

Mayor Ryff called the April 12th, 2023 regular council meeting to order at 7:00pm and led the council in the pledge of allegiance.

The Mayor asked me to do roll call, it showed the following present: Fred French, Ginger Stewart and Daniel Schwindt. Gordon Hunnicutt, and Robin Moniz were absent.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Mayor Ryff said the next item of business is the minutes from the previous meeting. Ginger Stewart made a motion to accept the minutes from March 8th, 2023, as written. Daniel Schwindt seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

Appropriation Ordinance: Mayor Ryff said next is appropriation ordinance #1141 He said if there are any questions please ask. Daniel Schwindt made a motion to approve appropriation ordinance #1141, Fred French seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Treasurers Report: The mayor said the next item of business is the Treasurer's report. Heather said she changed some numbers on some of the CD's. The Mayor asked if there were any questions for Heather. Mayor Ryff said that he would entertain a motion to approve the statement. Fred French made a motion to approve the financial statement, Ginger Stewart seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

New Business: Mayor Ryff said that back in January we reached out to BG Consultants to write a legal description of the City of Hope, Ks. We have been in contact with him every month since, and while we talked to him last week on the phone, we got a little pushy about getting the description done. He explained that we would need to sign a contract with them in order to finish up the description. Mayor Ryff said so, what is in the notebooks is a contract from BG Consultants that needs signed. He said even though the Council had approved us to hire them he would like their blessing to sign the paperwork required to move forward. Fred French made a motion for the Mayor to sign the contract. Ginger Stewart seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0. Mayor Ryff said the next item of business is the 2023 budget workshop. The Mayor explained that this workshop helps me to keep up on anything new that the state has come up with. Ginger Stewart made a motion to send me to the Municipal Services 2023 Budget Workshop, Daniel Schwindt seconded the motion and it passed 3-0. Mayor Ryff said to get pre-registered for the workshop.

Mayor Ryff said that there is not really any old business or special committee reports.

Mayor Discussion: He said he only had one main topic and that is the possibility of hiring some summer help. He said he was talking about two days a week to basically help John out. He said he wasn't sure how much of the summer it would be. He said that the lawn mowing in May and June can be extraordinary for one person. With mowing comes weed eating. There won't be any fringe benefits and they will be paid like a vendor and will receive a 1099

at the end of the year. Mayor Ryff said next, in regards to trashy houses and what have you, we are going to be sending out some letters about cleaning up their yards. There was a conversation between the Mayor and Council. No action was taken.

Clerks Update: Tandi Reiff with Smart Insurance emailed me about having a meeting with Larry and me. We figured out a day and she came to go over the policies with us. She emailed a copy of the information that she checked on and changed, she said she would stop in again if Larry wanted to go over the information again and after talking with Larry, I let her know that it wasn't necessary. Went online and registered Pat for the Kansas Rural Water Class for a wastewater credit offered at the conference. Sent an email to Jeanne Livingston Dickinson County Clerk to certify the elected positions coming up for the fall election. The deadline for filing is June 1st by noon. The filing fee is \$20.00 for all positions, or you can file by petition. You would need to collect 23 names to file by petition. I received a call from the funeral home in Herington about marking a grave at the cemetery. I talked to Larry and John about going up there to mark and flag. I met John at the cemetery and marked the grave and called the funeral home to let them know it was done. Tim Halfhide emailed me about not getting a response from Thaniel with BG and wanting to get things closed up. I let him know that I would get with Thaniel and have him contact him as soon as possible. I received an email from Thaniel apologizing for the late response and that he had spoken to Tim and would be putting together a design for KDHE. I also received an email from Brian Westberg with BG Consultants about the legal description for the City. I showed the email to Larry and asked if he wanted to talk with him, we called him and found out that he needed the city to sign a contract with them to move forward with the work they were doing. I submitted the annual compliance report to the US Treasury Department.

Fred French made a motion to adjourn, Ginger Stewart seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

_____ Larry Ryff, Mayor

Attested

_____ Joni Rikard, Clerk