

**CITY OF HESSTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

MINUTES of February 14, 2022

Council Meeting No. 2

The regular meeting of the Hesston City Council was held on Monday, February 14, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers / Municipal Court Building located at 110 E. Smith Street.

PRESENT

Council members Larry Fuqua, Brad Unruh, Clare Moore, Susan Swartzendruber, and Michael Wallace, 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

County resident Royce Enns, Tyson Miller and Kelly Huxman with Schowalter Villa, Crystal Hinnen with Ranson Citycode Financial, Hesston Fire/EMS Director Russ Buller, Police Chief Chris Eilert, Police Sergeant Steven Drzymalla, Gerhard Fast with Preferred Builders, Golf Course Operations Director Zach Frey, Chamber Director Megan Smith and Mindy Kepfield with Harvey County Now newspaper.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

City Administrator Gary Emry asked for the following agenda items be moved to a special meeting to be held before the end of February.

- J. BASE Grant (Building a Stronger Economy) Engineering Budget Request
- K. SPARKS Grant Documents

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.

Chamber Director Megan Smith thanked council and staff for the installation of curb ramps along the Commerce Drive sidewalk across from Greenleaf Ct. and Wheatfield Ct.

Hearing no other comments, the mayor moved to the next item of business.

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 010-2022-226: CITY COUNCIL COMPENSATION

Larry Fuqua moved to approve the Ordinance 010-2022-226 that would set monthly council compensation for the mayor at \$500 and the city council at \$350. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

ANNUAL APPOINTMENT OF CITY OFFICERS

Brad Unruh moved to approve the mayor's appointment of city officers as presented. The term would run through February 13, 2023.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>
Municipal Judge	Randall Pankratz
Police Chief	Chris Eilert
City Clerk	Jason Thrasher
City Administrator	Gary Emry
City Treasurer	Rhonda Prieb
Director of Emergency Services	Russ Buller
City Attorney	J.T. Klaus
City Prosecutor	Michael Llamas
Deputy City Clerk	Warren Schmidt
Municipal Court Clerk	Janet Thrasher

Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

GOLF COURSE EMMA CREEK TREE CLEAN-UP

County resident Royce Enns was present to discuss his request for additional tree removal along Emma Creek on the north end of the golf course.

Clare Moore moved to allocate \$10,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund for additional tree removal in the area as discussed. Michael Wallace seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

PRAIRIE LAKES SITE PRESENTATION

Tyson Miller, V.P. of Independent Living was present to review the site plans and city temp note / bond financing for the next addition of Prairie Lakes.

It was the consensus of the Council to take this item up at the next council meeting.

POLICE CAPTAIN – JOB DESCRIPTION

Brad Unruh moved to approve the Police Captain job description as presented. Susan Swartzendruber seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

KDOT RAILROAD CROSSING CONTRACT – LANCASTER AVE.

Clare Moore moved to authorize the mayor to sign the agreement with the Kansas Department of Transportation and K&O Railroad to install railroad crossing lights and equipment at the Lancaster Ave. crossing. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

FIRE/EMS PARK-TIME WORKER PAY

Susan Swartzendruber moved to approve the changes in Fire/EMS part-time pay as presented.

Base Pay

Line Staff Non Certified.....	\$12.00
Line Staff Certified.....	\$13.00
Lieutenant.....	\$14.00
Captain.....	\$15.00
Deputy Chief.....	\$16.00
EMS Billing.....	\$17.00

Educational Incentives

Advanced Life Support Certification.....	\$2.00
Firefighter II Certification.....	\$0.50

Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS – PERSONNEL COSTS

Clare Moore moved to approve the transfer of ARPA funds in the amount of \$258,617.72 to fund additional staff and part-time pay increases to the departments as presented.

- Administration.....\$63,675.91
- Golf.....\$116,090.35
- Fire/EMS.....\$78,851.46

Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

HARVEY COUNTY COMMUNICATION ADVISORY BOARD

Brad Unruh moved to appoint Fire/EMS Director Russ Buller to the Harvey County Communications Advisory Board. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

GOLF CLUBHOUSE RENOVATIONS

Clare Moore moved to approve the quote from JH Construction in the amount \$24,768 to remodel the bathrooms at the golf course clubhouse. Michael Wallace seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

BASE GRANT ENGINEERING BUDGET REQUEST

It was the consensus of the council to move this item to a special meeting to be held by the end of February.

SPARKS GRANT DOCUMENTS

It was the consensus of the council to move this item to a special meeting to be held by the end of February.

ADJOURN MEETING

At 7:25 p.m. Clare Moore moved to adjourn the meeting. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Recorded by
Jason Thrasher
City Clerk