

**CITY OF HESSTON  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**MINUTES of January 11, 2021**

**Council Meeting No. 1**

The regular meeting of the Hesston City Council was held on Monday, January 11, 2021 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, Susan Swartzendruber, and Clare Moore, City Administrator Gary Emry, City Attorney J.T. Klaus, and City Clerk Jason Thrasher with Mayor David Kauffman presiding. A quorum was present.

**ABSENT**

None

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Hesston Fire/EMS Director Russ Buller, Police Chief Doug Schroeder, Hesston Chamber Director Megan Smith, Shane Denson owner of Scorpius Industries, LLC, and Jackie Nelson with the Hesston Record.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Council Member Larry Fuqua requested the following item be added to the agenda:

- 100 Year Anniversary of Hesston Incorporation

Mayor Kauffman added the item to the agenda.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Clare Moore moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Larry Fuqua 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.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 1157 – G.A.A.P. WAIVER**

Brad Unruh moved to approve Resolution No. 1157, which authorizes the waiver of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (G.A.A.P.) reporting requirements for the 2021 budget year. The City would comply with the cash basis and budget laws of the State of Kansas. Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**SCORPIUS INDUSTRIES, LLC PROPOSAL**

Shane Denson, owner of Scorpius Industries, LLC, requested that the city give him 2 acres in the south west corner of the city-owned 26-acre industrial park.

Clare Moore moved to table the item until the February agenda to allow staff to determine the cost of providing infrastructure to the property and to receive a business plan for Scorpius Industries, LLC. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**EMS WRITE OFFS - 2020**

Clare Moore moved to approve EMS non-collectible write-offs in the amount of \$2,834. Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**COURT WRITE OFFS - 2020**

Clare Moore moved to approve Municipal Court non-collectible write-offs in the amount of \$6,252. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**UTILITY WRITE OFFS – 2020**

Brad Unruh moved to approve Utility non-collectible write-offs in the amount of \$661. Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**HESSTON LAND BANK REPORT – 2020**

Larry Fuqua moved to accept and acknowledge the receipt and publication of the 2020 Hesston Land Bank Report. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**CITY/USD460/REC FACILITIES MOU**

Jason Jones moved to approve the City / USD460 / Recreation Commission - Memorandum of Understanding as presented. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**DOG PARK LIGHTING PROPOSAL**

Clare Moore moved to accept the proposal from Kansas Electric in the amount of \$15,485 to install lighting at the Hesston Dog Park. The motion also directed staff to contact Evergy to explore options and costs for them to install lighting at the park. If the Evergy option was not feasible – staff could proceed with the Kansas Electric quote. Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF HESSTON INCORPORATION**

This item was referred to staff to research the history and to coordinate a plan to recognize the 100-year anniversary of Hesston's incorporation. Ideas included forming a committee to help with the planning, contacting the Chamber, Library, and Fire Department for their participation, and working with the Hesston Record. The item would be revisited at the February Council Meeting.

**ADJOURN MEETING**

At 7:15 p.m. Jason Jones moved to adjourn the meeting. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Recorded by  
Jason Thrasher  
City Clerk