

**CITY OF HESSTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

MINUTES of February 10, 2020

Council Meeting No. 2

The regular meeting of the Hesston City Council was held on Monday, February 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of the Hesston Municipal Building.

PRESENT

Council members Larry Fuqua, Brad Unruh, 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.

ABSENT

Council Member Jason Jones and Susan Swartzendruber

OTHERS PRESENT

Fire and EMS Director Russ Buller, Tina Payne representing the Harvey County Safety Fair, Financial Advisor John Haas representing Ranson Citycode, Chamber Director Megan Smith and Adam Strunk with the Hesston Record.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Brad Unruh moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS

HARVEY COUNTY SAFETY FAIR

Tina Payne with the Harvey County Safety Fair committee was present to provide details about the Harvey County Safety Fair that will be held on Saturday, March 7, 2020 at the Chisholm Trail Center.

ANNUAL APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

Clare Moore moved to approve the Mayors appointment of officers as presented. The term would run through February 8, 2021.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>
Municipal Judge	Randall Pankratz
Police Chief	Doug Schroeder
City Clerk	Jason Thrasher
City Administrator	Gary Emry
City Treasurer	Rhonda Prieb
Director of Emergency Services	Russ Buller
City Attorney	J.T. Klaus
City Prosecutor	Michael Llamas
Deputy City Clerk	Warren Schmidt

Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

BOND REFUNDINGS

John Haas with Ranson Citycode was present to review options to refinance 2009 GO and 2010 PBC Bonds. It was the consensus of the Council to move forward with the refunding and choose "Alternative C: Annual Savings" as the financing plan.

ASSISTANT TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT APPLICATION

Fire and EMS Director Russ Buller was present to seek permission to apply for a FEMA matching funds grant that would allow for the purchase of an aerial truck that would replace the 1984 Quint.

Brad Unruh moved to approve the grant application and commit a 15% local match. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

NEW JOB DESCRIPTIONS

Clare Moore moved to approve the job description for the newly created Utility and Street Foreman positions. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

KATIE SOWERS RECONGNITION

Mayor Kauffman led a discussion on ways to honor Katie Sowers who is the first female NFL coach to coach in a Super Bowl.

Chamber Director Megan Smith was asked to coordinate this item with the School District and Hesston College and report back to the Council.

BACKFLOW DEVICE PROGRAM

City Administrator Gary Emry presented the plan that would put the City of Hesston in compliance with KDHE regulations regarding backflow device tracking and inspection.

ANNUAL JOINT MEETINGS OF CITY/USD460/HRCE

City Administrator Gary Emry shared that it was the City's year to host the Annual Joint Meeting with the City, USD460, and Hesston Recreation. He requested topics for discussion from the Council and will work with the School Superintendent and Recreation Commission Director to set a date and time for the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION #1

At 7:10 p.m. Larry Fuqua moved to enter an executive session for 20 minutes pursuant to the exemption related to the discussion of matters deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship (K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2)) for a confidential discussion with the City Attorney. The open meeting to resume in the city council chambers at 7:30 p.m. with those present in the executive session being the Mayor, City Council, City Administrator and City Attorney. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The executive session ended with no action taken during the session.

At 7:30 p.m. Clare Moore moved to return to open session. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION #2

At 7:35 p.m. Brad Unruh moved to enter an executive session for 20 minutes pursuant to the exemption related to personnel matters (K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1)) for the purpose of discussing employee performance. The open meeting to resume in the city council chambers at 7:55 p.m. with those present in the executive session being the Mayor, City Council and City Administrator. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The executive session ended with no action taken during the session.

At 7:55 p.m. Brad Unruh moved to return to open session. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:56 p.m. Larry Fuqua moved to adjourn the meeting. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Recorded by
Jason Thrasher
City Clerk