

**CITY OF HESSTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

MINUTES of April 13, 2020

Council Meeting No. 6

The regular meeting of the Hesston City Council was held on Monday, April 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via internet video teleconference displayed 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

Present via Zoom web meeting: John Haas with Ranson Citycode, Megan Smith with the Hesston Chamber, Director of Golf Operations Grady Pauls, Cody McClellan with Next Design LLC, Dean Leatherman with Preferred Builders; Bill Zerger and Cody Palmer with Vogt's Construction Company, and Adam Strunk with the Hesston Record.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

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

- Utility Bill Business Grant

Mayor Kauffman added the item to the agenda.

AGENDA ORDER CHANGE

City Administrator Gary Emry made a request to reorder the agenda to move Item 9-I. Budget Discussion COVID-19 to the beginning of the New Business section of the agenda.

Larry Fuqua made a motion to approve the change in the agenda order. Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Jason Jones moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Brad Unruh 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.

PROCLAMATIONS AND AWARDS

Susan Swartzendruber moved to authorize the Mayor to sign a proclamation declaring April 24, 2020 as Arbor Day in Hesston. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

BID REVIEW 2020 SERIES G.O. BOND REFI AND ACCEPTANCE

Financial Advisor John Haas with Ranson Citycode was present to review the bids.

Clare Moore moved to accept the bid of 1.7597% from Country Club Bank. Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 5-0

ORDINANCE NO. 010-2020-216: G.O. BOND REFINANCING

City Attorney J.T. Klaus was present to review the G.O. Bond Refinance Ordinance and Resolution and to answer Council questions.

Larry Fuqua moved to adopt Ordinance No. 010-2020-216 which authorizes the issuance of Series 2020 Refunding Bonds in the amount of \$1,060,000. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 1151: GO BOND REFINANCING

Jason Jones moved to adopt Resolution No. 1151 which authorizes the issuance of Series 2020 Refunding Bonds in the amount of \$1,060,000. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 010-2020-217: GOLF COURSE MOWER LEASE PURCHASE

Larry Fuqua moved to adopt Ordinance No. 010-2020-217 which authorizes a three-year lease / purchase with The Citizens State Bank at 2.99% in the amount of \$45,785.28 to purchase two golf course mowers. Susan Swartzendruber seconded. Motion carried 4-0 with Brad Unruh abstaining.

ORDINANCE NO. 010-2020-218: APPROPRIATIONS

Brad Unruh moved to approve Ordinance No. 010-2020-218 which allows staff to continue to pay city obligations in the event the City Council cannot meet. Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

BUDGET DISCUSSION COVID-19

City Administrator Gary Emry reviewed the City's approach to 2020 budget expenditures in response to anticipated decrease in revenue due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The approach has three expenditure categories:

1. Emergency expenditures only as reviewed by the City Administrator.
2. All other spending paused (i.e., Capital Improvement Plan equipment and projects).
3. Projects that are in process will continue as planned (i.e., Mobile Home Park Development).

UTILITY BILL BUSINESS GRANT

Megan Smith with the Hesston Chamber of Commerce was present to discuss options to provide utility bill assistance to local businesses negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Brad Unruh moved to authorize Megan Smith to submit a grant application on the City's behalf to the Hesston Community Foundation. The grant would request an amount up-to \$5,000 from the Foundation where the City would match any funds received. A maximum of \$10,000 of Foundation and City funds would be available and distributed as noted below.

Local businesses would make application for these funds to pay their City of Hesston utility bills. Megan Smith would work with the Foundation to create a committee to review any utility bill relief applications. If an application is approved, the business would receive at least \$100 towards their utility bill. Any funds remaining as of December 31st would be returned to the City. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

GOLF COURSE CLUBHOUSE PROJECT BIDS

Cody McClellan from Next Design, LLC was present to review the bids for the Golf Course Clubhouse Improvements.

Brad Unruh moved to reject both bids and recommend staff place the item on the May agenda with options on how the project could proceed. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

At 6:58 p.m. Council Member Clare Moore left the meeting.

PROPERTY PURCHASE

Jason Jones moved to approve the purchase of the property located at 246 S. Old 81 Hwy. from Intrust Bank in the amount of \$90,000. Motion died due to the lack of a second.

At 7:05 Council Member Clare Moore returned to the meeting.

Jason Jones moved to purchase the property located at 246 S. Old 81 Hwy. from Intrust Bank in the amount of \$90,000. Clare Moore seconded. A roll call vote was taken.

Brad Unruh – No
Jason Jones – Yes
Larry Fuqua – No
Clare Moore – Yes
Susan Swartzendruber – Yes

Motion passed 3-2.

MILL AND OVERLAY PROJECT

City procedures relating to street repair projects and special assessments was discussed. It was the consensus of the Council to direct staff to proceed with street repair projects with out assessing special assessments on existing city streets.

Clare Moore moved to approve the bid from Flint Hills Materials in the amount of \$282,858.40 to mill and overlay the Country Acres and Prairie Park Subdivisions. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

HESSTON PHARMACY REQUEST

It was the consensus of the Council to refer this item to staff and have it added to the May agenda.

ANNUAL DESIGNATION OF COUNCIL PREDIDENT

Larry Fuqua moved to nominate Susan Swartzendruber to the Council President position. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 4-0 with Susan Swartzendruber abstaining.

HARVEY COUNTY EDC APPOINTMENTS

Brad Unruh moved to approve the Mayor's appointment of Jason Jones and John Carder to two-year terms to the Harvey County Economic Development Board. The terms would run May 1, 2020 to April 30, 2022. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

SET DATE FOR COUNCIL – STAFF BUDGET WORK SESSION

It was the consensus of the Council to set Tuesday, May 19th at 3:00 p.m. for the 2021 Budget meeting with Department Heads and Council.

ADJOURN MEETING

At 9:10 p.m. Clare Moore moved to adjourn the meeting. Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Recorded by
Jason Thrasher
City Clerk