

**CITY OF HESSTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

MINUTES of April 09, 2018

Council Meeting No.4

The regular meeting of the Hesston City Council was held on Monday, April 9, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of the Hesston Municipal Building.

PRESENT

Council members Larry Fuqua, Jason Jones, Susan Swartzendruber, Clare Moore, City Administrator Gary Emry, City Attorney JT 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 board nominee Scott Koehn, Hesston Chamber and Convention and Visitors Bureau Director Becky Galloway, Police Chief Doug Schroeder and Jackie Nelson with the Hesston Record.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

CONSENT AGENDA

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

CONSTITUENCY COMMENTS

None

NEW BUSINESS

HCEDC BOARD NOMINATIONS

Harvey County Economic Development nominee Scott Koehn was present to introduce himself to the Council and answer questions.

Larry Fuqua moved to confirm the appointments made by Mayor Kauffman of Jason Jones and Scott Koehn to two year terms to the Harvey County Economic Development Board of Directors. Their terms will expire in April 2020. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 3-0 with Jason Jones abstaining.

PROCLAMATIONS AND AWARDS

Clare Moore moved to authorize the Mayor to sign a proclamation declaring April 27, 2018 as Arbor Day in Hesston. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

HESSTON CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU (CVB) REPORT

Hesston Chamber and CVB Director Becky Galloway was present to give a report on CVB activities.

Council Member Clare Moore requested that he be added to the membership of the CVB Committee. Further, he requested quarterly reports to the City Council that would include the following information:

- Records to indicate time spent on Transient Guest Tax projects and the supporting TGT wages to fund such activities.
- The development of criteria on how grants are awarded.
- Reports indicating how each grant impacts hotel occupancy.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – VEHICLE PURCHASE

Police Chief Doug Schroeder was present to discuss his request to purchase a vehicle for the Police Department.

Clare Moore moved to approve the expenditure of \$25,664.25 to Don Hattan Chevrolet and \$11,136.50 to Superior Emergency Response Vehicles to purchase and outfit a 2018 Chevy Tahoe. Susan Swartzendruber seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

ANNUAL DESIGNATION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Larry Fuqua moved to nominate Jason Jones to the position of Council President. Clare Moore moved to approve the nomination. Susan Swartzendruber seconded. Motion carried 3-0 with Jason Jones abstaining.

SET DATE AND TIME FOR 2019 COUNCIL BUDGET MEETING

It was the consensus of the Council to set Thursday, May 10th at 3:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers to hold a 2019 budget meeting with city department heads.

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

It was the consensus of the Council to direct staff to engage a facilitator to hold a public meeting in early May to discuss the mobile home park development / affordable housing issue.

EXCEL MEMORIAL PRESENTATION

Mayor Kauffman briefed the Council on his meeting with Excel management concerning the proposed memorial that will honor the victims of the February 25, 2016 plant shooting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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At 7:20 p.m. Larry Fuqua moved to enter into an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss pending litigation pursuant to the exemption related to attorney client privilege, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2). The open meeting will resume in the city council chambers at 7:35 p.m. with those present in the executive session being the Mayor, City Council, City Administrator, City Attorney and City Clerk. Jason Jones seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

No action was taken during the session.

At 7:35 p.m. Clare Moore moved to re-enter the regular session. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:35 p.m. Jason Jones moved to adjourn the meeting. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Recorded by
Jason Thrasher
City Clerk