

**CITY OF HESSTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

MINUTES of March 8, 2021

Council Meeting No. 7

The regular meeting of the Hesston City Council was held on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom online video meeting software. The Council Chambers at 110 E. Smith Street was open to the public under mask restriction guidelines.

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.

OTHERS PRESENT

- Hesston residents Nathan and Morgan Simmons – Rural Utility Request
- Shane Denson, owner of Scorpius Industries, LLC – Industrial Park Land Request
- Dean Leatherman with Preferred Builders - Ridge Pointe Preliminary Plat
- Jason Gish with MKEC Engineering – Ridge Pointe Preliminary Plat
- John Haas with Ranson Citycode – Debt Refinancing
- Beth Shelton with Harvey County Economic Development
- Public Works Superintendent Scott Robertson
- Hesston Chamber Director Megan Smith – Chamber & CVB Report
- Jackie Nelson with the Hesston Record

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Jason Jones asked to add the following item to the agenda.

- Executive Session to discuss attorney client privilege matters.

Mayor Kauffman added the items to the agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:05 p.m. Jason Jones moved to enter an executive session for 15 minutes pursuant to the exemption related to the discussion of matters deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship (K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2)) for a confidential discussion of contractual matters with the City Attorney. The open meeting to resume in the city council chambers at 6:20 p.m. with those present in the executive session being the Mayor, City Council, City Administrator, City Attorney, and Harvey County Economic Development Director. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

City Attorney J.T. Klaus advised that the Harvey County Economic Development Director could not be present in the executive session.

Jason Jones amended his motion to exclude the Harvey County Economic Development Director. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

At 6:20 p.m. the executive session ended with no action taking place during the session.

CONSENT AGENDA

Brad Unruh 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 moved to the next item of business.

OLD BUSINESS

RURAL UTILITY REQUEST – MR. NATHAN SIMMONS

Hesston residents Nathan and Morgan Simmons were present to discuss their request to obtain city utilities to a home they are building outside city limits.

Larry Fuqua moved to direct the City Administrator and City Attorney to draft a contract that would grant the Simmons request for rural utilities and to have it available at the April meeting. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

INDUSTRIAL PARK LAND REQUEST – SCORPIUS INDUSTRIES, LLC

Shane Denson, owner of Scorpius Industries, was present to discuss his request for land in the Hesston Industrial Park.

No Council action was taken on this item.

Harvey County Economic Development Director Beth Shelton will continue to work with Mr. Denson on his request.

RIDGE POINTE PRELIMINARY PLAT

Jason Gish with MKEC Engineering and Dean Leatherman with Preferred Builders were present to discuss the preliminary plat for Ridge Pointe.

Clare Moore moved to approve the preliminary plat for Ridge Pointe as presented. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

KDHE SEWER LOAN, 2013 & 2014 G.O. BOND REFINANCING

John Haas with Ranson Citycode was present to discuss the plans of finance related to the KDHE Sewer Loan, 2013 & 2014 G.O. Bonds.

ORDINANCE NO. 010-2021-223 KDHE LOAN REFINANCE AUTHORIZATION

City Attorney J.T. Klaus was present to answer questions related to an ordinance that authorizes the refinancing of the KDHE Sewer Loan.

Brad Unruh moved to adopt Ordinance No. 010-2021-223 which authorizes the refinancing of the KDHE Sewer Revolving Loan. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

HESSTON CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU REPORT

Chamber Director Megan Smith was present to provide a report on Chamber/CVB activities and programs. She also requested that Mayor Kauffman call a Special Meeting to hold a work session with the Grocery Store Committee.

Mayor Kauffman tentatively set the Special Meeting date for Tuesday, April 6th to be held in the City Council Chambers at 110 E. Smith Street. Chamber Director Megan Smith will confirm the availability of the Grocery Store Committee and will advise.

STREET REPAIR QUOTE – NORTH PLAZA BLVD.

Public Works Director Scott Robertson was present to review the quote from Vogts Parga to repair North Plaza Blvd.

Brad Unruh moved to approve the quote from Vogts Parga in the amount of \$34,321.75 to fully replace and remove 10" of concrete paving at North Plaza Blvd. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

CITY UTILITY LOW-INTEREST LOAN PROGRAM

Mayor Kauffman called a Special Meeting for Wednesday, March 10th at noon in the City Council Chambers at 110 E. Smith Street to discuss the loan program.

ADJOURN MEETING

At 8:53 p.m. Clare Moore moved to adjourn the meeting. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Recorded by
Jason Thrasher
City Clerk