

**CITY OF HESSTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

MINUTES of March 13, 2023

Council Meeting No. 5

The regular meeting of the Hesston City Council was held on Monday, March 13, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers / Municipal Court Building located at 110 E. Smith Street.

PRESENT

Council Members Brad Unruh, Larry Fuqua, Clare Moore, Susan Swartzendruber (via Zoom), and Michael Wallace (via Zoom), City Administrator Gary Emry, City Attorney J.T. Klaus, and City Clerk Jason Thrasher with Mayor David Kauffman presiding (via Zoom). A quorum was present.

ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

James Kelsh with Imagine IT, James Krstolich with Ideatek Fiber, John Reimer with Prairie Landworks, Inc., Dean Leatherman with Preferred Builders, Police Chief Chris Eilert, Public Works Superintendent Scott Robertson, Library Director Jackie Nelson and Library Board President Jen Person, and Blake Spurney with Harvey County Now.

CONSENT AGENDA

Larry Fuqua 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.

AGENDA ORDER CHANGE REQUEST

Hesston Public Library Director Jackie Nelson requested that the library agenda item be moved to the front of the agenda.

Clare Moore moved to approve the request to change the order of the agenda. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

LIBRARY FUNDING INCREASE REQUEST

Hesston Public Library Director Jackie Nelson and Library Board President Jen Person made a presentation to request \$35,457 in library funding for the 2024 budget.

It was the consensus of the council to refer this item to staff to be taken up during the 2024 budget planning.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 1173: AUTHORIZING TERMINATION AND RELEASE OF SITE LEASE AND LEASE (2014 LEASE PURCHASE)

Larry Fuqua moved to authorize Mayor Kauffman to sign Resolution 1173 which authorizes the termination of the 2014 lease agreement and site lease agreement related to the 26-acre industrial park property. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

RIDGE POINTE SALE – SETTING CLOSING DATE

Clare Moore moved to accept the closing date agreement letter and to authorize Mayor Kauffman to sign agreement. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

IDEATEK LEASED FIBER NETWORK

Clare Moore moved to approve the quotes from Ideatek in the amount of \$2,000 and \$2,220 per month and from ImagineIT in the amount of \$27,365.58 to install a leased fiber network between city buildings. Larry Fuqua seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

GOLF CLUBHOUSE REMODEL PROJECT – OFFICE ADD. QUOTE

Susan Swartzendruber moved to approve the addition of an office space, requiring an additional \$16,000 in expenses above the current budget for the Golf Course Clubhouse Remodel / Patio Project. Michael Wallace seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

PRAIRIE LANDWORKS, INC. GOLF MAINT. BLDG. REMODEL CONTRACT

Larry Fuqua moved to authorize Mayor Kauffman to sign the agreement with Prairie Landworks, Inc. for the remodel of the old golf course maintenance building into a venue that can be used to host events. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 4-0 with Michael Wallace abstaining.

NEW BUSINESS

IMAGINEIT ANNUAL CONTRACT

Clare Moore moved to authorize Mayor Kauffman to sign a 1-year (April 1, 2023 - March 31, 2024) IT Managed Services Agreement with ImagineIT at a cost of \$3,250 per month. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

BODY CAM AND CAR CAMERA REPLACEMENT AGREEMENT

Larry Fuqua moved to authorize Mayor Kauffman to sign a 5-year subscription agreement, subject to annual appropriations, with Motorola in the amount of \$86,832 spread over 5-years that would provide body and car cameras and cloud video storage for the Hesston Police Department. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

STEEL WHEEL ROLLER QUOTE

Clare Moore moved to approve the Street Department purchase of a Steel Wheel Roller in the amount of \$21,700 from Murphy Tractor and Equipment. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

KRWA ANNUAL MEETING – VOTING DELEGATES

Brad Unruh moved to appoint Public Works Superintendent Scott Robertson as the voting delegate and Chad Mason as the alternate delegate to the Kansas Rural Water Annual Meeting. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:40 p.m., Larry Fuqua moved to enter into an executive session for 15 minutes pursuant to the exemption related to preliminary discussion concerning the acquisition of real property (K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(6)) for the purpose of discussing the acquisition of real estate. The open meeting would resume at 7:55 p.m. in the city council chambers, with those present in the executive session being the mayor, city council, city administrator, and city attorney. Brad Unruh seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

At 7:55 p.m., the regular session resumed with no binding action taken during the session.

Larry Fuqua made a motion to accept the offer to acquire certain real estate from King Construction Company located between Lancaster and Old 81 Highway at a price of \$25,000 and to authorize the mayor to execute the agreement regarding the same. Clare Moore seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURN MEETING

At 8:00 p.m., Larry Fuqua moved to adjourn the meeting. Susan Swartzendruber seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Recorded by
Jason Thrasher
City Clerk