

The regular council meeting was called to order on September 6th, 2016 at 7:00pm by the Mayor Larry Ryff. Roll call showed the following present: Jared Morgan, Carol Lauxman, Gordon Hunnicut, David Wendt, and David VanHook.

Mayor Ryff led the council in the pledge of alliance.

Carol Lauxman made a motion to dispense with reading the previous meeting minutes and approve the minutes the way they were written. Jared Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

The council looked over Appropriation Ordinance #1062 Jared Morgan made a motion to approve the ordinance and Carol Lauxman seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

The financial report by Heather Stackley was next on the agenda. Heather was unable to attend the meeting. After the council examined the Financial Statement Jared Morgan motioned to approve the report and Gordon Hunnicutt seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

Police Report: The report was presented by the Dickinson County Sheriff Deputy, he explained that they had put in a total of 64.50 hours in the month of August for the City of Hope and had 19 calls. He explained that the Mayor and he had spoke about the Festival this weekend and that they would have extra officers in town for the event. He asked if there were any other questions or concerns. The Council had none and Thanked him, the deputy left.

New Business: Mayor Ryff stated Pat Coup was here to visit with the council about the upcoming Heritage Festival. Pat explained the first sheet she was handing out was for all the scheduled activities for the day of the Festival. Pat requested that the big park and the mini park be mowed before Saturday. She also asked if the big park could be sprayed for bugs. She needed an extra dumpster at the annex. She explained that they had come up with stands to run rope through to keep people from parking along Main St. and to keep them out of the highway while looking at the vendors goods. She said she only needed 2 streets closed this year, 2nd Ave. west of Main St to the alley and 2nd Ave East of Main St to the school. Also West 1st Ave and East 1st Ave to the alleys. She wanted to confirm that dig safe had been contacted as well. Carol Lauxman made a motion to approve Pat's request and David Wendt seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. She also made a request to contact the Sheriff's office to inform them of the road closing in case of an emergency.

Mayor Ryff explain next on the agenda was Nichole McDaniel with North Central Regional Planning Commission. Nichole started by asking if anyone had any question about the water project, she explained that the CDBG application would be submitted September 30th to the Kansas Department of Commerce and that she had been busy putting it together for the City of Hope. She said that once it was more complete that she would email a copy to me and I could forward it to the council members to review. She suggests that everyone should read and review the contents so that if anyone has additional ideas or thoughts that it could be added to the application. She said she would try to get the application sent to us far enough ahead of time that it allow for adjustment if needed. She explained that she had been in contact with Thaniel Monaco over the last couple of weeks. They had spoken about some of the numbers. Jared Morgan than asked if Thaniel had updated her about the meeting we had with Herington. She replied that she and Thaniel had discussed the meeting and she intended on including that information in the application. Next she explained that there are several forms that need to be signed and submitted with the application. The first form she explained was about the rules when you are awarded the grant funds. She said that there were more forms and after she explain each one that a motion would be needed. Next was a form concerning residential anti-displacement and relocation act. This form states that while the project is going on the city is not allowed to threaten any resident about moving out of their home for any reason. The next one is the determination of level of review. Which means after being awarded, Nichole will start the process of an environmental review. The next form in the packet was Nichole's administration agreement. She explained that the agreement would only take place if we received the grant and that the Administration Agreement stated that as well. Next she discussed the discloser report. She explained basically it shows that the remainder of the matching funds will be coming from USDA Rural Development/local. It also list BG Consultants and North Central Regional Planning Commission as the first two interested parties, and so after the bids process is complete and a general contractor is hired, Nichole will submit again and continues to update the list as the project progresses. Jared Morgan motioned that they approve the discloser report, administration agreement, anti-displacement relocation act, statement of assurances and certifications and determination of level of review and Carol Lauxman seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0. Next was Resolution 2016-1 is a Resolution certifying legal authority to apply for the 2017 CDBG program from the Department of Commerce and authorizing the Mayor/Commissioner to sign and submit the water sewer application. Carol Lauxman made a motion to approve Resolution number 2016-1, David Wendt

seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0. The second Resolution 2016-2 is to assure the Kansas Department of Commerce that funds will be continually provided for the operation and maintenance of improvements to the water system to be financed with the Community Development Block Grant Funds. Carol Lauxman motioned to adopt the 2016-2 Resolution and Gordon Hunnicutt seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. Nichole then explained if the city is awarded the grant, there is a mandatory 2 day class that Kansas Department of Commerce has you attend to make sure you understand all the requirements and the process that goes with receiving the grant funding. Jared Morgan asked if there was anything that the city could do to help with the application. Nichole said that if there were any pictures or things that the city has done to help maintain the water system that she has not been made aware of would be beneficial. The council Thanked her and she left.

Next the Mayor said was wage review. Jared Morgan made motion to go into executive session for 30 minutes to discuss wages and Carol Lauxman seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0. David VanHook made a motion to come out of executive session Gordon Hunnicutt seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0. Jared Morgan made a motion to give the clerk a 5% pay increase effective on my anniversary date and the maintenance man a 3% pay increase effective his anniversary date as well. Jared said he would like to add that wage reviews would be given quarterly instead of annual. Gordon Hunnicutt second the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Old Business: Mayor Ryff explained that Jerome had asked about North St. being closed. Mayor Ryff said that we were waiting to hear back from our attorney to try and figure out where things fell apart. Gordon Hunnicutt ask if that meant the street was still the city's. The Mayor explained that was what they were trying to determine. Jared Morgan motioned that the topic be tabled another month to allow more time for the attorney to contact us. Carol Lauxman seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

Special & Standing Committee Report: Jerome Hyman asked what the city could do about 306 E 3rd Ave. The Mayor explained that there are different ways to deal with the situation. He said the city could attempt to get a hold of someone that is attending to the owners affairs, the council could vote to run an ad in the newspaper and wait 10 days and take care of the yard and assess the charges back to the property taxes. Jared asked if a vote was needed if that was what the ordinance said. Mayor Ryff responded that a vote was not necessary.

Mayors Discussion: Mayor Ryff told the council that the letters that had been sent out to two residences with pit bulls have been picked up. He said he would be following up to make sure that the dog are out of town. Also the Mayor had visited with the school about the community garden and the over grown weeds that needed attention. He explained that we had sent out several nuisance letters over the last couple of weeks and several had complied.

Maintenance Report: Phil asked if there were any questions. Jared asked how the tractor was working and if there was anything it's not doing that he thought it should be or doing more than expected. Phil said that it had met all his expectations. Mayor Ryff asked Phil about spraying the park for Saturday's events and David Wendt said that the co-op was already setup to do the spraying in the park. Gordon Hunnicutt asked Phil if he got the sprayer hooked up and if it was working right. Phil said that he had put a clamp on spray nozzle. Jared and Gordon said that when he winterizes the sprayer they would try and figure out something different for next year. Phil asked David Wendt if he had gotten a key for the bathrooms, David said that he had and everything seemed to be OK. David VanHook said that he had seen that the tractor that the City had on Purple Wave was up to \$400.00.

Clerks Report: I had change out the Sewer Fund CD and put it in the special higher interest rate CD. I spoke to Jeanne Livingston at the County and sent her 2017 Budget information she needed. I looked for the minutes regarding the road closings in 2013. I Contacted Herington City Manager to set up a meeting with them to discuss the violation letters the city has received. Sent paperwork in for a CMB License for the Festival. Spoke with a guy from Purple Wave and gave him information to sell the tractor. I updated the city's website and hope to continue keeping it current and up to date.

Carol Lauxman made a motion to Adjourn and Gordon Hunnicutt seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Larry Ryff, Mayor

Attest:

Joni Rikard, Clerk