

**CITY OF HESSTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

MINUTES of November 11, 2013

Council Meeting No.11

The regular meeting of the Hesston City Council was held on Monday, November 11, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of the Hesston Municipal Building.

PRESENT

Council members John Reimer, Pat Moore, Jason Jones, City Administrator John Carder, City Attorney Tim Larson and City Clerk Jason Thrasher with Mayor David Kauffman presiding. Also in attendance was incoming City Administrator Gary Emry. A quorum was present.

ABSENT

Council Members Lee Birch and Brad Unruh

OTHERS PRESENT

Bill Unruh with Excel Industries; J.T. Klaus and Andrew Kovar with Triplett, Woolf & Garretson, LLC; John Haas with Ranson Financial, LLC; Tyson Miller with Schowalter Villa; and Jackie Nelson with the Hesston Record.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

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

- Hesston Recreation and Community Education Board Appointment
- Sale of property located on Lancaster Ave to Dale Brubacher

Mayor Kauffman added the items to the agenda.

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

- Gas Utility Sourcing
- Strategic Plan Discussion

City Administrator Carder will place the items on the December agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Pat Moore moved to adopt the Consent Agenda with a correction to the minutes of October 14th as discussed. John Reimer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

TAX EXEMPTION HEARING FOR EXCEL IRB'S

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

City Bond Attorney J.T. Klaus with Triplett, Woolf, and Garretson was present to review the tax exemption process relating to the Excel Industrial Revenue Bonds. Bill Unruh with Excel Industries was also on hand and answered questions about the project.

Hearing no public comment, the Mayor closed the meeting at 6:09 p.m.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 1108 - AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION FOR EXCEL BONDS

John Reimer moved to approve Resolution No. 1108 which authorizes a 10 year - 100% tax exemption for \$900,000 of Excel Industrial Revenue Bonds that are to be used to cover the costs of purchasing, acquiring, constructing, equipping, and installing a warehouse facility located in Hesston. Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

ACCEPT PETITIONS FOR PRAIRIE LAKES SUBDIVISION

City Bond Attorney J.T. Klaus with Triplett, Woolf, and Garretson was on hand to review the petition and special benefits process relating to the Prairie Lakes Subdivision.

City Financial Advisor John Haas with Ranson Financial was also present to review the temporary financing timetable and special benefit district process relating to both the combined West Embers IV and Prairie Lakes I projects.

Tyson Miller with Schowalter Villa was present to discuss the Prairie Lakes Subdivision project.

John Reimer moved to accept the petitions calling for the creation of the Prairie Lakes special benefits districts. Pat Moore seconded. Motion carried 2-0 with Jason Jones abstaining. This item required an affirmative vote from the majority of the quorum for passage.

RESOLUTION NO. 1107 - PRAIRIE LAKES SUBDIVISION

This vote required an affirmative vote from the majority of the Council for passage. Due to the lack of a majority quorum of the Council this item will be postponed until the December Council Meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 010-2013-201 - PRAIRIE LAKES SUBDIVISION

This vote required an affirmative vote from the majority of the Council for passage. Due to the lack of a majority quorum of the Council this item will be postponed until the December Council Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

SET DATES AND PERMIT FEE FOR SALE AND DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS IN 2014 WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF HESSTON

Pat Moore moved to allow the sale and discharge of fireworks on July 1st through July 4th and set the permit fee at \$500. John Reimer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

PROPOSAL FOR AUXILIARY GENERATOR FOR DRY CREEK LIFT STATION

Pat Moore moved to accept the proposal from Engquist Farm Services for the purchase of an auxiliary generator (\$18,201.47) and entrance switch (\$1,837.65) for use at the Dry Creek Lift station. The motion authorized the project costs not to exceed \$22,000, which will also cover installation fees. The motion further approved trading in a Kohler generator to Engquist Farm Services for \$8,500. Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

REVIEW OF BOARD AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS TO BE MADE IN DECEMBER

City Administrator John Carder reviewed the following board and committee appointment that will expire December 31, 2013:

- Zoning & Planning: Mike Hamilton, Richard Toews, Larry Fuqua
- Library Board (4 year term): Robert Latta, Michele Miller Sharp
- Tree Board: David Norris, Duane Barker
- HAEDC (2 year term): Zack Phillips, Richard Drake

It was the consensus of the Council to direct staff to advertise for the open positions in the Hesston Record.

REVIEW OF TRAFFIC AND ENGINEERING STUDY OF THE WEAVER / RANDALL / OLD 81 INTERSECTION

City Administrator John Carder reviewed the KDOT traffic and engineering study for the intersection at Weaver, Randall, and Old 81.

No action was taken at this time.

DECLARE 1998 FORD PICK UP AS SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZE SALE ON THE PURPLE WAVE AUCTION SITE

Jason Jones moved to declare a 1998 Ford Pickup Truck in use at the wastewater treatment plant as surplus and authorized it sale on the Purple Wave auction site. The truck requires transmission repairs that cost more than the value of the vehicle. Pat Moore seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

STREET LIGHTS ON HARVEST LANE

City Administrator John Carder addressed the installation and annual costs involved with installing streets lights along Harvest Lane.

It was the consensus of the Council to instruct staff to poll the residents of Harvest Lane to determine if they want street lights added to their street.

HRCE BOARD APPOINTMENT

No action was taken at this time.

SALE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE 400 BLOCK OF LANCASTER AVE

Jason Jones moved to approve the sale of a piece of city property located on Lancaster Avenue to Dale Brubacher for \$3,000. John Reimer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:35 p.m. John Reimer moved to enter into an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss personnel and to obtain advice from the city attorney the participants in the session being the mayor, council members, city clerk, city administrator and Gary Emry. Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

At 7:50 p.m. the regular meeting reconvened with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:55 p.m. Pat Moore moved to adjourn the regular meeting. John Reimer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Recorded by
Jason Thrasher

City Clerk