

**CITY OF HESSTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

MINUTES of November 9, 2020

Council Meeting No. 18

The regular meeting of the Hesston City Council was held on Monday, November 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via online video meeting software. The Council Chambers / Municipal Court Building located at 110 E. Smith Street was open to the public to view and/or participate in the meeting.

PRESENT

Council members Larry Fuqua, 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

Council Member Jason Jones

OTHERS PRESENT

Hesston Chamber Director Megan Smith, Grocery Store Committee Member Derek Yoder, Kimberly Schrant with SPK Grocery, Real Estate Developer Marc Knowles, and Jackie Nelson with the Hesston Record. Members of the Hesston community were also present.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

CONSTITUENCY COMMENTS

Mayor Kauffman opened the floor for constituency comments.

Hearing no comments, Mayor Kauffman proceeded to the next item of business.

OLD BUSINESS

ICON STRUCTURES – GROCERY STORE

City Administrator Gary Emry provided an update that ICON Structures had withdrawn from the project.

Hesston Chamber Director Megan Smith and Grocery Store Committee Member Derek Yoder requested that the Council allow more time for the committee to continue to work the issue.

Kimberly Schrant with SPK Grocery addressed the Council and expressed her continued interest in bringing a grocery store to Hesston.

At 6:32 p.m. Mayor Kauffman opened the floor to constituency comments.

Various Hesston residents spoke in support of the committees work to bring a grocery store to the community.

Local Real Estate Developer Marc Knowles indicated that he would be interested in working with SPK Grocery to determine the feasibility of building a grocery store in Hesston. Mr. Knowles requested a week to look at the financial details.

Mayor Kauffman set a Special Meeting to be held via online meeting software on November 19th at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the following topics:

- Update on Grocery Store Feasibility
- Dollar Store Proposals

NEW BUSINESS

RIDGE POINTE DEVELOPMENT CONTRACT

Mayor Kauffman added the following item to be discussed in Executive Session at the Special Meeting to be held on November 19th at 6:00 p.m.

- Ridge Pointe Development Contract

2020 AUDIT SERVICE CONTRACT

Brad Unruh moved to approve the 2020 audit services contract as presented. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

ANNUAL CONTINUING DISCLOSURE FILING - CITY

Larry Fuqua moved to acknowledge the written receipt of the annual continuing disclosure filing for 2020. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

At 6:57 p.m. Clare Moore motioned to recess the meeting of the Hesston City Council and convene a meeting of the Hesston Public Building Commission. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

At 6:58 p.m. Clare Moore motioned 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.

OTHER BUSINESS

BOARD AND COMMITTEE EXPIRING TERMS

Brad Unruh moved to approve Mayor Kauffman's appointments:

- Mark Landes to Hesston Area Economic Development Board (Jan 2020 – Dec 2021)
- Dee Dee Landes to Hesston Recreation and Community Education Board (Jan 2021 – Dec 2024)
- Tim Page to Planning and Zoning Board (Jan 2021 – Dec 2023)
- Dean Leatherman to Planning and Zoning Board (Jan 2021 – Dec 2023)

Susan Swartzendruber seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

ADJOURN MEETING

At 7:00 p.m. Clare Moore moved to adjourn the meeting. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Recorded by
Jason Thrasher
City Clerk