

**CITY OF HESSTON  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**MINUTES of May 20, 2024**

**Council Meeting No. 9**

The special meeting of the Hesston City Council was held on Monday, May 20, 2024, at 6:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers / Municipal Court Building located at 110 E. Smith Street.

**PRESENT**

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

**ABSENT**

Council member Brad Unruh

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Dean Leatherman with Preferred Builders and Adam Strunk with Harvey County Now.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**COUNCIL / STAFF 2025 BUDGET WORK SESSION**

The council met with department heads to discuss the 2025 capital improvement plan and departmental operating budgets.

**REIMBURSEMENT FOR SEWAGE LAGOON CONSTRUCTION**

Michael Wallace moved to approve reimbursement in the amount of \$36,488.98 to Midwest Transformer Services for the construction of a sewage lagoon. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**N. EMMA CREEK ROAD CONTRACTION**

Michael Wallace moved to approve the bid from APAC Shears in the amount of \$167,212 to make improvements to N. Emma Creek Road. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**ROUGH MOWERS PURCHASE**

Clare Moore moved to approve the cash purchase of qty. 2 ExMark Lazer Z Diesel Mowers from Kansas Golf and Turf in the amount of \$90,598. Michael Wallace seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 9:55 a.m., Michael Wallace moved to enter into an executive session for 45 minutes pursuant to the non-elected personnel exemption (K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1)) for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. The open meeting would resume in the city council chambers at 10:40 a.m. with those present in the executive session being the mayor, city council and city administrator. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

At 10:40 a.m., the special meeting resumed with no binding action taken during the session.

At 10:40 a.m., Larry Fuqua moved to enter into an executive session for 20 minutes pursuant to the non-elected personnel exemption (K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1)) for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. The open meeting would resume in the city council chambers at 11:00 a.m. with those present in the executive session being the mayor, city council and city administrator. Michael Wallace seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

At 11:00 a.m., the special meeting resumed with no binding action taken during the session.

**RIDGE POINTE DEVELOPMENT**

City Administrator Gary Emry led a discussion explaining how (TIF) Tax Increment Financing could be used to fund Ridge Pointe Development infrastructure.

**ADJOURN MEETING**

At 12:00 p.m. Larry Fuqua moved to adjourn the special meeting. Michael Wallace seconded.  
Motion carried 4-0.

Recorded by  
Jason Thrasher,  
City Clerk