

**CITY OF HESSTON  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**MINUTES of March 14, 2022**

**Council Meeting No. 4**

The regular meeting of the Hesston City Council was held on Monday, March 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**

Tyson Miller with Bluestem / Schowalter Villa, Larry Kleeman with Ranson Citycode, Hesston Fire/EMS Director Russ Buller, Police Chief Chris Eilert, Golf Course Operations Director Zach Frey, Hesston Public Library Director Jackie Nelson, Hesston resident and School Board Member Susan Lamb, and Adam Strunk with Harvey County Now newspaper.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

City Administrator Gary Emry asked for the following items be added to the agenda.

- Kansas Rural Water Association Annual Meeting – Appoint Voting Delegates
- Restaurant Building Sale Discussion

Mayor Kauffman Added the items to the agenda.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Michael Wallace moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**CONSTITUENCY COMMENTS**

Mayor Kauffman opened the floor for constituency comments.

Hesston resident Susan Lamb made comments concerning the need for a grocery store in Hesston and urged the Council to make it a priority.

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

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**PRAIRIE LAKES PETITIONS**

Clare Moore moved to accept the petitions from Bluestem Communities for the Prairie Lakes Phase II Development. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**PRAIRIE LAKES II ADVISABILITY RESOLUTION NO. 1165**

Brad Unruh moved to approve Resolution No. 1165 which determines the advisability of making internal movements and creates the special benefit district for the Prairie Lakes Phase II development. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**PRAIRIE LAKES II WORK ORDINANCE: NO. 010-2022-227**

Clare Moore moved to approve Ordinance No. 010-2022-227 which authorizes water, sanitary sewer, street, drainage, and sidewalk improvements to be made in the Prairie Lakes Phase II development. Susan Swartzendruber seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**PRAIRIE LAKES II NOTE SALE RESOLUTION: NO. 1166**

Clare Moore moved to approve Resolution No. 1166 which authorizes the sale of temporary notes in the amount of \$320,000 for the Prairie Lakes phase II development. Michael Wallace seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**SELECT CONTRACTOR FOR PRAIRIE LAKES PHASE II PROJECT**

This item will be on the April 11<sup>th</sup> agenda.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**HESSTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND VISITORS' BUREAU ANNUAL REPORT**

This item will be moved to the April 11<sup>th</sup> agenda.

**CHANGE OF PERSONNEL MANUAL FOR POLICE PAY PERIOD**

Brad Unruh moved to approve the policy change that would put the Police Department at an 84-hour work period. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**2021 UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENSE CODE: SECTION 7.5(A)(2)**

Larry Fuqua moved to authorize the mayor to sign a letter that directs the City Administrator and the Police Chief to not enforce Uniform Public Offense Code Section 7.5 (a) (2) related to advanced voting ballots. Susan Swartzendruber seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**WATER TANK PURCHASE FOR WILDLAND FIRE TRUCK**

Clare Moore moved to approve the purchase of a 2,000-gallon tank from Unruh Fire Equipment in the amount of \$24,879.20 to be installed on the Wildland Fire Truck. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**HESSTON PUBLIC GOLF COURSE - CHANGE RATES**

Brad Unruh moved to approve the Hesston Public Golf Course rate increases as presented. Susan Swartzendruber seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**PRIVATE GOLF CART STORAGE AGREEMENT**

Larry Fuqua moved to approve the Private Golf Cart Storage Agreement with the following changes to the second sentence of Section 5 – change \$100,000 to \$300,000 and delete everything after the word cart. The second sentence should read:

Such coverage shall be in the amount of not less than \$300,000 combined single limit and be adequate to protect against liability for damage or personal injury claims, including liability arising from or through the owner's use of the golf cart.

Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**RECYCLING DISCUSSION**

Clare Moore moved to direct staff to develop a rate change ordinance for recycling charges to be considered at the April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Susan Swartzendruber seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**KRWA ANNUAL MEETING VOTING DELEGATES**

Brad Unruh moved to approve selecting Scott Robertson as the primary delegate and Chad Mason as the alternate delegate to the Kansas Rural Water Association Annual Meeting to be held on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**RESTAURANT BUILDING SALE DISCUSSION**

Larry Fuqua authorized the City Administrator to offer the building for sale at \$235,000 without the four warming tables. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**ADJOURN MEETING**

At 7:07 p.m. Michael Wallace moved to adjourn the meeting. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Recorded by  
Jason Thrasher  
City Clerk