

**CITY OF HESSTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

MINUTES of September 13, 2021

Council Meeting No. 17

The regular meeting of the Hesston City Council was held on Monday, September 13, 2021, at 6:00 pm in the City Council Chambers at 110 E. Smith Street.

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Mayor David Kauffman

OTHERS PRESENT

- Ranson City Code Municipal Consultant Crystal Hinnen
- Hesston Chamber of Commerce Director Megan Smith
- Hesston Record Reporter Allison Weaver

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

City Administrator Gary Emry requested the following changes be made to the agenda:

- Remove the second Executive Session – Personnel
- Add Mayoral Appointment of Police Chief

Council President Susan Swartzendruber changed the agenda accordingly.

CONSENT AGENDA

Brad Unruh moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSTITUENCY COMMENTS

Council President Swartzendruber opened the floor for constituency comments.

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

PROCLAMATIONS AND AWARDS

ANNUAL EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS

The City Council congratulated and thanked the following employees for their years of service:

- Chad Mason.....20 years
- Gloria Arellano.....25 years

PUBLIC HEARING

REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE PUBLIC HEARING

At 6:02 p.m. Jason Jones moved to open the Revenue Neutral Rate Public Hearing. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Council President Swartzendruber asked for public comment. Hearing none she moved to the next item of business.

RESOLUTION NO. 1163 – REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE

Clare Moore moved to approve Resolution No. 1163 which describes the City's intent to exceed the revenue neutral rate with the 2022 budget. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

At 6:04 Council President Swartzendruber closed the public hearing.

2022 CITY BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

At 6:04 p.m. Jason Jones moved to open the 2022 City Budget Public Hearing. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Council President Swartzendruber asked for public comment. Hearing none she moved to the next item of business.

2022 CITY BUDGET APPROVAL

Clare Moore moved to approve the 2022 City Budget as presented. Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

At 6:05 Council President Swartzendruber closed the public hearing.

At 6:05 p.m. Jason Jones moved to recess the meeting of the Hesston City Council and convene a meeting of the Hesston Land Bank. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

At 6:07 p.m. Jason Jones moved to adjourn the meeting of the Hesston Land Bank and reconvene the meeting of the Hesston City Council. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

PROCLAMATIONS AND AWARDS

Hesston Court Clerk Gloria Arellano was present and was recognized by the City Council for her 25 years of municipal service.

ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 020-2021-178

Brad Unruh made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 020-2021-178: 2021 Standard Traffic Ordinance. Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 020-2021-179

Clare Moore made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 020-2021-179: 2021 Uniform Public Offense Code. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 5-0

OLD BUSINESS

T-MOBILE WATER TOWER AGREEMENT

Brad Unruh moved to approve the T-Mobile Water Tower Agreement as presented. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT – SV3

Crystal Hinnen with Ranson Citycode was present to review the grant applicants for the CDBG-CV3 funds.

SMALL BUSINESS GRANTS

Clare Moore moved to approve grants in the amount of \$13,000 each to the following small businesses:

- Americas Best Value Inn
- Lyndsey’s Cake and Bakes
- Teek’s Antiques and Collectibles
- Bill’s Barbershop
- Dwayne Pauls
- Renew Construction and Remodeling

Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

SMALL BUSINESS GRANTS

Clare Moore moved to approve grants in the amount of \$13,000 each to the following small business:

- Essential Elements Wellness and Spa

Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 4-0 with Council Member Jason Jones abstaining.

LARGE BUSINESS GRANTS

Clare Moore moved to approve grants in the amount of \$15,200 each to the following large businesses:

- Divya Laymi LLC – Rodeway Inn
- Kropf Lumber Co.
- Hesston Machine and Welding Inc.

Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

APPROVE RANSON BILL FOR GRANT ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Brad Unruh moved to approve the payment of \$6,500 to Ranson Citycode for the administration of the CDBG-CV3 grants. Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

AUTHORIZE MAYOR KAUFFMAN TO SIGN GRANT DOCUMENTS

Clare Moore moved to authorize Mayor Kauffman to sign the CDBG-CV3 documents that will be submitted to the State for approval. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

PLAZA LIFT STATION REPLACEMENT

Clare Moore moved to approve the bid from Environmental Process Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$95,400 to replace the Plaza Lift Station. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

GAS SYSTEM PUBLIC SAFETY FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS

The City Council received the Annual Gas Public Safety for Public Officials information as required.

At 6:35 p.m. Mayor Kauffman called into the meeting.

POLICE CHIEF APPOINTMENT

Mayor Kauffman appointed Hesston Police Sergeant Chris Eilert to the Police Chief position. Brad Unruh moved to approve the Mayoral appointment. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

At 6:40 p.m. Mayor Kauffman left the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:45 p.m. Brad Unruh 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 a contract interpretation. The open meeting would resume in the city council chambers at 6:55 p.m. with those present in the executive session being the City Council, City Administrator, and City Attorney. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

At 6:55 p.m. the regular session resumed with no binding action taken during the session.

ADJOURN MEETING

At 6:55 p.m. Clare Moore moved to adjourn the meeting. Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Recorded by
Jason Thrasher
City Clerk