

**CITY OF HESSTON  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**MINUTES of August 13, 2018**

**Council Meeting No.12**

The regular meeting of the Hesston City Council was held on Monday, August 13, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of the Hesston Municipal Building.

***PRESENT***

Council members Larry Fuqua, Jason Jones, Susan Swartzendruber and Clare Moore, 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***

Hesston resident Dustin Galden – 426 Harvest Rd., Hesston resident RA Howard – 422 Harvest Rd., Hesston residents Ed and Myrna Cherry – 429 S. Hwy 81, Mark Arrasmith with Hesston MB Church, Police Chief Doug Schroeder, Harvey County Economic Development Council Director Beth Shelton, Auditor Randy Hofmeier with Lindburg Vogel Pierce and Faris, and Jackie Nelson with the Hesston Record.

***ADDITIONS / CHANGES TO THE AGENDA***

City Administrator Gary Emry requested the following item(s) be added to the agenda:

- Property Purchase Request – Mr. and Mrs. Cherry
- Harvest Road Lot Purchase Offer

Mayor Kauffman added the item(s) from the agenda.

*Mayor Kauffman asked for a motion to rearrange the items on the agenda to better accommodate those present who were in attendance to speak on different agenda items.*

*Jason Jones moved to rearrange the agenda as requested by the Mayor. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 4-0.*

**HARVEY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL UPDATE**

Harvey County Economic Development Council Director Beth Shelton was present to give the Council an update on the HCEDC budget and projects.

**PROPERTY PURCHASE REQUEST – MR. & MRS. CHERRY**

Hesston residents Ed and Myrna Cherry - 429 S. Hwy 81 were present to discuss their offer to purchase city-owned land adjacent to their home.

It was the consensus of the Council to defer this item to the September 10<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

**HESSTON MB CHURCH RENTAL REQUEST**

Mark Arrasmith with Hesston MB Church was present to request that the church enter into a month-to-month arrangement with the city to allow their youth group to rent the room on the east side of the 110 E. Smith property.

The item was referred to staff to develop a written lease that would be placed on the September 10<sup>th</sup> agenda.

***CONSENT AGENDA***

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

**CONSTITUENCY COMMENTS**

Mayor Kauffman asked for constituency comments. Hearing none he moved to the next item of business.

**PROCLAMATIONS AND AWARDS**

**YEARS OF SERVICE RECOGNITION FOR CITY EMPLOYEES**

Mayor Kauffman recognized the years of municipal service of the following City employees:

- Jim Schmidt.....10 years
- Jason Thrasher...10 years
- Rhonda Prieb.....15 years

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF 2019 CITY BUDGET**

At 6:45 p.m. Jason Jones made a motion to open the public hearing for a time period not to exceed 1 minute. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Kauffman asked for public comment. Hearing none, he requested a motion to close the public hearing.

At 6:46 p.m. Larry Fuqua moved to close the public hearing. Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Larry Fuqua moved to approve the 2019 budget as presented. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**RECESS COUNCIL MEETING AND CONVENE LAND BANK MEETING**

At 6:48 p.m. Clare Moore moved to recess the meeting of the Hesston City Council and convene the meeting of the Hesston Land Bank. Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**ADJOURN LAND BANK MEETING AND RECONVENE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

At 8:00 p.m. Larry Fuqua moved to adjourn the meeting of the Hesston Land Bank and reconvene the meeting of the Hesston City Council. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**ORDINANCE NO. 020-2018-166: 2018 UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENCE CODE**

Police Chief Doug Schroeder was in attendance to present the 2018 Uniform Public Offense Code Ordinance.

Jason Jones moved to adopt Ordinance No. 020-2018-166: Uniform Public Offense Code 2018. Susan Swartzendruber seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**ORDINANCE NO. 020-2018-0167: 2018 STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE**

Police Chief Doug Schroeder was in attendance to present the 2018 Standard Traffic Ordinance.

Jason Jones moved to adopt Ordinance No. 020-2018-167: Standard Traffic Ordinance Code 2018. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1144 BLUESTEM COMMUNITIES REQUEST FOR APPROVAL IRBS**

Clare Moore moved to adopt Resolution No. 1144 which authorizes the issuance of IRB's for Bluestem Communities in an amount not to exceed \$12,000,000. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 3-0 with Council Member Jason Jones abstaining.

**HOUSING STUDY AND NEEDS ASSESSMENT PROPOSALS**

Clare Moore moved to accept the proposal from Canyon Research Company to perform a *Housing Study and Needs Assessment* for an amount not to exceed \$10,000 with the funds coming from the Capital Improvement Fund. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**2017 AUDIT PRESENTATION**

Randy Hofmeier with Lindburg Vogel Pierce Faris, Chartered presented the 2017 audit of the City's financial statements and answered council questions.

Larry Fuqua moved to accept the 2017 audit report. Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**APPOINT VOTING DELEGATES - LKM ANNUAL MEETING**

Clare Moore moved to appoint David Kauffman and Jason Jones as a voting delegates to the League of Kansas Municipalities Annual Conference (October 6-8, 2018). Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT DISCUSSION**

City Administrator Gary Emry led a discussion that outlined current code enforcement practices in the city. No action was taken on this item.

At 8:56 p.m. Council Member Jason Jones left the meeting.

**AUTHORIZE PAYMENT FOR REPAIRS TO DUMP TRUCK**

Larry Fuqua moved to approve payment to Summit Truck Group in the amount of \$19,096.24 for repairs made to the 2005 International dump truck. Susan Swartzendruber seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**GOLF COURSE CLUBHOUSE RENOVATION**

Clare Moore moved to select Preferred Builders as the design-build contractor for the Golf Course Clubhouse Renovation Project. Larry Fuqua Seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

At 8:59 p.m. Council Member Jason Jones returned to the meeting.

**CITY HALL/COUNCIL ROOM RENOVATION AND REMODEL**

It was the consensus of the Council to recess the current meeting to Monday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. to discuss this item.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 9:05 p.m. Jason Jones moved to enter into an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss pending litigation pursuant to the exemption related to attorney client privilege (K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2)) for the purpose of discussing pending litigation. The open meeting to resume in the city council chambers at 9:25 p.m. with those present in the executive session being the Mayor, City Council, City Administrator, City Attorney and City Clerk. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

At 9:25 p.m. the regular meeting resumed with no action taking place during the executive session.

At 9:25 p.m. Larry Fuqua moved to re-enter the executive session with the same persons pursuant to the same justification and purpose for 10 additional minutes to resume in open session at 9:35. Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

At 9:35 p.m. Larry Fuqua moved to exit the executive session and resume open session with no action taken during Executive Session. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Thereafter, Clare Moore moved to reject the offer by Graber Grain Farms, LLC to settle a pending appeal to the District Court. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**RECESS**

At 9:36 p.m. Clare Moore moved to recess the meeting to reconvene at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup> in the City Council Room at City Hall. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Recorded by  
Jason Thrasher  
City Clerk