

**CITY OF HESSTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

MINUTES of June 14, 2021

Council Meeting No. 12

The regular meeting of the Hesston City Council was held on Monday, June 14, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 110 E. Smith Street.

PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

- Larry Kleeman with Ranson Citycode
- Will Wesolowsky with AGCO Corporation
- Fire & EMS Director Russ Buller
- Megan Smith with the Hesston Chamber
- Jackie Nelson with the Hesston Record

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Mayor Kauffman asked for additions to the agenda. City Attorney J.T. Klaus requested an executive session at the start of the meeting. Mayor Kauffman added the item to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION #1

At 6:03 p.m. Clare Moore moved to enter into an executive session for 27 minutes pursuant to the exemption related to attorney client privilege (K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2)) for the purpose of discussing legal matters. The open meeting to resume in the city council chambers at 6:30 p.m. with those present in the executive session being the Mayor, City Council, City Administrator, and City Attorney. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

At 6:03 p.m. Council Member Larry Fuqua dialed into the meeting.

At 6:30 p.m. the regular session resumed with no binding action taken during the session.

CONSTITUENCY COMMENTS

Mayor Kauffman opened the floor for constituency comments. Hearing no comments, he moved to the next item of business.

PUBLIC HEARING

AGCO IRB TAX ABATEMENT

Mayor Kauffman declared the public hearing open at 6:32 p.m. Larry Kleeman with CityCode Financial, LLC and Will Wesolowsky with AGCO Corporation addressed the Council regarding the IRB process, cost benefit analysis, and AGCO staffing and production outlook.

Hearing no further comments or questions Mayor Kauffman declared the public hearing closed at 6:42 p.m.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 1162 - AUTHORIZES TAX ABATEMENT FOR PROPERTY ACQUIRED WITH IRB PROCEEDS FOR AGCO CORPORATION

Jason Jones moved to approve Resolution No. 1162 which authorizes the tax abatement of property acquired with Industrial Revenue Bond Proceeds for AGCO Corporation. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

QUINT 56 STATUS

Brad Unruh moved to declare Quint 56 as surplus and authorize its sale. Susan Swartzendruber seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

WILDLAND FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT

Clare Moore moved to authorize staff to source a chassis for the wildland firefighting vehicle build and set the budget for the chassis at an amount not to exceed \$50,000. The funds would come from the Fire Equipment Tax Fund. Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

AMBULANCE PREPAYMENT

Clare Moore authorized staff to make a prepayment of 50% to SERVS, LLC towards the purchase of the ambulance that was approved in December 2020. The funds would come from the EMS Equipment Reserve Fund. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

HESSTON AREA SENIORS CROSSING GUARD AGREEMENT

Brad Unruh moved to approve the Hesston Area Seniors Crossing Guard Agreement as presented. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

KMGA BOARD ALTERNATE DIRECTOR NOMINATION

Jason Jones moved to reappoint Public Works Director Scott Robertson to a two-year term to the KMGA Board of Directors as an alternate with the term running September 1, 2021 to August 31, 2023. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

CROSSWALK SIGNAL 81 HWY AND W. KNOTT

Brad Unruh moved to approve the purchase of crosswalk signalization equipment in the amount of \$8,375 from Gades Sales Co., Inc. and \$6,000 for in-house concrete work for the Old 81 Hwy and W. Knott intersection. The funds would come from the Street Department Equipment Reserve Fund. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

SALARY RANGE ADJUSTMENT

Brad Unruh moved to approve the re-range of Chad Mason effective 6/14. Susan Swartzendruber seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN AGREEMENTS

Clare Moore moved to authorize the mayor to sign the *NEU Award Terms and Conditions & NEU Title VI Assurances* as presented. Susan Swartzendruber. Motion carried 5-0.

MOWER PURCHASE

Jason Jones moved to approve the purchase of a Hustler 104 Large Area Mower in the amount of \$15,000 from Excel Industries. The funds would come from the Parks Maintenance Reserve. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 4-0 with Brad Unruh making no comments and abstaining from the vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION #2

At 7:30 p.m. Jason Jones moved to enter into an executive session for 10 minutes pursuant to the exemption related to attorney client privilege (K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2)) for the purpose of discussing legal matters. The open meeting would resume in the city council chambers at 7:40p.m. with those present in the executive session being the Mayor, City Council, City Administrator, and City Attorney. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

At 7:40 p.m. the regular session resumed with no binding action taken during the session.

At 7:40 p.m. Council Member Larry Fuqua left the meeting.

ADJOURN MEETING

At 7:45 p.m. Clare Moore moved to adjourn the meeting. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 4-0.