

**CITY OF HESSTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

MINUTES of September 11, 2023

Council Meeting No. 11

The regular meeting of the Hesston City Council was held on Monday, September 11, 2023, at 6:00 pm in the City Council Chambers at 110 E. Smith Street.

PRESENT

Council members Larry Fuqua, 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

Council Member Brad Unruh

OTHERS PRESENT

Police Sergeant Steven Dryzmalla, Fire & EMS Director Russ Buller, Public Works Superintendent Scott Robertson, Utility Foreman Chad Mason, Hesston Library Director Jackie Nelson and Adam Strunk with Harvey County Now.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Mayor Kauffman asked if there were any additions to the agenda.

City Administrator Gary Emry added the following item:

- Vac-Truck Repair Quote

Mayor Kauffman added the item to the agenda and moved on to the next item of business.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

CONSTITUENCY COMMENTS

Mayor Kauffman opened the floor for constituency comments. Library Director Jackie Nelson thanked the council for the increased funding in the 2024 budget.

NEW BUSINESS

VAC TRUCK REPAIR

Michael Wallace approved the quote from Red Equipment, LLC in the amount of \$24,829.15 to repair the Vac-Truck. Susan Swartzendruber seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE PUBLIC HEARING

At 6:10 p.m. Clare Moore moved to open the Revenue Neutral Rate public hearing. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Kauffman asked for public comment and heard none.

Council Member Clare Moore wanted it on record that he thought the Council should have provided the extra \$10,000 in funding that the Library requested in the 2024 budget. He stated that the Library funding should be equitable with other city departments and stressed the work the library does with the underserved.

At 6:11 p.m. Mayor Kauffman closed the public hearing.

RESOLUTION NO. 1177 – REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE

Michael Wallace moved to approve Resolution No. 1177 which authorizes the city to exceed the revenue neutral rate with the 2024 budget. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 3-1 with

Larry Fuqua, Michael Wallace, and Susan Swartzendruber voting in favor and Clare Moore voting against.

2024 CITY BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

At 6:15 p.m. Susan Swartzendruber moved to open the 2024 City Budget public hearing. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Kauffman asked for public comment and heard none.

At 6:17 p.m. mayor Kauffman closed the public hearing.

2024 CITY BUDGET APPROVAL

Larry Fuqua moved to approve the 2024 City Budget as presented. Michael Wallace seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

At 6:18 p.m. Clare Moore moved to recess the meeting of the Hesston City Council and convene a meeting of the Hesston Land Bank. Michael Wallace seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

At 6:21 p.m. Michael Wallace moved to adjourn the meeting of the Hesston Land Bank and reconvene the meeting of the Hesston City Council. Susan Swartzendruber seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

VIN INSPECTION AGREEMENT WITH KHP

Michael Wallace moved to approve the VIN Inspection Agreement with the Kansas Highway Patrol. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

REVIEW 2019-2024 STRATEGIC PLAN

It was the consensus of the Council to set a work session date for this topic at the October 11th Council Meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:37p.m. Clare Moore moved to enter into an executive session for 20 minutes pursuant to the exemption related to attorney client privilege (K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2)) for the purpose of discussing privileged information in the attorney client relationship. The open meeting would resume in the city council chambers at 6:57 p.m. with those present in the executive session being the Mayor, City Council, City Administrator, and City Attorney. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

At 6:57 p.m. the regular session resumed with no binding action taken during the session.

ADJOURN MEETING

At 7:00 p.m. Clare Moore moved to adjourn the meeting. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Recorded by
Jason Thrasher
City Clerk