

**CITY OF HESSTON  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**MINUTES of May 13, 2024**

**Council Meeting No. 8**

The regular meeting of the Hesston City Council was held on Monday, May 13, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers / Municipal Court Building located at 110 E. Smith Street.

**PRESENT**

Council members Brad Unruh, Susan Swartzendruber, Clare Moore, and Michael Wallace (phone), 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 Larry Fuqua

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Hesston residents Jim, Grant, and Doug Brenneman; Larry and Roxana Koch; Russ Buller; and Courtney Critchfield. Dr. David Guo, Dr. Merci Umeri from Wichita State University, and Rusty Witcher with Harvey County Now.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None

**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 Courtney Critchfield spoke to the council about the condition of the parks and her interest in seeing them updated.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Kauffman moved to the next agenda item.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

None

**PROCLAMATIONS AND AWARDS**

**LIFE SAVER AWARDS PRESENTATION**

Fire/EMS Director Zach Bergen presented lifesaving awards to Hesston resident Anthony Copeland and Hesston Police Officer Colt Pfautz. On March 29<sup>th</sup>, they performed CPR on a Hesston resident who was found unresponsive in the area of the high school and Park Rd.

**MINIMPA CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION**

Mayor Kauffman presented City Clerk Jason Thrasher with a certificate for completing the Wichita State Hugo Wall School of Public Affairs 2024 MiniMPA Program.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**WINDOVER UPDATE**

This item was removed from the agenda with no action taken.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ANNUAL CHAMBER PRESENTATION**

Hesston Chamber Director Kim Wallace gave an annual update on Chamber and CVB activities and finances.

**2023 AUDIT POTENTIAL RISKS COMMUNICATION LETTER**

The 2023 Audit Potential Risks Communication letter from Lindburg Vogel Pierce Faris Chartered was presented to the council.

**SALE OF CHEVY TAHOE**

Clare Moore moved to approve the sale of a 2019 Chevy Police Tahoe to the City of Moundridge for \$20,000. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**PURCHASE OF DODGE DURANGO**

Clare Moore moved to approve the purchase of a 2024 Dodge Durango for the Police Department from Superior Emergency Response Vehicles in the amount of \$55,279.83. Susan Swartzendruber seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**YEARLY AGREEMENT WITH HESSTON VETERINARY CLINIC**

Brad Unruh moved to approve the Hesston Veterinary Clinic contract as presented. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**PURPLEWAVE AUCTION**

Brad Unruh moved to approve the sale of scrap and surplus equipment and materials on the Purplewave auction site. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**MULTI-USE VEHICLE PURCHASE X 2**

Susan Swartzendruber moved to approve the purchase of qty. (2) Kawasaki Pro-MX EPS multi-use vehicles from Dan’s Cycle in the following amounts:

- Parks (tax-exempt).....\$13,734.80
- Public Works (taxed).....\$14,846.76

Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**MOWER PURCHASE**

Clare Moore moved to approve the purchase of a 2024 Hustler Turf Equipment Super Z 72” Mower from Dan’s Cycle for use by the Public Works Department. Susan Swartzendruber seconded. Motion carried 3-0 with council member Brad Unruh abstaining.

**ROUGH MOWERS PURCHASE X 2**

Clare Moore moved to approve the cash purchase of qty. (1) ExMark Lazer Z Diesel Commercial Zero-Turn Mower from Kansas Golf and Turf in the amount of \$45,299. Michael Wallace seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Clare Moore made a motion to direct staff to explore finance options to purchase qty. (1), an additional mower, with those options being presented at a future meeting. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

**ADJOURN MEETING**

At 7:08 p.m. Clare Moore moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Recorded by  
Jason Thrasher, City Clerk