

**CITY OF HESSTON  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**MINUTES of September 12, 2011**

**Council Meeting No.9**

The regular meeting of the Hesston City Council was held on Monday, September 12, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of the Hesston Municipal Building.

**PRESENT**

Council members Desiree Martens, Brad Unruh, Lee Birch, Pat Moore, City Administrator John Carder, City Attorney Tim Larson and City Clerk Jason Thrasher with Mayor David Kauffman presiding. A quorum was present.

**ABSENT**

John Reimer (arrived at 8:00 p.m.)

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Hesston residents Harold Winsinger, Leroy and Laurie Duerksen, Cecil and Eunice Banning; LuAlan Willems and Marcy Thiesen with the Hesston Community Foundation; Carlota M. Ponds – Executive Director of the Hesston Chamber; Director of Emergency Services Russ Buller; Hesston city employee Chad Mason; Kurt Horst – Lead Pastor at Whitestone Mennonite Church and Jackie Nelson with the Hesston Record.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Mayor Kauffman added the following items to the agenda:

- Bridge at Hole #9 at the Golf Course – requested by City Administrator Carder
- Burn Site Issues – requested by Council Member Moore

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Desiree Martens moved to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. Lee Birch seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**PROCLAMATION AND AWARDS**

Mayor Kauffman recognized the following employees for their years of service to the City of Hesston:

- Chad Mason – 10 Years (present)
- Sally Hood – 10 Years
- Jeff Wilson – 10 Years
- Brad Unruh – 15 Years (present)

**REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF SIGN REGULATIONS FOR BANNER PLACEMENT BY THE HESSTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

LuAlan Willems and Marcy Thiesen addressed the Council and requested to place banners and signs around the city to promote the fund raising efforts of the Hesston Community Foundation.

Brad Unruh moved to approve the request by the Hesston Community Foundation to waive sign regulations and allow for the placement of signs and banners in residential zones and on city property. The signs would promote fund raising for the Hesston Community Foundation. It was further stipulated that the waiver would be renewed annually via a letter of request due by April 1<sup>st</sup> and that sign placement would be approved by city staff. Pat Moore seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**ORDINANCE NO. 020-2011-140**

Lee Birch moved to adopt Ordinance No. 020-2011-140 which authorizes the operation of golf carts on city streets and repeals Ordinance No. 020-2009-131 and section 114.4 of the 2011 standard traffic ordinance. Desiree Martens seconded. Motion carried 3-1 with Council Member Moore casting the dissenting vote.

**ORDINANCE NO. 020-2011-141**

Brad Unruh moved to adopt Ordinance No. 020-2011-141 which authorizes the operation of work-utility vehicles and micro utility trucks on city streets and repeals sections 114.2 and 114.5 of the 2011 standard traffic ordinance. Lee Birch seconded. Motion carried 3-1 with Council Member Moore casting the dissenting vote.

**PUBLIC HEARING – CONDEMNATION OF STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 240 E. PINE STREET**

At 6:48 p.m. Mayor Kauffman opened the public hearing.

Director of Emergency Services / Public Safety Officer Russ Buller made a report as to the condition of the property. Leroy Duerksen made no comment. Laurie Duerksen addressed the council and requested more time to continue the clean-up efforts.

At 7:26 p.m. the meeting was closed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1090 – CONDEMNATION ORDER OF STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 240 E. PINE STREET**

Brad Unruh moved to grant a 60 day extension to allow for additional clean-up before considering Resolution No. 1090. The motion further required an update in 30 days from Public Safety Officer Buller listing the violations that had been addressed and those that still required attention. Desiree Martens seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**ORDINANCE NO. 020-2011-142**

Pat Moore moved to adopt Ordinance No. 020-2011-142 which establishes a no-parking zone on the West and South side of Park View Road in Hesston, Kansas. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**APPOINT NEW MEMBER TO THE LIBRARY BOARD**

Brad Unruh moved to appoint Kevin Wilder to the Hesston Public Library Board to fill the unexpired term of Brett Esau which ends in 2014. Pat Moore seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Council Member John Reimer arrived at 8:00 p.m.

**CONSIDER COUNCIL PLANNING RETREAT / MULTI YEAR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

This item was referred to staff.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**PURCHASE NEW GAS LEAK EQUIPMENT**

Pat Moore moved to approve the purchase of a gas leak detector from Southern Cross Corporation in the amount of \$4,667. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**PURCHASE VENDING EQUIPMENT FOR BULK WATER CUSTOMERS**

Pat Moore moved to not approve the purchase of new vending equipment for bulk water sales. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**BRIDGE AT HOLE #9 – HESSTON PUBLIC GOLF COURSE**

Brad Unruh moved to approve the donation from BMG Manufacturing of labor and rubber belting to be affixed down the middle of the bridge at hole #9 at the golf course. Pat Moore seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

**BURN SITE ISSUES**

It was the consensus of the Council to direct staff to place signage at the burn site that details the rules and regulations of the sites operations.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 8:20 p.m. John Reimer moved to adjourn to an Executive Session for 40 minutes to discuss personnel issues with the Council, City Administrator, City Attorney and City Clerk being present. Lee Birch seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

At 9:00 the regular meeting reconvened with no action taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:05 p.m. Pat Moore moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Desiree Martens seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Recorded by  
Jason Thrasher  
City Clerk