

**CITY OF HESSTON  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**MINUTES of November 12, 2012**

**Council Meeting No.11**

The regular meeting of the Hesston City Council was held on Monday, November 12, 2012 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**

Council Member John Reimer

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Rose Mary Saunders with Ranson Financial, Bruce Helm and Mark Isley with Group Benefits Specialists, Susan Moore representing Hesston Bethel Performing Arts, Mike Kellogg with Blue Tee Management, Emergency Services Director Russ Buller, and Jackie Nelson with the Hesston Record

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

City Administrator John Carder requested that the following item be added to the agenda:

- Refinance of KDHE Water Tower Loan and Callable GO Bonds

Mayor Kauffman added the item to the agenda.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**KDHE REVOLVING LOAN FOR WWTP**

At 6:05 p.m. Mayor Kauffman opened the public hearing.

Rose Mary Saunders with Ranson Financial explained the purpose of the public hearing and answered questions posed by the Council relating to the KDHE Revolving Loan.

Hearing no public comment, the Mayor closed the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**WWTP LOAN ADMINISTRATION CONTRACT WITH RANSON FINANCIAL CONSULTANTS**

Rose Mary Saunders was available and answered council questions as to the WWTP Loan Administration contract with Ranson Financial.

Pat Moore moved to approve the contract as presented. Desiree Martens seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**WATER TOWER LOAN AND CALLABLE BONDS REFINANCE**

City Administrator John Carder reported on the city’s financial advisors recommendation to refinance the KDHE Water Tower Loan and 2002 & 2004 GO bonds.

It was the consensus of the Council to direct staff to proceed with this issue.

**CONSTITUENCY COMMENTS**

**HESSTON BETHEL PERFORMING ARTS**

Susan Moore, representing Hesston Bethel Performing Arts, was present to talk about the programs upcoming schedule of performers and to thank the Council for their support.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**UPDATE ON HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS BY GROUP BENEFITS SPECIALISTS**

Bruce Helm and Mark Isley with Groups Benefits Specialists presented the Council with options for the City of Hesston - Employee Health Insurance Plan and a timeline for the upcoming renewal.

**UPDATE BY BLUE TEE MANAGEMENT ON CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

Mike Kellogg with Blue Tee Management reviewed the current and future Capital Improvement Projects at the Hesston Public Golf Course.

**PURCHASE OF SULFUR BURNER FOR RECLAIMED WATER TREATMENT**

Lee Birch moved to approve the purchase of a sulfur burner from AguaDulce, LLC in the amount of \$14,995. The equipment will be used to treat reclaimed water from the wastewater treatment plant for use in golf course irrigation. Pat Moore seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**PURCHASE OF BUILDING LOCATED AT 102 S. WEAVER FOR FIRE/ EMS TRAINING FACILITY**

Emergency Services Director Russ Buller shared with the Council his vision for the use of the building located at 102 S. Weaver as a Fire and EMS Training Facility.

No action was taken on this item.

**PROPOSAL TO ADD REGULAR PART-TIME PARAMEDIC**

Emergency Services Director Russ Buller shared with the Council his proposal to add a regular part-time Paramedic position to the Hesston EMS Department.

Lee Birch moved to approve the proposal to hire a regular part-time paramedic to the Hesston EMS Department. Desire Martens seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**FIRE HYDRANT SPECIFICATIONS**

Emergency Services Director Russ Buller presented engineering standards for fire hydrants and recommended they be adopted by the City of Hesston.

Brad Unruh moved to adopt the fire hydrant specifications as presented. Pat Moore seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **SET DATES AND PERMIT FEE FOR SALE AND DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS IN 2013 WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF HESSTON**

This item was referred to staff.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **NOTICE OF BOARD AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS TO BE MADE IN DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING**

The Council considered this to be an information item since appointments will actually take place during the December Council Meeting. Consequently, no action was taken by the Council.

### **REPAIR AND REINSTALL PUMP IN WELL #11**

Pat Moore moved to approve the bid from Layne Christensen in the amount of \$11,010.48 to make repairs to Well #11. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 9:10 p.m. Brad Unruh moved to enter into an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss land acquisition with the participants in the session being the council members, city clerk and city administrator. Lee Birch seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

At 9:25 p.m. the regular meeting was reconvened with no action taken.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:26 p.m. Pat Moore moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Desiree Martens seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Recorded by  
Jason Thrasher  
City Clerk