

**CITY OF HESSTON
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

MINUTES of June 15, 2020

Council Meeting No. 9

The special meeting of the Hesston City Council was held on Monday, June 15, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber / Municipal Court Building located at 110 E. Smith Street.

PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Hesston constituents Ken Schwanke, Brad Schweitzer, Luke Logan, Sandie Kueker, Mary Jantz, Johnathan Funk, Diane Funk, Mark Diller, Denise Diller, Kerry Krehbiel, Nancy Krehbiel, Becky Tozier, Duane Gish, Troy Jantz, Dean Leatherman, Stephen Owens, Hesston Chamber Director Megan Smith and Blake Spurney with the Hesston Record. Other members of the public were present that did not sign the attendance log-in sheet.

AGENDA ITEMS

GROCERY STORE ISSUE

At 4:00 p.m. Mayor Kauffman opened the meeting and set a time of 30 minutes for public comment related to the grocery store agenda item.

Hesston Chamber Director and Grocery Store Committee member Megan Smith spoke to the Chamber and committee's opposition to a Dollar Store type business in Hesston.

Mayor Kauffman asked for additional public comments. Those in attendance who wished to speak were given the opportunity to address the council.

At 4:30 p.m. Mayor Kauffman extended the time for public comment to allow for an additional 15 to 30 minutes.

At 4:45 p.m. Mayor Kauffman thanked those in attendance and moved on to the next agenda item.

RIDGE POINTE DEVELOPMENT

City Administrator Gary Emry briefed the Council on staff recommendations for the development of the Ridge Pointe Project.

At 5:05 p.m. Council member Jason Jones arrived at the meeting.

At 5:15 p.m. Council Member Brad Unruh left the meeting.

Clare Moore moved to select Preferred Builders as the developer for the project and advised staff to prepare a contract for consideration at a future council meeting. Susan Swartzendruber seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Larry Fuqua moved to instruct staff to engage in an engineer / architect for the design of the Ridge Pointe Project and to prepare a contract for those services for consideration at a future council meeting. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

ADJOURN MEETING

At 5:30 p.m. Jason Jones moved to adjourn the meeting. Susan Swartzendruber seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Recorded by
Jason Thrasher
City Clerk