

**CITY OF HESSTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

MINUTES of August 14, 2023

Council Meeting No. 10

The regular meeting of the Hesston City Council was held on Monday, August 14, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers / Municipal Court Building located at 110 E. Smith Street.

PRESENT

Council members Larry Fuqua, Michael Wallace, Brad Unruh, Clare Moore, Susan Swartzendruber, 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

Auditor Randy Hoffmeyer with Lindburg Vogel Pierce Faris, Fire and EMS Director Russ Buller, Police Chief Chris Eilert, Library Director Jackie Nelson, and Adam Strunk with Harvey County Now.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

CONSENT AGENDA

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

CONSTITUENCY COMMENTS

Mayor Kauffman opened the floor for constituency comments. Hearing none he moved to the next item of business.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 020-2023-184: UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENSE CODE

Larry Fuqua made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 020-2023-184: 2023 Uniform Public Offense Code. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 020-2023-185: STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE

Clare Moore made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 020-2023-185: 2023 Standard Traffic Ordinance. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 140-2023-041: SET WEBSITE AS OFFICIAL CITY NEWSPAPER

Clare Moore made a motion to adopt Charter Ordinance No. 140-2023-041 which allows a change to the city code that would allow the passage of a resolution to set the city website as the official city newspaper. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

SUNSET DRIVE PROJECT

Clare Moore moved approve the purchase and installation of a teahouse play structure in the amount of \$4,500 for the Sunset Drive cul-de-sac. Michael Wallace seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

SELECT NAME FOR GOLF EVENT CENTER VENUE

Clare Moore moved to select "Fairway Event Center" as the name for the new golf course event center venue. Michael Wallace seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

2022 AUDIT PRESENTATION

Randy Hofmeier with Lindburg Vogel Pierce Faris Chartered was in attendance to present the 2022 Audited Financial Statements.

Clare Moore moved to accept the 2022 Audit as presented. Susan Swartzendruber seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

XEROX COPIER AGREEMENT

Clare Moore moved to approve the 5-year lease for a Xerox copy machine through ImageQuest. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

CHILDREN'S PARK LANDSCAPING

It was the consensus of the council to direct the city administrator to work within his spending authority to develop a project with Dreier's Lawn Irrigation and Hardscapes to update the landscaping at Children's Park.

KMGA BOARD ALTERNATE DIRECTOR NOMINATION

Larry Fuqua moved to appoint Jason Thrasher as the Alternate Director to the KMGA Board of Directors. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

APPOINT VOTING DELEGATES – LEAGUE OF KANSAS MUNICIPALITIES ANNUAL MEETING

Clare Moore moved to appoint Gary Emry and Jason Thrasher as voting delegates to the LKM Annual Meeting. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

TRAILS PROJECT – COST SHARE PROGRAM

Michael Wallace moved to authorize the city administrator to apply for a KDOT Cost Share Grant for the 2023 cycle in the amount of \$400,000 with a 70% state and 30% city split (KDOT \$280,000 - city \$120,000). The grant would fund the construction of a walking trail through the golf course, under the highway, and to the neighborhoods east of the interstate. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

2024-208 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Larry Fuqua moved to approve the 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Plan as presented. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

2024 CITY BUDGET – APPROVE PUBLICATION AND SET PUBLIC HEARING

Brad Unruh moved to authorize the 2024 Hesston City Budget for publication and to set the budget public hearing date and the revenue neutral public hearing date for September 11, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Hesston City Council Chambers. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

2024 LAND BANK BUDGET – APPROVE PUBLICATION AND SET PUBLIC HEARING

At 7:25 p.m., Brad Unruh moved to recess the meeting of the Hesston City Council and convene the meeting of the Hesston Land Bank. Michael Wallace seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

At 7:26 p.m., Brad Unruh moved to adjourn the meeting of the Hesston Land Bank and reconvene the meeting of the Hesston City Council. Michael Wallace seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:30 p.m., Brad Unruh moved to enter an executive session for 20 minutes pursuant to the exemption related to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel. The open meeting would resume at 7:50 p.m. in the city council chambers, with those present in the executive session being the mayor, city council, and city administrator. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

At 7:50 p.m., the regular session resumed with no binding action taken during the session.

ADJOURN MEETING

At 7:50 p.m., Clare Moore moved to adjourn the meeting. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Recorded by
Jason Thrasher
City Clerk