

**CITY OF HESSTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

MINUTES of May 8, 2023

Council Meeting No. 7

The regular meeting of the Hesston City Council was held on Monday, May 8, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers / Municipal Court Building located at 110 E. Smith Street.

PRESENT

Council members Larry Fuqua (by phone), Brad Unruh, Clare Moore, Susan Swartzendruber, and Michael Wallace, City Administrator Gary Emry, City Attorney J.T. Klaus, and City Clerk Jason Thrasher with Mayor David Kauffman presiding. A quorum was present.

ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Hesston resident Jared Kinder, Hesston resident Mitch Sweigert, Police Chief Chris Eilert, Chamber Director Kim Wallace, Library Director Jackie Nelson, and Adam Strunk with Harvey County Now.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Larry Fuqua requested the following item be added to the agenda:

- Discussion of June 5th Public Forum Discussion

Mayor Kauffman added the item to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

CONSTITUENCY COMMENTS

Mayor Kauffman opened the floor for constituency comments.

Hesston resident Jared Kinder requested the council consider lowering the speed limit on residential streets.

Mayor Kauffman directed staff to add the item to the June agenda.

PUBLIC HEARING

NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLAN

At 6:10 p.m. Mayor Kauffman opened the public hearing and asked for public comment.

Hearing no public comment, he closed the public hearing at 6:11 p.m.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 1175: NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLAN

Clare Moore moved to adopt Resolution No. 1175 which approves the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan and authorizes the Mayor to enter into an interlocal agreement with USD 460 and Harvey County. Susan Swartzendruber seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 130-2023-136: AMEND ZONING MAP

Mayor Kauffman asked staff if any protests had been received. There were none.

Mayor Kauffman asked the council if any of them had a conflict of interest regarding this issue. There were none.

Mayor Kauffman confirmed that the council had received the Planning and Zoning packets and minutes of April 3rd.

Michael Wallace made a motion to file the Planning and Zoning Minutes of April 3rd in the public record. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

At 6:20 p.m., Larry Fuqua called into the meeting.

City Administrator Gary Emry provided a report on the April 3rd Planning and Zoning meeting.

Mayor Kauffman asked if staff had received any other communication regarding this topic. City Clerk Jason Thrasher responded that the Planning and Zoning Minutes that were provided to the council contained written information that was not read at the April 3rd meeting. No other communication had been received.

Mayor Kauffman asked Mitch Sweigart, the parcel owner requesting the zoning change, if he had anything to add to the discussion. He did not.

Brad Unruh moved to adopt Ordinance No. 130-2023-136 and the findings and factors recommended by the Planning and Zoning Board. Michael Wallace seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

ANNUAL CHAMBER PRESENTATION

Hesston Chamber and Convention and Visitors Bureau Director Kim Wallace gave an annual presentation of Chamber and CVB activities.

AUTHORIZE POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE SALE

Brad Unruh moved to authorize the sale of a 2016 2WD Tahoe to other police departments or through the Purple Wave auction site. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

AUTHORIZE POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE PURCHASE

Clare Moore moved to approve the quote from Superior Emergency Response Vehicle in the amount of \$53,247.51 for the purchase of an AWD 2023 Dodge Durango Pursuit Vehicle. The funds would come from the Police Department Equipment Reserve. Susan Swartzendruber seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

2022 AUDIT LETTER

The 2022 audit letter from Lindburg Vogel Pierce Faris Chartered was presented to the council.

JUNE 5TH PUBLIC FORUM DISCUSSION

Larry Fuqua made a motion to cancel the public forum scheduled for June 5th. Michael Wallace seconded. Motion carried 4-0 with Clare Moore abstaining.

EXECUTIVE SESSION NO. 1

At 6:50 p.m., Susan Swartzendruber moved to enter an executive session for 20 minutes pursuant to the exemption related to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2) for the purpose of holding an attorney – client discussion. The open meeting would resume at 7:10 p.m. in the city council chambers, with those present in the executive session being the mayor, city council, city administrator, and city attorney. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

At 7:10 p.m., the regular session resumed with no binding action taken during the session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION NO. 2

At 7:10 p.m., Clare Moore moved to enter an executive session for 20 minutes pursuant to the exemption related to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(6) for the purpose of holding preliminary discussions relating to the acquisition of real estate. The open meeting would resume at 7:30 p.m. in the city council chambers, with those present in the executive session being the mayor, city council, city administrator, and city attorney. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

At 7:30 p.m., the regular session resumed with no binding action taken during the session.

At 7:30 p.m., Larry Fuqua left the meeting.

ADJOURN MEETING

At 7:30 p.m., Michael Wallace moved to adjourn the meeting. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Recorded by
Jason Thrasher
City Clerk