

**CITY OF HESSTON  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**MINUTES of January 10, 2022**

**Council Meeting No. 1**

The regular meeting of the Hesston City Council was held on Monday, January 10, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom 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, Brad Unruh, Clare Moore, Susan Swartzendruber, and Michael Wallace, City Attorney Andrew Kovar and City Clerk Jason Thrasher with Mayor David Kauffman presiding. A quorum was present.

**ABSENT**

City Administrator Gary Emry and City Attorney J.T. Klaus

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Hesston Fire/EMS Director Russ Buller, Police Chief Chris Eilert, Library Director Jackie Nelson, Chamber Director Megan Smith, Hesston residents Kendall and Courtney Critchfield, and Mindy Kepfield with the Harvey County Now.

**SWEAR-IN NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS**

City Clerk Jason Thrasher administered the oath of office to Mayor David Kauffman and Council Members Brad Unruh and Michael Wallace.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**CONSTITUENCY COMMENTS**

Mayor Kauffman opened the floor for constituency comments.

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

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 1164 – G.A.A.P. WAIVER**

Brad Unruh moved to approve Resolution No. 1164, which authorizes the waiver of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (G.A.A.P.) reporting requirements for the 2022 budget year. The city would comply with the cash basis and budget laws of the State of Kansas. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**LAND PURCHASE OFFER – K. CRITCHFIELD**

Kendall Critchfield was present to discuss his proposal to purchase the city-owned 6-acre parcel west of the city shop for \$64,000.

Clare Moore moved to accept the purchase offer contingent upon the city changing the zoning to Commercial and Mr. Critchfield developing the property within two-years. Further, the action directed the City Attorney's office to develop a written agreement reflecting this motion and authorized the mayor to sign the agreement. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**COURT WRITE OFFS - 2021**

Brad Unruh moved to approve the Municipal Court non-collectible write-offs in the amount of \$5,229. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

#### **UTILITY WRITE OFFS – 2021**

Clare Moore moved to approve the Utility non-collectible write-offs in the amount of \$73.55. Susan Swartzendruber seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

#### **EMS WRITE OFFS - 2021**

Clare Moore moved to approve the following EMS non-collectible write-offs:

- Uncollectible Debt Write-off: \$11,526
- Kansas Set-off / CBK Write-off: \$494
- BCBS Contractual Write-off: \$5,901
- Medicare / Medicaid Required Write-off: \$107,347

Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

#### **PART-TIME GOLF COURSE EMPLOYEE PAY**

Larry Fuqua moved to approve an increase in the starting pay of newly hired part-time golf course employees to \$12.00 per hour. Further, the motion authorized an increase to current part-time golf employees based on \$12.00 per hour plus \$0.25 per year of service. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

#### **CONTINUING DISCLOSURE - EVENT FILING**

Clare Moore moved to acknowledge the written receipt of the Continuing Disclosure – New Financial Obligation Event Filing of 12/17/21. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 5-0

#### **HESSTON LAND BANK REPORT – 2021**

Clare Moore moved to accept and acknowledge the receipt and publication of the 2021 Hesston Land Bank Report. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

#### **4 LEONARD COURT – PROPERTY SALE**

Susan Swartzendruber moved to authorize the city administrator to consult with a realtor to set the price of the property and to move forward with listing it for sale. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 7:00 p.m. Clare Moore moved to enter into an executive session for 15 minutes pursuant to the exemption related to discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel (K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1)) to conduct the city administrator's annual review. The open meeting would resume in the city council chambers and via Zoom at 7:15 p.m. with those present in the executive session being the mayor, city council and city attorney. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

At 7:15 p.m. the regular session resumed with no binding action taken during the session.

Susan Swartzendruber moved to increase the city administrator's pay by 5%. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

#### **ADJOURN MEETING**

At 7:15 p.m. Clare Moore moved to adjourn the meeting. Susan Swartzendruber seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Recorded by  
Jason Thrasher  
City Clerk