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Mayor Ryff called the April 13th, 2022 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: Gordon Hunnicutt, Ginger Stewart and Daniel Schwindt. Fred French and Robin Moniz was absent.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Mayor Ryff said the next item of business is the minutes from the previous meeting. Gordon Hunnicutt made a motion to accept the minutes as written from March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Ginger Stewart seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

Appropriation Ordinance: Mayor Ryff said next is appropriation ordinance #1129. Gordon Hunnicutt made a motion to approve appropriation ordinance #1129, Daniel Schwindt seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Treasurers Report: The mayor said the next item of business is the Treasurer's report with Heather Stackley. She said there is nothing big or outstanding this month, except for the COD #14790 is maturing 4/21. She said she assumed it would just rollover, the Mayor confirmed that it would. Gordon Hunnicutt made a motion to accept the financial statement for March 1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Daniel Schwindt seconded the motion and it passed 3-0. Mayor Ryff said she could go whenever she needed to leave. Heather thanked the Mayor.

New Business: Mayor Ryff said the next item under new business is Branden Dross with the City of Herington. Branden said he was here for the follow-up from the meeting in February. He said the city commission had approved using the ARPA funds to complete the build out for the new Hope Waterline, he said it should start at the end of next week. Mayor Ryff said, and the moving of the water meter. Branden said yes that is included in the project. He wanted to make sure he had that follow up for us. He said that the test results are coming out better than they have in the last few weeks and the water quality is far exceeding the KDHE standards. He said they still have an Ozone, and they are waiting on some parts to install the Ozone purification system, it should be installed in the next six weeks. Mayor Ryff said that he had looked over the amendment to the contract that they put together and sent. He said that he had one problem with it, he said he isn't the kind a person that will sign off on a 3.6% increase forever. Branden said that his commission felt the same way. There was a lengthy conversation between the Mayor, Council and Branden Dross. At the end of the conversation Mayor Ryff asked if he could have his attorney change the paragraph to say it would be reviewed every three years to determine the 3.6% increase is necessary. Branden said he would talk to the commission and the attorney and email it over to me once it was changed. The Council and Mayor thanked Branden for coming over and he left. The next item of business is the hearing for resolution 22-005 and 22-006. Mayor Ryff said it has been twenty-five minutes and nobody is here to protest so, he said he would ask the Council to go ahead and adopt the resolutions to proceed getting a contractor to remove the houses. Gordon Hunnicutt made a motion to approve resolutions 22-005 and 22-006, Daniel Schwindt seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0. The Mayor said moving on we have a CMB

renewal for Pat Coup. Gordon Hunnicutt made a motion to sell a Cereal Malt Beverage License to Pat Coup. Daniel Schwindt seconded the motion and it passed 3-0. Mayor Ryff said the next item of business is a building permit for David and Shirley Elkins. He said they live just North of the homemek building. Basically, they want to build a building where there is a cement slab on their property. The Mayor said it would be bolted and anchored down. Gordon Hunnicutt made a motion to approve the building permit application for David and Shirley Elkins. Ginger Stewart seconded the motion and it carried 3-0. Mayor Ryff said there is not old business, he said he would move on down to the Mayor's discussion.

**Mayor's Discussion:** First things is the Hope Alumni association is planning their reunion the last weekend of May. They would like to close a section of street North of the annex for the activities on Friday and Saturday evening. They are planning to have a bond fire like thing too. Mayor Ryff said he wanted them to talk to the fire chief about having the bond fire. Gordon Hunnicutt made a motion to approve the street closings, the east half of West 2<sup>nd</sup> avenue. Daniel Schwindt seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Mayor said the next thing is the update on the additional 4" waterline, he said he did come around and talked to everyone about it. He said basically he had all five councilmembers sign off on it. Shannon with J & K informed him last Friday that construction on the 4" waterline could happen as early as the 25<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup> of this month. He said as far as he knows it is a go. Mayor Ryff said moving on to department reports.

**Maintenance Report:** The Mayor said that he knows that John has been staying busy. John pumped out the bathrooms at the park last week. He has picnic tables that he is renovating, putting new boards on and sanding down to paint. He said he was hoping to have the city park mowed for the Easter egg hunt on Saturday.

**Clerks Report:** I phoned the Connors to let them know that their building permit had been approved. I emailed the new water rate ordinance to the Reflector Chronicle to be published. Then I called Sequoyah to have them help me adjust the water rates and meter charge. I made a list of all the 2" meters to be ready when they called me back. I spoke to John Purvis about working with us as our prosecuting attorney and visited with him about the upcoming court date and who was on the docket. I emailed him the information concerning the case. Mardee the postmaster in Herington came and visited Larry and me about the problem with the Hope post office. She said that there were several repairs that needs to be taken care of before they would be reopening the office. Mardee explained that they would be putting up some temporary units and would have to pass out keys for the residence that have post office boxes. Larry suggested that they bring the keys to me to hand out. The following Monday they brought keys for the temporary units for me to hand out. John came in and told me that the new chemical plant thought that something was wrong with their waterline because they were not able to fill their tanks as quickly as they had anticipated. I called Preston with Core & Main so he could help John collect a 30-day per hour report with the handheld and I could print it.

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Went online to the US Treasury website to submit compliance report for the APRA funds. Mayor Ryff said there was a Budget Workshop in Salina on May 12<sup>th</sup> that I would like to attend. Gordon Hunnicutt made a motion to have me go to the workshop, Ginger Stewart seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Mayor Ryff said he would like to take a step back and give Gordon Hunnicutt the floor. Gordon asked what kind of monthly fee was going to be charged for the new 4" meter going in for the Co-op. After a conversation among the Mayor and Council they asked for me to check on the listserv and see what other third-class cities charge for a 4" monthly meter charge. Gordon asked if there were any older lines in town that we could go ahead and update them. The Mayor said that there is nothing big at this time other than there are four meters that still need to be changed out, then we will be 100% auto-read. Gordon asked how the water loss was looking and if it was still improving. The Mayor explained that it was definitely getting better than before the project. Gordon said he had one more question, he asked if we could put last months water usage on the water bill? I said I would have to talk to Sequoyah and see if it was possible. Gordon Hunnicutt made a motion to adjourn, Ginger Stewart seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

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Larry Ryff, Mayor

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Joni Rikard, Clerk