asked for public comments. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

At 6:04 p.m. Larry Fuqua moved to close the public hearing. Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Jason Jones moved to approve the 2019 Transient Guest Tax Budget Amendment as presented. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**ORDINANCE NO. 180-2019-044 AGCO IRB'S**

Will Wesolowsky with AGCO and Larry Kleeman with Ranson Citycode were present to answer questions related to the AGCO IRB Ordinance.

Brad Unruh moved to adopt Ordinance No. 180-2019-044 which authorizes the issuance of \$5,045,000 in Industrial Revenue Bonds for AGCO. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**ORDINANCE NO. 020-2019-174 COURT COSTS**

Police Chief Doug Schroeder was present to brief the Council on this topic.

Brad Unruh moved to adopt Ordinance No. 020-2019-174 which amends court costs for the City of Hesston. Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**ORDINANCE NO. 130-2019-134 AMEND ZONING MAP**

City Attorney J.T. Klaus confirmed with the Council that there were no conflicts of interest, no background communication, and no additional comments from the public on this topic.

Clare Moore moved to adopt Ordinance No. 130-2019-134 which changes the zoning of 750 South Meadows Drive from C-1 (Neighborhood Shopping) to C-2 (General Commercial District). Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NAMING / DEDICATION OF HESSTON DOG PARK**

Larry Fuqua moved to table this topic and directed staff to develop a policy on naming city property. Susan Swartzendruber seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**HARVEY COUNTY 911 ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENT**

Police Chief Doug Schroeder and Fire/EMS Director Russ Buller were present to brief the Council on this topic.

Jason Jones moved to appoint Fire / EMS Director Russ Buller to a two-year term to the Harvey County 911 Advisory Board. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**CHAMBER / CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU ANNUAL REPORT**

Hesston Chamber / Convention and Visitors Bureau Director Megan Smith made a report to the Council on Chamber / CVB activities.

**DOWNTOWN LIGHTING**

Hesston Chamber / CVB Director Megan Smith briefed the Council on this topic.

Jason Jones moved to approve the quote from Kansas Electric in the amount of \$30,990 to install three new lights on Main Street. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**GROCERY STORE PROPOSAL**

Hesston Chamber / CVB Director Megan Smith briefed the Council on a request made by the Grocery Store Committee for the City to purchase the former Weaver Grocery Store building located at 115 W. Smith.

The record notes that Council Member Susan Swartzendruber did not participate in any discussion other than to answer express questions related to the listing of the property.

City Attorney J.T. advised the Council that there was not a contract for the purchase of the property on the agenda and that the Council could only make an offer on the building at this meeting.

No motion was made on this topic. Mayor Kauffman advised staff to develop a schedule for the next Council Work Session that would invite the members of the Grocery Store Committee to attend to further discuss this topic.

**REAP ANNUAL ASSESSMENT**

Jason Jones made a motion to table this item until a member of REAP could be invited to attend a Council meeting and answer questions related to REAP programs and activities. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**CEREAL MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS**

Brad Unruh moved to approve the 2020 Cereal Malt Beverage Licenses for the Hesston Public Golf Course, and Casey’s located at 724 E. Lincoln Blvd. and 209 S. Old 81 Hwy. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**BOARD AND COMMITTEE EXPIRING TERMS**

Clare Moore moved to confirm the Mayors appointments to the following boards:

<b><i>Planning Commission &amp; Board of Zoning Appeals</i></b>		<b><i>Term Length</i></b>	<b><i>Term Begins</i></b>	<b><i>Term Expires</i></b>
1	Mike Hamilton	3 yrs.	Jan-20	Dec-22
2	Chad Fuqua	3 yrs.	Jan-20	Dec-22
<b><i>Library Board</i></b>		<b><i>Term Length</i></b>	<b><i>Term Begins</i></b>	<b><i>Term Expires</i></b>
1	Emma Gunden	4 yrs.	Jan-20	Dec-23
2	Joel Kauffman	4 yrs.	Jan-20	Dec-23
<b><i>HAEDC</i></b>		<b><i>Term Length</i></b>	<b><i>Term Begins</i></b>	<b><i>Term Expires</i></b>
1	Zack Phillips	2 yrs.	Jan-20	Dec-21
2	Richard Drake (Chair)	2 yrs.	Jan-20	Dec-21
<b><i>Tree Board</i></b>		<b><i>Term</i></b>	<b><i>Term Begins</i></b>	<b><i>Term Expires</i></b>
1	James Yoder	3 yrs.	Jan-20	Dec-22
2	Chris Thrasher	3 yrs.	Jan-20	Dec-22

Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**2020 COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS**

Clare Moore moved to approve the 2020 Community Development Grants as noted below:

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Grant Request</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
Hesston Resource Center	Utility & Rent Subsidies	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000
Hesston Public Library	H-Town	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Hesston Area Seniors	Meals on Wheels / Health Fair	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000
Hesston Recreation	Various Programs	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Total Applications				\$22,000
Available Budget			\$22,000	

Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**FIREWORKS DISCHARGE DATES AND TIMES**

Brad Unruh moved to set the 2020 fireworks discharge dates as July 1-3 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and July 4 from 8:00 a.m. to midnight. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**2020 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

Clare Moore moved to approve the 2020 Holiday Schedule as presented:

<b><i>HOLIDAY</i></b>	<b><i>CITY POLICY</i></b>	<b><i>2020 SCHEDULE</i></b>
President's Day	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday in February	February 17, 2020
Memorial Day	Last Monday in May	May 25, 2020
Independence Day	Independence Day (July 4 <sup>th</sup> - Sat)	July 3, 2020
Labor Day	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday in September	September 7, 2020
Thanksgiving	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday & Friday of November	November 26 & 27, 2020
Christmas	Dec. 25 & ½ day before & day after	1/2 day - December 23 & December 24 & 25, 2020
New Year's	New Year's Day, January 1 and the day before or after.	December 31, 2020 & January 1, 2021

Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**WORK SESSION TO DISCUSS STRATEGIC PLAN AND SCHEDULES OF WORK**

It was the consensus of the Council to select Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to hold a work session to discuss the Strategic Plan and departmental schedules of work.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:56 p.m. Clare Moore moved to adjourn the meeting. Susan Swartzendruber seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Recorded by  
Jason Thrasher  
City Clerk