

**CITY OF HESSTON
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

MINUTES of December 19, 2023

Council Meeting No. 17

The special meeting of the Hesston City Council was held on Tuesday, December 19, 2023, at 7:00 am. in the City Council Chambers at 110 E. Smith Street.

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Fire and EMS Director Russ Buller, Fire/EMS Operations Officer Zach Bergen, and County Administrator Anthony Swartzendruber.

AGENDA ITEMS

EMS COUNTY FUNDED POSITIONS

Fire/EMS Director Russ Buller provided information to the council related to 2024 county grant funding that would provide \$140,000 per year to fund two additional full-time EMS positions in Hesston.

EMS WEEKEND ON-CALL PROPOSAL

Fire/EMS Director Russ Buller briefed the council on a staffing model that would pay part-time employees to be on-call during weekend shifts.

EMS / CHAMBER OFFICE RELOCATION

Brad Unruh moved to approve the bid of \$16,665 from Preferred Builders to install an exterior door in the Council Chamber's building that would allow the Chamber of Commerce office to relocate to the south conference room. The city would split the cost with the Chamber of Commerce, where each entity would pay \$8,332.50. Susan Swartzendruber seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

EMS TRAINING ROOM BASEMENT REMODEL

Brad Unruh moved to approve the quote from Preferred Builders in the amount of \$78,615 to remodel the city hall basement into Fire/EMS living quarters that would allow for 24hr staffing. Further, the motion set a not-to-exceed amount of \$115,000 in total to outfit the new area with the required equipment.

ADJOURN MEETING

At 8:06 a.m. Larry Fuqua moved to adjourn the meeting. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Recorded by
Jason Thrasher
City Clerk