

**CITY OF HESSTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

MINUTES of November 8, 2021

Council Meeting No. 19

The regular meeting of the Hesston City Council was held on Monday, November 8, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 110 E. Smith Street.

PRESENT

Council members Larry Fuqua, Jason Jones, Brad Unruh, Susan Swartzendruber, and Clare Moore, 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

- Police Chief Chris Eilert
- Fire/EMS Director Russ Buller
- Parks and Golf Grounds Superintendent Mike Hulteen
- Golf Course Director Zach Frey
- Hesston Chamber of Commerce Director Megan Smith
- Seth Beytien and Will Wesolowsky with AGCO Corp.
- Hesston Record Reporter Allison Weaver

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

City Administrator Gary Emry asked for the following addition:

- Joint Meeting with USD460 & HRCE

Mayor Kauffman added the item to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

CONSTITUENCY COMMENTS

Mayor David Kauffman opened the floor for constituency comments.

Seth Beytien with AGCO Corporation addressed the Council regarding the extraordinarily high February 2021 gas prices. He requested the City and KMGGA attend a meeting with AGCO to discuss the issue.

Hesston Chamber Director Megan Smith invited the Council to attend a “meet & greet” with the new Golf Course Director – Zach Frey on Thursday, November 18th at 4:30 p.m. at the Golf Course Clubhouse.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSENT TO EXCEL MERGER

Clare Moore moved to authorize Mayor Kauffman sign the consent to the Excel merger letter subject to the conditions outlined in the document. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 4-0 with Brad Unruh abstaining.

GOLF CART FLEET PURCHASE

Larry Fuqua moved to accept the bid from Kansas Golf and Turf to purchase a fleet of 50 golf carts and other equipment as presented. Further, the motion authorized staff to work on financing the purchase. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

PARAMEDIC JOB DESCRIPTION

Clare Moore moved to accept the Fire/EMS Firefighter-Paramedic job description as presented. Susan Swartzendruber seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

2021 AUDIT CONTRACT

Brad Unruh moved to accept 2021 Audit Services contract with Lindburg Vogel Pierce Faris. Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE - CITY

Jason Jones moved to acknowledge the written receipt of the annual continuing disclosure filing information for 2021. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

At 7:15 p.m. Larry Fuqua moved to recess the meeting of the Hesston City Council and open a meeting of the Hesston Public Building Commission. Clare Moore second. Motion carried 5-0.

At 7:16 p.m. Larry Fuqua moved to adjourn the meeting of the Hesston Public Building Commission and to re-open the meeting of the Hesston City Council. Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

EXPIRING TERMS

Brad Unruh moved to approve the mayoral appointments of Tyson Miller and Don Schroeder to 3-year terms on the Planning and Zoning Board. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Jason Jones moved to approve the mayoral appointment of Mark Landes to a 2-year term to the Hesston Area Economic Development Board. Susan Swartzendruber seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

JOINT MEETING – CITY / USD460 / HREC

It was the consensus of the Council to select Wednesday, December 1st to participate in the Annual Joint Meeting that is being hosted by USD460 this year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:30 p.m. Jason Jones moved to enter into an executive session for 5 minutes pursuant to the exemption related to attorney client privilege (K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2)) to consult with the city attorney. The open meeting would resume in the city council chambers at 7:35 p.m. with those present in the executive session being the City Council, City Administrator, and City Attorney. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

At 7:35 p.m. the regular session resumed with no binding action taken during the session.

ADJOURN MEETING

At 7:35 p.m. Clare Moore moved to adjourn the meeting. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Recorded by
Jason Thrasher
City Clerk