

The regular council meeting was called to order on August 1st, 2016 at 7:00pm by the Mayor Larry Ryff. Roll call showed the following present: Jared Morgan, Gordon Hunnicutt and David Wendt. Carol Lauxman and David VanHook were both absent.

Mayor Ryff led the council in the pledge of alliance.

Jared Morgan made a motion to dispense with reading the previous meeting minutes and approve the minutes the way they were written. Gordon Hunnicutt seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

The council looked over Appropriation Ordinance #1061 Jared Morgan made a motion to approve the ordinance and David Wendt seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

The financial report by Heather Stackley was next on the agenda. Heather said she wanted to let the council know that the Sewer Fund CD would mature on 8/4/2016. She went on to explain that she did put the Water Fund CD back on the financial statement separate from the savings. Gordon Hunnicutt then asked if the discrepancy in the bookwork had been figured out. Heather then explained that the report that she had received did not have all the information per category and that it was being worked on. She went on to say that she would be accessing the bank account on line so she would have the current numbers when preparing the financial statement. Jared Morgan then asked about the current CD rates and Mayor Ryff explained that the CD rates had not varied much from the CD rate page giving out at the last meeting. Jared Morgan made a motion to approve the financial statement and Gordon Hunnicutt Seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0. Then Jared Morgan made a motion to put the Sewer Fund CD into a 15 month Special rate CD and Gordon Hunnicutt seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Police Report: The report was presented by the Dickinson County Sheriff Deputy Garcia he explained that they had put in a total of 69.75 hours in the month of July for the city of Hope and had 23 calls. Officer Garcia explained that there was several suspicious activity calls. He continued to explain that he had came across a young subject around 5am that was out in their own yard but it still seemed odd at that time of the day. So he stopped to find out what was going on and the youngster said that everything was fine he was just playing Pokémon go. He said that was what several of the suspicious activity calls were. Garcia said that they would be in the area a little more to try and get the public aware of the school season starting back up. The Mayor and Council Thanked the Officer and he left.

New Business: Mayor Ryff explained that the Financial Committee has come up with a 2017 budget. Jared Morgan went on to explain that we had received increases from the Fire Department and the Library and the city would be looking at about a 1.3 mil increase overall. He said that the total rate went from 43.34 mils to 44.75 mils. He then made a motion and said if there is no questions he would like to pass the budget so that it could be published. Gordon Hunnicutt seconded the motion and it passed 3-0. The Mayor then explained that he would like to have a date and time as well so it be on the summary page when published. Jared suggested that we hold the hearing for the budget on the 15th of August at 7:00pm and the council agreed. Next Mayor Ryff explained that we had received a CMB application for the American Legion to sell cereal malt beverages during the Fall Festival. Gordon Hunnicutt made a motion to approve the CMB license and David Wendt 2nd the motion and it carried 3-0.

Old Business: Gordon explained that he hadn't gotten any information on a trailer for the mower. He said that he had gotten some information on a sprayer for the tractor and passed out the information. After a discussion a motion was made by Jared Morgan to purchase the sprayer David Wendt second the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Jared then made an additional motion to table buying a trailer until next March and Gordon Hunnicutt seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Standing & Special Committee Reports: Jerome Hyman had assumed that the road between his properties had been closed but found out otherwise when time to pay his property taxes at the court house. So he is requesting the rest of the street to be closed like originally voted on. After a lengthy discussion Gordon Hunnicutt motioned to table the discussion until next month and Jared Morgan 2nd the motion the motion was passed 3-0.

Mayor Ryff then asked Jared Morgan to explain a little bit about what happened at the KIAC meeting that we attended in Topeka. Jared explained he felt like the meeting had gone well, he said that they had lots of questions for us and he thought we did good answering for the most part. He went on to say that it was suggested to be more proactive with the concerns about the TTHM'S and the violation letters we have been receiving from the KDHE and the EPA. So we wrote a letter to Herington to set up a meeting to discuss the situation in hopes to find an effective solution. We will know more at the end of the year when we find out if we get funded.

Mayor's Discussion: The Mayor said he felt like things had been moving along pretty good. He then explained he feels like the council should participate with a wage review for Phil and I. He would like to have them write a short paragraph on how they think Phillip and I perform our jobs. Mayor Ryff than explained that the Hope Community Projects Committee had got their sign up for the upcoming Fall Festival and that Pat Coup would be at the next council meeting to discuss the temporary street closing for the festival.

Maintenance Report: Phil explained that the new tractor was running good and asked if I had received the owner's manual yet and I answered that we had not. Phil explained that he was still trying to figure things out since he hadn't received the manual. He said he would like to know how to adjust the mower so he could mower without constantly turning around. Phil's maintenance report also including getting rid of the old tractor. I suggested using Purple Wave to sell the tractor. Jared thought that would be a good way to sell it along with any other equipment that the city doesn't use. Jared said he thought he had a contact number and would get back with me. After a conversation among the council Jared made a motion to liquidate the tractor through Purple Wave through a bid process. Gordon Hunnicutt seconded the motion and the motion carried 3-0. Phil explained that there was an accident out at the burn pile as he shoved the pile up a root ball fell out and hit the backhoe and messed up the hydraulic lines. Gordon suggested that the pile be burn more often instead of pushing the pile so high things fall off and tears the equipment up. Phil agreed. The mayor then made a request for a load of rock for Phil to use around town to fix pot holes. Phil explained he thought that it would be next week before the new meter comes for the co-op.

Clerks Report:

I emailed the new water rate ordinance to the newspaper so it would be published. Then attended the financial committee meeting and worked on the budget and with help from Heather and Janelle got the numbers put into the state spreadsheet that will be sent to the county court house for the 2017 City Budget. Daniel with KanEquip called to let me know that they would be bringing the tractor over and on Friday they delivered the tractor and brought some paperwork over to sign. I also went to the bank and transferred the money from the savings back into a Water Fund CD. I than explained that would like to attend the KACM conference in Manhattan on the 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>. I explained that I thought it would be beneficial for me to attend and the information would help me in the court clerk part of my job. The council had a brief conversation and David Wendt made a motion for me to attend the KACM

conference plus mileage to and from Manhattan in September. Gordon Hunnicutt seconded the motion and the motion was passed 3-0.

Jared Morgan made a motion to adjourn and David Wendt seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

\_\_\_\_\_ Larry Ryff, Mayor

Attest:

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