

**CITY OF HESSTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

MINUTES of December 12, 2022

Council Meeting No. 13

The regular meeting of the Hesston City Council was held on Monday, December 12, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 110 E. Smith Street.

PRESENT

Council members Larry Fuqua, Michael Wallace, 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

Larry Kleeman with Ranson Citycode and Jessica Stone and Will Wesolowsky with AGCO, Golf Course Manager Zach Frey, Police Chief Chris Eilert, Fire / EMS Director Russ Buller, Library Director Jackie Nelson, Harvey County Economic Development Director Beth Shelton, Blake Spurney with Harvey County Now.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Mayor Kauffman asked if there were any additions to the agenda. City Attorney J.T. Klaus requested the Council hold an Executive Session at the beginning of the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:05 p.m. Clare Moore moved to enter into an executive session for 10 minutes pursuant to the exemption related to confidential data relating or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts, etc. (K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(4)) to discuss economic development. The open meeting would resume in the city council chambers at 6:15 p.m. with those present in the executive session being the Mayor, City Council, City Administrator, City Attorney, and Harvey County EDC Director. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

At 6:15 p.m. the Executive Session ended with no action taking place.

PROCLAMATIONS AND AWARDS

MUNICIPAL SERVICE RECOGNITION

Mayor Kauffman and City Council recognized the following employees for their years of municipal service:

Name	Department	Years of Service
James Morris	Police	11
Stephen Drzymalla	Police	16
David Kauffman	City Council / Mayor	15
Jim Schmidt	Parks	15
Jason Thrasher	Administration	15
Rhonda Prieb	Administration	20
Brad Unruh	Golf / City Council	25
Scott Robertson	Public Works	30

CONSTITUENCY COMMENTS

Mayor Kauffman opened the floor for constituency comments. Hearing no comments, he proceeded to the next item of business.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 180-2022-047: AGCO IRB

Larry Kleeman with Ranson City Code and Jessica Stone and Will Wesolowsky with AGCO were present to answer questions related to the AGCO IRB Ordinance and associated projects.

Clare Moore moved to adopt Ordinance No. 180-2022-047 which authorizes the issuance of \$5,845,000 in Industrial Revenue Bonds for AGCO. Susan Swartzendruber seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 1170: NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PROGRAM

Clare Moore moved to adopt Resolution No. 1170 which indicates the governing body’s intent to develop a Neighborhood Revitalization Program to encourage downtown economic activity. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

CLUBHOUSE REMODEL PROPOSAL

Larry Fuqua moved to approve the bid from Preferred Builders in the amount of \$111,826 to remodel the Golf Course Clubhouse and to add a covered patio area with the funds coming from the Construction Fund. He also requested the Council be provided with a drawing of the patio and benches. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

NON-BINDING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – GROCERY STORE

Clare Moore moved to approve the non-binding memorandum of understanding for the Hesston Joint Economic Initiative involving the proposed grocery store. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

NEW PROSECUTOR AGREEMENT

Clare Moore moved to approve the contract with Heather Figger to become the City Prosecutor effective January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING GROUNDS PROJECT

Clare Moore moved to approve the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$25,000 from Fund 45 – Equipment Reserve (Fire) to purchase 4 shipping containers to be used to construct a fire department training structure. Michael Wallace seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Kauffman made the following appointments:

<i>Planning Commission & BZA</i>		<i>Position</i>	<i>Term Length</i>	<i>Term Begins</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
1	Mike Hamilton	Vice Chair	3 yrs.	Jan-23	Dec-25
2	Chad Fuqua	Board Member	3 yrs.	Jan-23	Dec-25
<i>Library Board</i>		<i>Position</i>	<i>Term Length</i>	<i>Term Begins</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
1	Hannah Nicholson	Member-at-large	4 yrs.	Jan-23	Dec-26
2	Mark Dahlsten	Vice President	4 yrs.	Jan-23	Dec-26
3	Torey Hett	Member-at-large	4 yrs.	Jan-23	Dec-26
4	Cheryl Peachey Stoner	Member-at-large	4 yrs.	Jan-20	Dec-23

Brad Unruh moved to confirm the Mayoral appointments. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

2023 CEREAL MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Larry Fuqua moved to approve the 2023 Cereal Malt Beverage Licenses for the Hesston Public Golf Course, and the Casey’s General Stores located at 724 E. Lincoln Blvd. and 209 S. Old 81 Hwy. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

2023 COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS

Brad Unruh moved to approve the 2023 Community Development Grants as noted below:

- Hesston Resource Center: Utility and Rent Subsidies - \$12,000
- Hesston Recreation: H Town and Emma Creek Classic - \$1,950
- Hesston Area Senior Center: Meals on Wheels & Health Fair - \$14,000

Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

2023 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Clare Moore moved to approve the 2023 Holiday Schedule as presented.

HOLIDAY	CITY POLICY	2023 SCHEDULE
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	3 rd Monday in January	January 16, 2023
Memorial Day	Last Monday in May	May 29, 2023
Independence Day	Independence Day	July 4, 2023
Labor Day	1 st Monday in September	September 4, 2023
Thanksgiving	4 th Thursday & Friday of November	November 23 & 24, 2023
Christmas	Dec. 25 & ½ day before & day after	1/2 day - December 22 & December 25 & 26, 2023
New Year’s	New Year’s Day, January 1 and the day before or after.	January 1 & 2, 2024

Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

2023 FIREWORKS DISCHARGE DATES

Clare Moore moved to set the 2023 fireworks discharge dates as July 1-3 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and July 4th from 8:00 a.m. to midnight. The motion also set the fireworks sales permit fee at \$500. Susan Swartzendruber seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:20 p.m. Brad Unruh moved to enter into an executive session for 15 minutes pursuant to the consultation with the city attorney (K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2)) to discuss economic development. The open meeting would 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, and City Attorney. Susan Swartzendruber seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

At 7:35 p.m. the Executive Session ended with no action taking place.

RECESS MEETING

At 7:37 p.m. Michael Wallace moved to recess the meeting to reconvene Tuesday, December 13th at 6:00 a.m. in the City Council Chambers. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

The regular meeting of the Hesston City Council reconvened on Tuesday, December 13, 2022, at 6:00 a.m. in the City Council Chambers at 110 E. Smith Street.

PRESENT

Council members Larry Fuqua, Michael Wallace, Brad Unruh, Susan Swartzendruber, and Clare Moore, City Administrator Gary Emry, and City Clerk Jason Thrasher with Mayor David Kauffman presiding. A quorum was present.

A staff / council work session was held to discuss end-of year projects and activities.

At 7:15 a.m. Brad Unruh left the meeting.

IMPROVEMENTS TO #5 POND AT GOLF COURSE

Michael Wallace moved to approve the bid from West Branch Excavating in the amount of \$25,000 to make improvements to the pond near hole #5 on the Hesston Public Golf Course with the funds coming from the Capital Improvement Fund. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

ADJOURN MEETING

At 9:40 a.m. Michael Wallace moved to adjourn the meeting. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Recorded by
Jason Thrasher
City Clerk