

**CITY OF HESSTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

MINUTES of January 13, 2020

Council Meeting No. 1

The regular meeting of the Hesston City Council was held on Monday, January 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of the Hesston Municipal Building.

PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Fire and EMS Director Russ Buller, Police Chief Doug Schroeder, Laura Rainwater and John Waltner with REAP, Chamber Director Megan Smith, Blake Spurney with the Hesston Record.

SWEARING IN OF RETURNING COUNCIL MEMEBRS

City Clerk Jason Thrasher administered the oath of office to the following returning Council Members: Susan Swartzendruber, Larry Fuqua, and Clare Moore.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

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

- Tree Board nominee John Kaegi of 240 S. Weaver

Mayor Kauffman added the item to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

CONSTITUENCY COMMENTS

Mayor Kauffman opened the floor for constituency comments. Hearing no comments, he proceeded to the next item of business.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 1148 G.A.A.P. WAIVER 2020

Clare Moore moved to approve Resolution No. 1148, which authorizes the waiver of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (G.A.A.P.) reporting requirements for the 2020 budget year. The City would comply with the cash basis and budget laws of the State of Kansas. Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

REAP ANNUAL ASSESSMENT

Laura Rainwater and John Waltner were present to discuss REAP programs, goals, and accomplishments.

Clare Moore moved to approve the payment of 2020 annual dues to REAP in the amount of \$1,597. The payment would come from Fund 33 – Economic Development. Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

GENERATOR PURCHASE HOOVER LIFT STATION

Brad Unruh moved to approve the expenditure of \$37,940 from the Utility Equipment Reserve for the purchase and installation of a generator by Kansas Electric at the Hoover Lift Station. Susan Swartzendruber seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

DESIGNATE VOTING DELEGATE TO 2020 KRWA ANNUAL MEETING

Jason Jones moved to designate Scott Robertson as a primary delegate and Chad Mason as an alternate delegate to the 2020 Kansas Rural Water Annual Meeting. Susan Swartzendruber seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

NON-COLLECTIBLE COURT BILLING WRITE OFFS

Larry Fuqua moved to approve Court non-collectible write-offs in the amount of \$8,633.04. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

NON-COLLECTIBLE EMS BILLING WRITE OFFS

Clare Moore moved to approve EMS non-collectible write-offs in the amount of \$4,212. Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

NON-COLLECTIBLE UTILITY BILLING WRITE OFFS

Clare Moore moved to approve Utility non-collectible write-offs in the amount of \$950. Susan Swartzendruber seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

HESSTON LAND BANK 2019 REPORT

Brad Unruh moved to acknowledge the receipt and publication of the 2019 Hesston Land Bank Report. Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

COUNTY BIKE FACILITY PROPOSAL

Jason Jones moved to authorize contributing \$2,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund to MKEC Engineering to conduct a feasibility study that would add bike / pedestrian lanes to the section of 81 Hwy between North Newton/Newton and Hesston. The total cost of the study would be shared by other entities in Harvey County. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

TEAP STUDY

It was the consensus of the Council to accept the study and to direct staff to solicit quotes for crosswalk signalization of the Lincoln Blvd. and Ridge Rd. intersection for discussion at the February Council meeting.

TREE BOARD NOMINEE

Clare Moore moved to approve the Mayor's nomination of John Kaegi of 240 S. Weaver to the Hesston Tree Board to serve a 3-year term from January 2020 to December 2022. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:00 p.m. Larry Fuqua moved to enter an executive session for 15 minutes pursuant to the exemption related to discussion of personnel matters (K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1)) for the purpose of performing the City Administrator's annual review. The open meeting to resume in the city council chambers at 7:15 p.m. with those present in the executive session being the Mayor, City Council and City Clerk. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

At 7:15 p.m. the executive session ended with no action taken during the session.

Clare Moore moved to increase the City Administrator's 2020 annual salary by 5%. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:19 p.m. Jason Jones moved to adjourn the meeting. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Recorded by
Jason Thrasher
City Clerk