

**CITY OF HESSTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

MINUTES of February 13, 2023

Council Meeting No. 3

The regular meeting of the Hesston City Council was held on Monday, February 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers / Municipal Court Building located at 110 E. Smith Street.

PRESENT

Council members Larry Fuqua (via phone), Michael Wallace, 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.

ABSENT

Council Member Brad Unruh

OTHERS PRESENT

Mitch Sweigart with Midwest Electric Transformers, James Kelsh with Imagine IT, Corey Janzen with Ideatek Fiber, Hesston Fire/EMS Director Russ Buller, Police Chief Chris Eilert, and Blake Spurney with Harvey County Now.

CONSENT AGENDA

Clare Moore moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Michael Wallace seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

CONSTITUENCY COMMENTS

Mayor Kauffman opened the floor for constituency comments. Hearing no comments, he proceeded to the next item of business.

PUBLIC HEARING

TAX ABATEMENT: MIDWEST ELECTRIC TRANSFORMER

At 6:03 p.m. Mayor Kauffman opened the Tax Abatement Public Hearing for Midwest Electric Transformer and solicited public comment.

Hearing no comment Mayor Kauffman closed the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 010-2023-230: TAX ABATEMENT MIDWEST ELECTRIC TRANSFORMER

City Attorney J.T. Klaus led the discussion of the abatement, ordinance, payment in lieu of taxes agreement, and cost benefit analysis. Midwest Electric Transformer owner Mitch Sweigart was in attendance to answer questions.

Clare Moore moved to approve Ordinance No. 010-2023-230, which authorizes a 10-year tax exemption for Midwest Electric Transformer. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

IDEATEK DARK FIBER / INTERNAL NETWORK QUOTE

Clare Moore moved to table this item and to have it brought back to the Council for consideration at the March 13th Council meeting. Michael Wallace seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

ANNUAL APPOINTMENT OF CITY OFFICERS

Clare Moore moved to approve the mayor's appointment of city officers as presented. The term would run through February 12, 2024.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>
City Administrator	Gary Emry
City Clerk	Jason Thrasher
City Treasurer	Rhonda Prieb
Deputy City Clerk	Warren Schmidt

Municipal Judge
City Attorney
City Prosecutor
Police Chief
Municipal Court Clerk
Director of Emergency Services

Randall Pankratz
J.T. Klaus
Heather Figger
Chris Eilert
Janet Thrasher
Russ Buller

Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

BRUSH TRUCK WALK-AROUND

It was the consensus of the Council to view the brush truck after the meeting adjourned. No council business would be discussed during the tour and those present at the meeting were welcome to attend.

ADJOURN MEETING

At 6:48 p.m. Michael Wallace moved to adjourn the meeting. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Recorded by
Jason Thrasher
City Clerk