

**CITY OF HESSTON  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**MINUTES of March 10, 2021**

**Council Meeting No.8**

The special meeting of the Hesston City Council was held in the City Council Chambers / Municipal Court Building at 110 E. Smith St. on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at noon.

**PRESENT**

Council members Larry Fuqua, Jason Jones, Brad Unruh, Susan Swartzendruber and Clare Moore, City Administrator Gary Emry, and City Attorney J.T. Klaus (via Zoom), and City Clerk Jason Thrasher with Mayor David Kauffman presiding. A quorum was present.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Utility Billing Clerk Rhonda Prieb and Jackie Nelson with the Hesston Record.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 1158**

Clare Moore moved to approve Resolution No. 1158 which authorizes the City of Hesston to apply for the City Utility Low-Interest Loan Program. Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**ORDINANCE NO. 150-2021-038**

Larry Fuqua moved to approve Ordinance No. 150-2021-038 which authorizes the execution of a loan agreement between the City of Hesston and the State of Kansas in an amount not to exceed \$5,330,000 for the purpose of obtaining a low-interest utility loan to finance extraordinary natural gas costs due to the extreme weather event of February 2021. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**LOAN PAYBACK PLAN**

Clare Moore moved to set the term of the State Low-Interest Utility Loan at 10 years, allow for quarterly repayments, apply \$76,000 from the gas utility reserve to lower the required loan amount, and direct staff to calculate a fuel adjustment increase that would be applied to gas utility bills that would pay back the loan and reserves over a 10-year period. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**ADJOURN MEETING**

At 1:50 p.m. Jason Jones moved to adjourn the special meeting. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Recorded by  
Jason Thrasher  
City Clerk