

**CITY OF HESSTON  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**MINUTES of December 13, 2021**

**Council Meeting No. 21**

The regular meeting of the Hesston City Council was held on Monday, December 13, 2021 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, Jason Jones, 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 and Council Member Brad Unruh

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Larry Kleeman, Rose Mary Saunders, and Crystal Hinnen with Ranson Citycode, Seth Beytien with AGCO, Golf Course Director Zach Frey, Fire and EMS Director Russ Buller, Public Works Superintendent Scott Robertson, Police Chief Chris Eilert, Chamber Director Megan Smith and Mindy Kepfield with the Hesston Record / Harvey County Now.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**PROCLAMATIONS AND AWARDS**

Council President Susan Swartzendruber presented a plaque to outgoing Council Member Jason Jones and thanked him for his 9 years of service on the City Council.

**CONSTITUENCY COMMENTS**

Council President Susan Swartzendruber opened the floor for constituency comments.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**PROJECT PERFORMANCE CDBG CV3 GRANTS**

At 6:04 p.m. Jason Jones moved to open the public hearing. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Rose Mary Saunders with Ranson City Code was present to facilitate the public hearing. The floor was opened to public and council comment.

At 6:07 p.m. Clare Moore moved to close the public hearing. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Clare Moore moved to authorize the mayor to sign the CDBG Grant closeout documents. Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**ORDINANCES**

**ORDINANCE NO. 180-2021-046: AGCO IRB**

Larry Kleeman with Ranson City Code and Seth Beytien with AGCO were present to answer questions related to the AGCO IRB Ordinance and associated projects.

Clare Moore moved to adopt Ordinance No. 180-2021-046 which authorizes the issuance of \$4,510,000 in Industrial Revenue Bonds for AGCO. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**ORDINANCE NO. 010-2021-225: GOLF COURSE LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT**

Larry Fuqua moved to adopt Ordinance No. 010-2021-225 which authorizes the mayor to sign a lease purchase agreement with The Citizens State Bank to finance the purchase of 50 golf carts and other misc. equipment. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**2022 BOARD AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

Clare Moore moved to confirm the mayor’s appointments to the following boards:

- HAEDC Board: Zach Phillips – 2 Year Term: January 2022 to December 2023.

Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH HARVEY COUNTY ERT**

Fire & EMS Director Russ Buller was present to brief the council on this item.

Clare Moore moved to authorize the mayor to sign the Emergency Response Team Mutual Aid Agreement with Harvey County. Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**JOB DESCRIPTION – ASSISTANT GOLF PROFESSIONAL**

Golf Course Director Zach Frey was present to brief the council on this item.

Clare Moore moved to approve the job description for the Assistant Golf Professional. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**WELL #10 – REHAB**

Public Works Superintendent Scott Robertson was present to brief the council on this item.

Clare Moore moved to approve the bid from Layne in the amount of \$44,061 to rehabilitate Well #10 with the funds coming from the Utility Maintenance Reserve. Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**2022 CEREAL MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS**

Larry Fuqua moved to approve the 2022 Cereal Malt Beverage Licenses for the Hesston Public Golf Course, and Casey’s located at 724 E. Lincoln Blvd. and 209 S. Old 81 Hwy. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**TRANSIENT GUEST TAX – ARPA FUNDING**

Clare Moore moved to grant the Hesston Chamber of Commerce \$26,914 from the American Rescue Plan Funds to make up for lost revenue due to the covid pandemic. Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**2022 COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS**

Jason Jones moved to approve the 2022 Community Development Grants as noted below:

- Hesston Resource Center: Utility and Rent Subsidies - \$10,000
- Hesston Recreation: H Town and Emma Creek Classic - \$1,750
- Hesston Area Senior Center: Meals on Wheels & Health Fair - \$7,000

Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**2022 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

Clare Moore moved to approve the 2022 Holiday Schedule as presented.

<b>HOLIDAY</b>	<b>CITY POLICY</b>	<b>2022 SCHEDULE</b>
MLK Jr. Day	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday in January	January 17, 2022
Memorial Day	Last Monday in May	May 30, 2022
Independence Day	Independence Day	July 4, 2022
Labor Day	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday in September	September 5, 2022
Thanksgiving	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday & Friday of November	November 24 & 25, 2022
Christmas	Dec. 25 & ½ day before & day after	1/2 day - December 22 & December 23 & 26, 2022
New Year's	New Year's Day, January 1 and the day before or after.	December 30, 2022 & January 2, 2023

Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**2022 FIREWORKS DISCHARGE DATES**

Clare Moore moved to set the 2022 fireworks discharge dates as July 1-3 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and July 4<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to midnight. The motion also set the fireworks sales permit fee at \$500. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Council President Swartzendruber opened the floor to discuss any other business. Hearing no comments, she moved to the next item on the agenda.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 7:15 p.m. Clare Moore 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)) to consult with the city attorney. The open meeting would resume in the city council chambers at 7:25 p.m. with those present in the executive session being the Council President, City Council, City Administrator, and City Attorney. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

At 7:25 p.m. the Executive Session ended with no action taking place.

**ADJOURN MEETING**

At 7:25 p.m. Clare Moore moved to adjourn the meeting. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Recorded by  
Jason Thrasher  
City Clerk