

**CITY OF HESSTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

MINUTES of January 9, 2023

Council Meeting No. 1

The regular meeting of the Hesston City Council was held on Monday, January 9, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers / Municipal Court Building located 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.

ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Hesston Fire/EMS Director Russ Buller, Police Chief Chris Eilert, Library Director Jackie Nelson, Chamber Director Kim Wallace, and Blake Spurney with the Harvey County Now.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

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

- Pre-Pay Gas Agreement Discussion
- Schedule City / USD460 / HREC Joint Meeting Date
- Golf Course Clubhouse Project Update
- Base Grant Participation

Mayor Kauffman added the items to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Michael Wallace 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. Hearing no comments, he proceeded to the next item of business.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 110-2023-073: WATER RATES

Brad Unruh moved to approve Ordinance No. 110-2023-073, which authorizes an increase in water rates. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 1171 – G.A.A.P. WAIVER

Larry Fuqua moved to approve Resolution No. 1171, which authorizes the waiver of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (G.A.A.P.) reporting requirements for the 2023 budget year. The City would comply with the cash basis and budget laws of the State of Kansas. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

2022 AUDIT CONTRACT

Brad Unruh moved to accept the 2022 Audit Services Contract with Lindburg Vogel Pierce Faris. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

COURT WRITE OFFS - 2022

Brad Unruh moved to approve the Municipal Court non-collectible write-offs in the amount of \$3,534. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

EMS WRITE OFFS - 2022

Brad Unruh moved to approve the following EMS non-collectible write-offs:

- Uncollectible Debt Write-off: \$11,269
- Kansas Set-off / CBK Write-off: \$188
- BCBS Contractual Write-off: \$5,434
- Medicare / Medicaid Required Write-off: \$87,212

Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

2022 HESSTON LAND BANK REPORT

Clare Moore moved to acknowledge the receipt of the 2022 Hesston Land Bank Report and authorize its publication. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLAN – SUMMARY OF WORK

It was the consensus of the Council to hold a work session on this topic on Tuesday, January 24th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in the City Council Chambers.

PRE-PAY GAS AGREEMENT DISCUSSION

It was the consensus of the Council to move forward with the City's participation in the program with the final agreement being brought to a future meeting for approval.

SCHEDULE JOINT MEETING DATE

It was the consensus of the Council to select Wednesday, February 22nd at 6:00 pm at the Hesston Middle School as the tentative date, time and location of the annual City / USD 460 / REC Joint Meeting.

GOLF COURSE CLUBHOUSE PROJECT UPDATE

The Council heard a report on the status of this project. It was the consensus of the Council to authorize the City Administrator to solicit a bid for adding an administrative office space to the project with the bid coming back to the Council at a future meeting for approval.

BASE GRANT PARTICIPATION

It was the consensus of the Council to direct the City Administrator to move forward with Ranson Financial to prepare a grant application that would solicit funds for the development of the industrial park land.

ADJOURN MEETING

At 6:55 p.m. Clare Moore moved to adjourn the meeting. Michael Wallace seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Recorded by
Jason Thrasher
City Clerk