

**CITY OF HESSTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

MINUTES of August 12, 2013

Council Meeting No. 8

The regular meeting of the Hesston City Council was held on Monday, August 12, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of the Hesston Municipal Building.

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

Todd Anderson with SMH Consultants, Utilities Superintendent Scott Robertson, Alan Schrag with the Harvey County Economic Development Council, Derek Roth with the Hesston Recreation and Community Education Board 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:

- Executive session to discuss real estate

Council Member Pat Moore requested that the following item be added to the agenda:

- Construction Inspection Process

Mayor Kauffman added the items to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Pat Moore moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. John Reimer seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARING - 2014 BUDGET

Mayor Kauffman opened the 2014 Budget Public Hearing at 6:15 p.m. The Council discussed the 2014 budget. Hearing no comments the hearing was closed at 6:20 p.m.

Brad Unruh moved to adopt the 2014 Budget as presented. Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

UPDATE ON WASTEWATER TREATMENT IMPROVEMENTS

Todd Anderson with SMH Engineers was on hand to discuss preliminary bid options and the timeline moving forward for the Wastewater Treatment Plan Project.

NEW BUSINESS

BALL DIAMOND DISCUSSIONS WITH HRCE (HESSTON RECREATION & COMMUNITY EDUCATION) REPRESENTATIVE

Derek Roth, city liaison to the HRCE Board, was present to discuss the rec commission's need for additional baseball / softball fields and how to go about opening dialogue with the school board and Hesston College to partner on the issue.

HARVEY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION UPDATE

Alan Schrag, President of the HCEDC, was on hand to deliver a report and answer questions on recent activity of the Harvey County Economic Development Commission.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 020-2013-151: UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENSE CODE, 2013 EDITION

Brad Unruh moved to approve the adoption of the Uniform Public Offense Code, 2013 edition. Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 020-2013-152: STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE, 2013 EDITION

Brad Unruh moved to approve the adoption of the Standard Traffic Ordinance, 2013 edition. Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

FINAL PLAT FOR WEST EMBERS IV ADDITION

Pat Moore moved to approve the final plat for the West Embers IV Addition. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 1103: WEST EMBERS IV SUBDIVISION

John Reimer moved to adopt Resolution No. 1103 which determines the advisability and authorizes certain street, sewer and water improvements to be made in the West Embers IV Addition to the City of Hesston. Pat Moore seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 010-2013-200: WEST EMBERS IV SUBDIVISION

Lee Birch moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1010-2013-200 which determines the advisability and authorizes certain street, sewer and water improvements to be made in the West Embers IV Addition to the City of Hesston. John Reimer seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 1104: RAILROAD CROSSING SIGNAL AGREEMENTS

Jason Jones moved to approve Resolution No. 1104 which authorizes the Mayor to sign agreements with K&O Railroad to install signals at the Ridge and Randall crossings. Pat Moore seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

APPOINT VOTING DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO KLM ANNUAL MEETING

Pat Moore moved to appoint John Carder as a voting delegate and Jason Jones as an alternate delegate to the League of Kansas Municipalities Annual Conference (October 12-14, 2013). Lee Birch seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION PROCESS

Council and staff discussed options for improving the inspection of residential and commercial building projects within the City of Hesston. It was the consensus of the Council to direct staff to research alternatives to the current system.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:30 pm Lee Birch moved to enter into an executive session for 30 minutes to discuss potential land acquisition with participants in the session being the mayor, council members, city clerk and city administrator. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

At 9:00 pm the regular meeting was reconvened.

Pat Moore moved to authorize the City Administrator to make an offer to purchase 5-7 acres of property located on Lincoln Blvd. just west of the City Shop. Lee Birch seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

CITY ADMINISTRATOR RECRUITMENT

Council and staff discussed the City Administrator job description, candidate profile, interview questions, and recruitment timeline.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:45 p.m. Lee Birch moved to adjourn the regular meeting to reconvene on Thursday, August 29th at 5:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of the Hesston Municipal Building. John Reimer seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Recorded by
Jason Thrasher
City Clerk