

**CITY OF HESSTON  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**MINUTES of April 11, 2022**

**Council Meeting No. 5**

The regular meeting of the Hesston City Council was held on Monday, April 11, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers / Municipal Court Building located at 110 E. Smith Street.

**PRESENT**

Council members Larry Fuqua, Brad Unruh, Clare Moore; Council Member Michael Wallace attended via telephone, 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**

Tyson Miller with Bluestem / Schowalter Villa, John Haas with Ranson Citycode, Police Chief Chris Eilert, Golf Course Operations Director Zach Frey, Hesston Chamber Director Megan Smith, Hesston Public Library Director Jackie Nelson, Hesston resident Cherilyn Dahlsten and Adam Strunk with The Harvey County Now newspaper.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

City Administrator Gary Emry asked for the following item be added to the agenda.

- Set Special Meeting Date and Time for Golf Course Clubhouse Improvements Discussion

Council President Susan Swartzendruber added the item to the agenda.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**CONSTITUENCY COMMENTS**

Council President Susan Swartzendruber opened the floor for constituency comments.

Hesston resident Cherilyn Dahlsten made comments concerning the 5G cell phone antenna on the city water tower.

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

**PROCLAMATIONS AND AWARDS**

Clare Moore moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the proclamation setting April 29<sup>th</sup> as Arbor Day in the City of Hesston. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**ACCEPT TEMPORARY NOTE BIDS – PRAIRIE LAKES PHASE II**

Brad Unruh moved to accept the low bid from Intrust Bank for \$300,000 in temporary note financing with the average annual interest rate of 2.42%. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1167: TEMP. NOTES – PRAIRIE LAKES PHASE II**

Larry Fuqua moved to adopt Resolution No. 1167 which authorizes temporary construction financing for the Prairie Lakes Phase II Addition. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**PRAIRIE LAKES PHASE II - CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT**

Clare Moore moved to approve the contract with Preferred Builders for the Prairie Lakes Phase II infrastructure project. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**NISLY BROTHERS, INC. CONTRACT – 2ND AMENDMENT**

Clare Moore moved to accept Nisly Brothers contract amendment that increases refuse and recycle rates effective May 1. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**ORDINANCE NO. 080-2022-022: REFUSE AND RECYCLE RATES**

Larry Fuqua moved to adopt Ordinance No. 080-2022-022 which sets monthly residential refuse and recycle collection rates. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**ORDINANCE NO. 020-2022-180: ADDING POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA TO UPOC**

Brad Unruh moved to adopt Ordinance No. 020-2022-180 which changes the penalty for the first possession of marijuana from a Class A Misdemeanor to an infraction with a \$150 fine. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1168 - SETTING OFFICIAL CITY NEWSPAPER**

Clare Moore moved to adopt Resolution No. 1168 which sets “The Hesston Record / The Harvey County Now” as the official newspaper for the City of Hesston. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**4 LEONARD CT. PURCHASE OFFER**

Clare Moore moved to accept the counteroffer from Juan Gomez in the amount of \$235,000 for the purchase of the 4 Leonard Ct. restaurant building. Michael Wallace seconded.

Clare Moore amended his motion to accept the counteroffer from Juan Gomez in the amount of \$235,000 for the purchase of the 4 Leonard Ct. restaurant building subject to the negotiation and execution of a purchase contract. Michael Wallace seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**HESSTON CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU REPORT**

Hesston Chamber Director Megan Smith provided an annual report on Hesston Convention and Visitors Bureau activities.

Brad Unruh moved to authorize the closing of Main Street from Old 81 Highway to the Hesston Public Library on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> for Home Sweet Hesston activities. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**GOLF CLUBHOUSE REMODEL**

Larry Fuqua moved to accept the quote from Hesston Decorating in the amount of \$23,546.36 for carpet and countertops at the Golf Course Clubhouse. Further, his motion authorized funding from reserves in the amount of \$20,000 to cover the unallocated cost of the improvements. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**ANNUAL DESIGNATION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

Larry Fuqua moved to nominate Susan Swartzendruber to serve a one-year term as Council President. Clare More seconded. Motion carried 4-0 with Susan Swartzendruber abstaining.

**HARVEY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – CITY APPOINTEES**

Clare Moore moved to confirm Mayor Kauffman’s appointments of Jason Jones and Tim Sweigart to two-year terms (May 1, 2022 to April 30, 2024) to the Harvey County Economic Development Council board. Brad Unruh. Motion carried 5-0.

**SET DATE FOR COUNCIL AND STAFF BUDGET WORK SESSION**

It was the consensus of the Council to set Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. as the date and time to hold a 2023 Council / Staff Budget Work Session

**SET SPECIAL MEETING DATE AND TIME FOR GOLF COURSE CLUBHOUSE IMPROVEMENTS DISCUSSION**

It was the consensus of the Council to set Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. as the date and time to discuss Golf Course Clubhouse Improvements.

**RECESS MEETING**

At 7:15 p.m. Larry Fuqua moved to recess the meeting to reconvene on Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. in the City Council Chambers for the sole purpose of discussing the Golf Course Clubhouse Improvements agenda item. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Recorded by  
Jason Thrasher  
City Clerk