

**CITY OF HESSTON  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**MINUTES of July 13, 2020**

**Council Meeting No. 10**

The regular meeting of the Hesston City Council was held on Monday, July 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via online video meeting software. The Council Chambers / Municipal Court Building located at 110 E. Smith Street was open to the public to view and/or participate in the meeting.

**PRESENT**

Council members Larry Fuqua, Jason Jones, Brad Unruh, Clare Moore and Susan Swartzendruber, City Administrator Gary Emry, City Attorney J.T. Klaus, and City Clerk Jason Thrasher with Mayor David Kauffman presiding. A quorum was present.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Auditor Randy Hofmeier with Lindburg Vogel Pierce Faris, Harvey County Economic Development Director Beth Shelton, Hesston Public Library Director Melissa Carlson, Hesston Chamber Director Megan Smith, Luke Logan with the Grocery Store Committee, and Jackie Nelson with the Hesston Record.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

City Administrator Gary Emry requested the following items be added to the agenda:

- Resolution No. 1153 – Coronavirus Relief Fund
- Dollar General Store Proposal

Mayor Kauffman added the items to the agenda.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Jason Jones moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**CONSTITUENCY COMMENTS**

Mayor Kauffman opened the floor for constituency comments.

Hearing no comments, Mayor Kauffman proceeded to the next item of business.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**2020 BUDGET AMENDMENT HEARING**

At 6:08 p.m. Mayor Kauffman asked for a motion to open the public hearing for 1 minute.

Clare Moore made the motion. Susan Swartzendruber seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Kauffman asked for public comment and received no response.

At 6:09 p.m. Mayor Kauffman closed the public hearing.

Council member Larry Fuqua left the meeting.

Jason Jones moved to approve the 2020 Budget Amendment as presented. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**GOLF COURSE CLUBHOUSE PROJECT UPDATE**

Mayor Kauffman gave an update on a recent conversation with Paul Mullet concerning the status of the project. The discussion centered around using the remaining portion of the \$300,000 Mullet gift to construct a new golf course maintenance building. Any funds remaining could be added to a portion of the city match to do basic renovations to the clubhouse.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **2019 AUDIT PRESENTATION**

Randy Hofmeier with the auditing firm Lindburg Pierce Faris Chartered presented the 2019 audit of the City's financial statements.

Clare Moore moved to accept the 2019 Audit as presented. Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

### **HARVEY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BUDGET REQUEST**

Beth Shelton with Harvey County Economic Development was present to give an update on HCEDC projects and request funding for 2021.

Clare Moore moved to approve the HCEDC funding request of \$36,000 for the 2021 budget. Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

### **2021-2025 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

Susan Swartzendruber moved to approve the 2021-2025 Capital Improvement Plan as presented. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

### **2021 CITY BUDGET – APPROVE PUBLICATION**

Brad Unruh moved to approve the 2021 Hesston City Budget for publication and to set the public hearing date for August 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Hesston City Council Chambers. Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

At 6:40 p.m. Clare Moore moved to recess the meeting of the Hesston City Council and convene the meeting of the Hesston Land Bank. Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

At 6:42 p.m. Jason Jones moved to adjourn the meeting of the Hesston Land Bank and reconvene the meeting of the Hesston City Council. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

### **FACE MASK DISCUSSION**

Mayor Kauffman led a discussion concerning requiring the use of face masks within the city via an ordinance and requested Council / staff input. It was the consensus of the Council not to move forward with an ordinance at this time.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 1153 – CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND**

Clare Moore moved to approve Resolution No. 1153 which allows the city to apply for state / federal aid related to covid-19 related expenses. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

### **DOLLAR GENERAL STORE PROPOSAL**

City Administrator Gary Emry presented the Council with the Dollar General proposal to purchase the property located at 246 S. Ridge Road and construct a store.

Clare Moore made a motion to direct staff to begin the process of incorporating the parcel located at 246 S. Ridge Road into the Ridge Pointe Development engineering / design master plan. Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

It was the consensus of the Council to direct City Administrator Emry to contact Family Dollar and Dollar General and inform them the City would not be acting on their proposals until a master plan for Ridge Pointe was developed, at which point, any proposals received for the property would be considered.

## **ADJOURN MEETING**

At 8:18 p.m. Brad Unruh moved to adjourn the meeting. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Recorded by  
Jason Thrasher  
City Clerk