

**CITY OF HESSTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

MINUTES of March 9, 2020

Council Meeting No. 4

The regular meeting of the Hesston City Council was held on Monday, March 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers / Municipal Court Building.

PRESENT

Council members Larry Fuqua, Jason Jones, Clare Moore, 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

Council Member Brad Unruh

OTHERS PRESENT

Hesston Public Library Director Melissa Carlson, Library Board Members Debra Voth, Joel Kauffman, Emma Gunden, Jen Person, Rachel Bucklin, and Becky Herron; Chad Fuqua, owner of Fuqua Insurance Group, Financial Advisor Larry Kleeman representing Ranson Citycode, Parks and Recreation Superintendent Mike Hulteen, Chamber Director Megan Smith and Adam Strunk with the Hesston Record.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

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

- Executive Session – Acquisition of Real Estate
- Corona Virus Planning

Mayor Kauffman added the items to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Larry Fuqua moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 1149: AUTHORIZE SALE OF G.O. BONDS

Financial Adviser Larry Kleeman briefed the Council on this topic and answered questions.

Clare Moore moved to adopt Resolution No. 1149 which authorizes the sale of G.O. Bonds in the approximate principal amount of \$1,085,000. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 1150: REQUEST REDEMPTION OF 2010 PBC BONDS

Financial Adviser Larry Kleeman briefed the Council on this topic and answered questions.

Jason Jones moved to adopt Resolution No. 1150 which requests the redemption of Series 2010 PBC Bonds to facilitate the refinance of the bonds to realize an interest savings. Susan Swartzendruber seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Jason Jones made a motion to recess the regular meeting of the Hesston City Council and convene a meeting of the Hesston Public Building Commission. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Jason Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Hesston Public Building Commission and reconvene the meeting of the Hesston City Council. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 020-2020-175: WATER AND GAS METER INSTALL FEES

Larry Fuqua made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 020-2020-175 which sets the fees charged for water and gas meter installations. Susan Swartzendruber seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

RIDGE POINTE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

It was the consensus of the Council to work through the development of Ridge Pointe without utilizing the services of the two entities that provided proposals.

CROSSWALK SIGNALIZATION – LINCOLN AND RIDGE INTERSECTION

No action was taken on this item.

NEW BUSINESS

FUQUA INSURANCE, INC. – BROKER FEE AGREEMENT

Chad Fuqua with Fuqua Insurance Group presented a broker agreement to cap his agencies fees at \$10,000 per year. Jason Jones made a motion to approve the agreement. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 3-0 with Council Member Larry Fuqua abstaining and not participating in the discussion.

HESSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT

Library Director Melissa Carlson was present to introduce her Library Board and to give a presentation on Library activities. She also made a request for a budget increase of 1.5 mills to hire more staffing. The staffing related question was referred to city staff to discuss with the context of the 2021 budget development.

RIDGE POINTE DRAINAGE PROPOSALS

Clare Moore moved to approve the proposal from MKEC in the base amount of \$2,000 to perform a drainage analysis for the Ridge Pointe property. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

MOWER REPLACEMENT EXCEL SUPER 104

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Mike Hulteen was present to provide bids for the purchase of two mowers for the golf course.

Larry Fuqua moved to approve the bid from Kansas Golf and Turf for the purchase of 2 Hustler Super 104 Mowers on a 36-month lease in the amount of \$1,192 per month pending the lease agreement being reviewed by the City Attorney and approved by Council at the April 13th meeting. Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

CORONA VIRUS PLANNING UPDATE

City Administrator Gary Emry provided the Council with an update as to the steps the City is taking in response to the corona virus outbreak.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:40 p.m. Larry Fuqua moved to enter an executive session for 20 minutes pursuant to the exemption related to the discussion of the acquisition of real estate (K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(6)) for the purpose of discussing making a purchase offer on available real estate. The open meeting to resume in the city council chambers at 8:00 p.m. with those present in the executive session being the Mayor, City Council, City Administrator and City Attorney. Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

At 8:00 p.m. the executive session ended with no action taken during the session.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:05 p.m. Clare Moore moved to adjourn the meeting. Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Recorded by
Jason Thrasher
City Clerk