

**CITY OF HESSTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

MINUTES of March 10, 2014

Council Meeting No.3

The regular meeting of the Hesston City Council was held on Monday, March 10, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of the Hesston Municipal Building.

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

Chad and Larry Fuqua with Fuqua-Ruth-Typer Insurance, Utility Superintendent Scott Robertson, Bruce Helm with Group Benefits Specialists, Mike Kellogg with Blue Tee Management, and Jackie Nelson with the Hesston Record.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

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

- 9G: Policy Change - Healthcare insurance premium
- 9H: Policy Change – Health insurance at age 65

Mayor David Kauffman requested the following item be added to the agenda:

- Executive Session to discuss real estate

Mayor Kauffman added the items to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Pat Moore moved to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. John Reimer seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

FUQUA-RUTH-TYPER BROKER AGREEMENT

Chad and Larry Fuqua with Fuqua-Ruth-Typer Insurance were present to propose an insurance broker agreement that would set their fees at \$10,000 per year for a three year period.

Pat Moore moved to approve the insurance broker agreement with Fuqua-Ruth-Typer Insurance as presented. John Reimer seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

WATERLINE LOOP – GVL POLY TO SILVERSTONE

Utility Superintendent Scott Robertson was present to discuss and answer questions regarding the proposal and bids to loop the city waterline between Silverstone and GVL Poly.

Brad Unruh moved to approve the bid from Utilities Plus in the amount of \$22,133 to loop the waterline as discussed above. Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL

Bruce Helm with Group Benefits Specialists was present to discuss the proposed health, dental, and vision insurance plans and bids associated with the May 1, 2014 renewal.

John Reimer moved to approve the following:

- Health Care – Blue Cross/Blue Shield Premier SG Gold Level Plan
- Delta Dental – Coverage to Age 26 Plan
- Vision – VSP Plan C \$20/\$20 Copay

Pat Moore seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

GROUP BENEFITS SPECIALISTS CONSULTATION AGREEMENT

Brad Unruh moved to approve the consultation agreement for health insurance advisory services with Group Benefits Specialist in the amount of \$500 per month. Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

BLUE TEE MANAGEMENT CIP PROJECT REQUEST

Mike Kellogg with Blue Tee Management was on hand to discuss an upcoming project to seal the ponds at the golf course. He will test a variety of products to determine which works best and will return to the council to request capital improvement funds for the project.

HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM ALLOCATION

Several options relating to a premium share for group health, vision, and dental insurance plans were discussed.

Pat Moore made a motion to enact a health/dental/vision insurance premium share with city employees at a 90% City & 10% Employee level that would be phased in over a two year period. The premium share will be 95% City & 5% Employee at the May 1, 2014 renewal and will move to the 90% City & 10% Employee level at the May 1, 2015 renewal. Lee Birch seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

HRCE BOARD APPOINTMENT

No action was taken on this item.

DESIGNATION OF DELEGATES TO KMU ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Brad Unruh moved to appoint Gary Emry as the voting delegate and Jason Thrasher as the alternate delegate to the annual Kansas Municipal Utilities Conference in May 2014.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE CONTRACT

Pat Moore moved to approve the contract as presented for municipal judge services with Randall J. Pankratz in the amount of \$13,000 per year. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

POLICY CHANGE – POLICY PREMIUM SHARE

Council Member Pat Moore discussed amending *Section F-9. Health Care Program* of the City Policy Manual to remove wording related to the City's responsibility to pay for all group health care insurance plan benefits.

This item will be addressed at the April Council Meeting.

POLICY CHANGE – HEALTH INSURANCE AT AGE 65

Council Member Pat Moore discussed amending City Policy to discontinue offering employee sponsored group health/dental/vision insurance coverage for employees who are 65 years old and eligible for Medicare.

This item will be addressed at the April Council Meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

DISCUSSION OF REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION

At 8:15 p.m. Lee Birch moved to adjourn to a 30 minute executive session for the purpose of discussing the acquisition of real estate with participants in the session being the mayor, city administrator, city clerk, and council. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

At 8:45 p.m. the regular meeting was reconvened.

Pat Moore moved to give City Administrator Gary Emry the authority to make an offer for the property located at 320 E. Amos. Lee Birch seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:50 p.m. Jason Jones moved to adjourn the regular meeting. John Reimer seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Recorded by
Jason Thrasher
City Clerk