

**CITY OF HESSTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

MINUTES of August 9, 2021

Council Meeting No. 14

The regular meeting of the Hesston City Council was held on Monday, August 9, 2021, at 6:00 pm in the City Council Chambers at 110 E. Smith Street.

PRESENT

Council members Larry Fuqua, Jason Jones, 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.

ABSENT

Council Member Brad Unruh

OTHERS PRESENT

- Harvey County Economic Development Director Beth Shelton
- KMGD Director of Natural Gas Dixie Riedel and Finance Manager Gerry Stephenson
- Ranson Citycode Municipal Consultant Crystal Hinnen
- Fire & EMS Director Russ Buller
- Parks and Recreation Superintendent Mike Hulteen
- Former Police Chief Doug Schroeder
- Hesston Chamber of Commerce Director Megan Smith
- Hesston Record Reporter Blake Spurney

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

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

- Accessible Playground Equipment – King Park

Mayor Kauffman added the item to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Clare Moore moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

CONSTITUENCY COMMENTS

Mayor Kauffman opened the floor for constituency comments.

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

OLD BUSINESS

SPRINT / T-MOBILE AMENDMENT TO WATER TOWER AGREEMENT

Clare Moore moved to approve the Sprint / T-Mobile Amendment to the Water Tower Agreement as presented. Susan Swartzendruber seconded. Motion carried 4-0

PROCLAMATIONS AND AWARDS

Mayor Kauffman presented a plaque to former Police Chief Doug Schroeder in honor of his 23 years of service to the City of Hesston.

NEW BUSINESS

HARVEY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 2022 BUDGET REQUEST

Beth Shelton with Harvey County Economic Development was present to give an update on HCEDC projects and request funding for 2022.

Clare Moore moved to approve the HCEDC funding request of \$36,000 for the 2022 budget. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

NATURAL GAS FIRM TRANSPORT AGREEMENT

KMGA Director of Natural Gas Dixie Riedel was present to review an agreement that would authorize KMGA to purchase firm capacity for natural gas transportation during the months of November 2021 to March 2022 on the Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline.

Larry Fuqua moved to approve the agreement as presented. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT – CV3

Crystal Hinnen with Ranson Citycode was present to answer Council questions related to the \$150,000 CDBG-CV3 grant awarded to the city.

Professional Services Agreement – Ranson Citycode

Clare Moore moved to approve the Professional Services Agreement that would allow Ranson Citycode to administer the CDBG-CV3 grant for the city. Susan Swartzendruber seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

State Grant Agreement

Clare Moore moved to approve the State of Kansas Grant Agreement No. 21-CV-133 that outlines the responsibilities the city must meet to receive the CDBG funds. Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Civil Rights Fair Housing Policy

Susan Spencer moved to approve the Civil Rights / Fair Housing Policy that describes the process by which the city will receive and handle civil rights / fair housing complaints. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Procurement Policy

This item was referred to staff with no action taken.

Code of Conduct

Clare Moore moved to approve the Code of Conduct City of Hesston, KS as presented. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

It was the consensus of the Council to select Wednesday, August 18th from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm as the date and time to hold a work session to discuss the American Rescue Plan Act Funding.

2022 CITY BUDGET – APPROVE PUBLICATION

Jason Jones moved to authorize the 2022 Hesston City Budget for publication and to set the budget public hearing date and the revenue neutral public hearing date for September 13, 2021, at 6:00 pm in the Hesston City Council Chambers. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

2022-2026 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Larry Fuqua moved to approve the 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Plan as presented. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

At 7:13 pm Susan Swartzendruber moved to recess the meeting of the Hesston City Council and convene the meeting of the Hesston Land Bank. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

At 7:15 pm Clare Moore moved to adjourn the meeting of the Hesston Land Bank and reconvene the meeting of the Hesston City Council. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

444 N. LANCASTER POLICE DEPARTMENT ROOF REPAIRS

Larry Fuqua moved to approve the quote from Rhoden Roofing in the amount of \$54,474 to make repairs to the Police Department building. Susan Swartzendruber seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

GOLF COURSE TREE AND VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

Clare Moore moved to approve the bid from West Branch Excavating in the amount of \$25,500 to remove dead and diseased trees and brush at the golf course creek. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

Clare Moore moved to approve the purchase of an accessible play structure for King Park in the amount of \$34,250 from Athco, LLC. Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION #1

At 7:50 p.m. Jason Jones moved to enter into an executive session for 20 minutes pursuant to the exemption related to attorney client privilege (K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2)) for the purpose of discussing legal matters. The open meeting would resume in the city council chambers at 8:10 p.m. with those present in the executive session being the Mayor, City Council, City Administrator, and City Attorney. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

At 8:10 p.m. the regular session resumed with no binding action taken during the session.

At 8:15 p.m. Jason Jones moved to enter into an executive session for 10 minutes pursuant to the exemption related to attorney client privilege (K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2)) for the purpose of discussing legal matters. The open meeting would resume in the city council chambers at 8:25 p.m. with those present in the executive session being the Mayor, City Council, City Administrator, and City Attorney. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

At 8:25 p.m. the regular session resumed with no binding action taken during the session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION #2

At 8:30 p.m. Clare Moore moved to enter into an executive session for 10 minutes pursuant to the exemption related to personnel matters of non-elected personnel (K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1)) for the purpose of discussing the Police Chief vacancy. The open meeting would resume in the city council chambers at 8:40 p.m. with those present in the executive session being the Mayor, City Council, and City Administrator. Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

At 8:40 p.m. the regular session resumed with no binding action taken during the session.

POLICE CHIEF INTERVIEWS

It was the consensus of the Council to hold Police Chief interviews on Wednesday, August 18th from noon to 3:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

ADJOURN MEETING

At 8:45 p.m. Larry Fuqua moved to adjourn the meeting. Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Recorded by
Jason Thrasher
City Clerk