

Mayor Ryff called the November 7th, 2016 regular council meeting to order at 7:00pm and led the council in the pledge of alliance. Mayor Larry Ryff asks for roll call, it showed the following present: Jared Morgan, Gordon Hunnicutt, David Wendt, and David VanHook. Carol Lauxman was absent.

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 4-0. Mayor Ryff explained that there were also minutes from the special meeting held October 24th, 2016 and ask for me to read them, David VanHook motioned to approve the minutes from the special meeting and Jared Morgan said that I should record the time when the council goes into executive session and put it in the minutes. Jared then seconded the motion and the motion carried 4-0.

Appropriation Ordinance: The Council reviewed the minutes and Jared Morgan made a motion to approve the Appropriation Ordinance #1064 and David Wendt seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0.

Financial Statement: Heather was not able to attend. The report was presented by Mayor Ryff. The Mayor explained that a check from the previous month had been dated wrong and was corrected so the financial statement from September had been revised. Heather had sent October's financial statement as well. Jared Morgan motioned to approve both of the financial statements and Gordon Hunnicutt seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0.

Police Report: The report was presented by the Dickinson County Sheriff Deputy, he explained that they had put in a total of 88.80 hours in the month of October for the City of Hope and had 17 calls. Deputy Garcia said that one incident stood out to him. He went on to explain that someone was attempting to have a Service Dog put down he then clarified the difference between a Service Dog and an Emotional Support Dog. Deputy Garcia said he had also brought the annual law enforcement contract down to present to council. Mayor Ryff said that it would be put in next month's New Business. Garcia asked if there were any other questions. The Council thanked him, the deputy left.

Visitors: Chelsea Morris (USDA Rural Development), Thaniel Monaco (BG Consultants)

New Business: Chelsea Morris was first under New Business but had not arrived so Mayor Ryff explained he would start with the two building permits. One was Roger Beecham and the other was David Wendt. After a brief

discussion David VanHook made a motion to approve both building permits and Gordon Hunnicutt seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0. Mayor Ryff said he was going to change up the agenda and go to old business with Thaniel Monaco with BG Consultants.

Old Business: Thaniel Monaco explained that at the last meeting he had gone over the EJCDC Agreement and suggested that we send a copy to the city's attorney. He went on to say that he and Doug had spoke a couple of times about the limited liability that the USDA Rural Development had concerns about. Mayor Ryff said that we had received an email from Mr. Thompson recommending the City approve the contract with BG Consultants as he felt the contract adequately protects the City. Mr. Thompson email went on to explain that if the Council approved the contract that he would send a letter to USDA Rural Development explaining the City's position. Jared Morgan said based on the suggestion from the City's legal counsel he motioned to approve the EJCDC Agreement with BG Consultants and Gordon Hunnicutt seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0. Mayor Ryff then signed four copies of the EJCDC Agreement and Chelsea Morris with USDA Rural Development collected them to take with her to get the additional signatures necessary to complete the contract.

Nancy Cowan was asked to present her business next. Nancy explained that she had went up and visited with the recycle center at Abilene about being able to make one trip when the trailer needed to be emptied. The man explained if a person could bring the trailer up first thing when they opened would work best, also if it could be brought in the middle of the week instead of on Saturday would all so help. He said they would try to work with us when it came to unloading the trailer. Nancy said she felt like it was a good thing for the community and hoped to be able to get volunteers to help with the trailer. Nancy said the hours are 9:00 am to 6:00pm Tuesday through Friday and 9:00 am to 12:00 pm on Saturday. She said they are closed on Monday. Mayor Ryff said for her to put his name on the volunteer list. Nancy thanked the Mayor and said that we could try it and if it works great and if not we can always give the trailer back to the county. The Mayor then asks if he could get a motion to try it out. Jared Morgan motioned to give it try and Gordon Hunnicutt seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Ryff explained that we would go back now to New Business with Chelsea Morris with the USDA Rural Development. Chelsea explained that Rural Development is the agency that the city is using for the loan portion for our water project. Chelsea said that part of the requirements is to hold a public

meeting. She explains that this meeting was published in the paper so if there any questions or comments about the project now are the time to voice any opinions or comments. Chelsea said that right now USDA Rural Developments engineer is reviewing the PER report from BG Consultants and Nichole with North Central Regional Planning Commission had started the environmental study for the project. She said she didn't see any issues coming up with that and she thought that Nichole had sent out the necessary letters. She explained that they are hoping to get the project funded before the end of the year so we are eligible for the low interest rates they are available right now. Chelsea said based on the current information they have to afford the project our water rate needs to be more in line with other similar size and type systems. She went on to say that \$37.50 is on the low end and so before they would be able to start contributing grant monies that the rate will have to be increased. Their figures show that in the \$42.59 range the city is comfortably able to afford the rest of the project in loan. She went on to explain that the numbers they have shows that additional grant funding from Rural Development will not be possible at this time, assuming that the City is awarded the CDBG grant. She said if for some reason we did not get the CDBG grant then they would consider helping fund the project with grant. However she said they feel if the City is awarded the CDBG grant the city will be sitting pretty good to afford a loan without having a significant rate increase. Chelsea said that things can change but with the current information the City is looking at an annual debt service of \$49,707.00 for the next forty years at an interest rate of 1.875%. Chelsea then asked where the city was with discussions with the City of Herington. Mayor Ryff explained that there really hadn't been any additional discussions with the City of Herington. After a lengthy conversation Thaniel asked if it would be ok for him to contact Ed Patton Herington's City Manager to see if he had a projected number that he would be willing to share. Mayor Ryff said that the City is his client and that he thought it would be good idea for Thaniel to make contact on behave of the City.

The Mayor said we would continue to finish up the new business. Next would be the contract with Abilene Termite and Pest Control. After a lengthy discussion Jared Morgan motioned to cancel the contract and Gordon Hunnicutt seconded and the motion passed 4-0.

Standing & Special Committee Reports: Jared Morgan ask if there any opinions about the information that was in the previous council binder. Another lengthy discussion took place and Jared Morgan asked it the council would like to meet to have a committee meeting to discuss the Nuisance Ordinance in more detail.

The Council agreed to meet November 28th at 7:00pm to discuss the Nuisance Ordinance. Gordon Hunnicutt made a suggestion to make a list and have some picture available to look at during the meeting. Mayor Ryff then named off 3 locations around town that he would like the Council to drive by and look at. He said that would be the start of a list. A lengthy discussion took place about one of the property's that had been brought up at the last meeting. Jared Morgan made a motion to table the Nuisance Ordinance until the 5th of December and David VanHook seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

Maintenance Report: Billy said he had only worked 3 day's last months and structured his report similar to the way Phil had done his. He said he had a list of things on his agenda that he had been working on and the right now he was focusing on winterizing and getting the equipment ready for winter. He said that he was planning to hang flags for Veterans Day as well. He went on to explain that he had been cleaning up the property at 306 E 3rd Ave. Billy said he had been keeping track of the hours of both equipment being used as well as his time. Mayor Ryff explained that we would use that information to assess the bill against the property owners taxes. The Council said that he should continue clean up the property.

Clerks Report: I did some looking around to find a job description for the maintenance position and typed up an ad for the newspapers as well as one to hang around town. I emailed the attorney the EJCDC Agreement to review. Finished up all the quarterly payments as well. I met Chelsea Morris with USDA Rural Development and got busy updating the DUNS number so that I could register the City on the SAM site, so that I could register with RD Apply and submit the information that the needed to complete the application. Set up a special meeting to interview candidates for the maintenance position.

David VanHook motioned to adjourn and Gordon Hunnicutt seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

Larry Ryff, Mayor

Attest:

Joni Rikard, Clerk