

**CITY OF HESSTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

MINUTES of January 29, 2024

Council Meeting No. 2

The regular meeting of the Hesston City Council was reconvened on Monday, January 29, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Hesston Middle School Library located at 100 N. Ridge Rd.

PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

USD 460: Kevin Logan, Judy Reimer, Layne Frick, Phil Diller, Susan Rostetter, Susan Lamb, Sara Jantz, Jerry Minninger, and Ben Hershberger.

Hesston Recreation: Lance Carter, Jake Sedbrook, Janell Mendenhall, Grady Pauls, Megan Smith, Keli Wray, Blake Buhrman, Deedee Landes,

Others: Hesston Library Director Jackie Nelson, and Laurie Oswald Robinson with Harvey County Now.

JOINT MEETING

Each entity provided a report on current projects and activities.

USD460 School – Superintendent Kevin Logan

- School Project Update
- Middle School Building Disposition

City Update – City Administrator Gary Emry

- 2019-2024 Strategic Plan Review
- 2025-2030 Strategic Plan Development Process
- Grocery Store Project Update
- Fire / EMS Staffing

Hesston Recreation Update – Director Lance Carter

- Ad Hoc Committee Report – Hesston Middle School Building Disposition

At 7:45 p.m. each entity separated and held their own board meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

TEXT-MY-GOV FREE UTILITIES CONTEST UPDATE

City Administrator Emry shared with the council that 826 residents have signed up for Text-My-Gov notifications and are eligible for the free utilities contest. He asked Mayor Kauffman to stop by city hall in mid-February to pick a winner.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL MEETING

It was the consensus of the council to hold a special meeting on Friday, February 9th at 7:00 a.m. in the council chambers to discuss economic development.

DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES POSITION UPDATE

City Administrator Emry provided an update on the search for a new director of emergency services to replace the current director who is retiring this spring.

ADJOURN MEETING

At 7:55 p.m. Susan Swartzendruber moved to adjourn the meeting. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Recorded by
Jason Thrasher
City Clerk