

1 | Hope City Council Meeting April 2nd, 2018

Mayor Ryff called the April 2nd, 2018 regular council meeting to order at 7:00pm and Mayor Ryff led the council in the pledge of alliance. Mayor Larry Ryff asked for me to phone David VanHook before roll call, once David Vanhook answered I did roll call and it showed the following present: Carol Lauxman, David Wendt and David VanHook via telephone. Gordon Hunnicutt was absent.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Carol Lauxman motioned to dispense with the reading of the previous minutes and approve the way they were written. David Wendt seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

Appropriation Ordinance: The Council reviewed the Appropriation Ordinance. Carol Lauxman moved to approve the Appropriation Ordinance#1081 and David Wendt seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

Financial Statement: Heather Stackley said only item was that the General Fund Certificate of Deposit mature this month. She asked if the Council wanted to roll it over or do something different. Mayor Ryff said that the CD is in at 1.1% and if the Council allows it to roll over for another 12 months it will be at a rate of 1.7%. Carol Lauxman asked if it would be needed with the water project getting ready to start. Mayor Ryff said he really didn't see needing it. David VanHook made a motion to allow the CD to carry over. Carol Lauxman seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0. Heather asked if there were any other questions, if not she had another meeting to attend. There were no more questions and she left the meeting.

Sheriff's Report: Mayor Ryff said next, he would have officer Longbine give the Hope police report. Officer Longbine explained that there were a total of 24 calls and 86.25 hours put in for the month of March in the City of Hope. He said most were traffic stops, a few alarms, one theft and there was a threat. Officer Longbine said there was a utility call, but he wasn't sure what that was. He then asked if there were any questions. The Mayor said he did have a question on animals. He said the way he understands it is that the Sheriffs department don't really do animal control unless the animal is vicious. Officer Longbine said he was correct. A discussion took place between the deputy and the Mayor. Mayor Ryff said that he just wanted to make sure we were all on the same page. The Officer asked if there were any other question, there were none. We thanked him and Officer Longbine left.

New Business: Mayor Ryff said that the Hope Developmental Group is wanting to get someone to paint a mural on the shed next to the walking trail in the park. He said it is the galvanized well shed. The Mayor said he didn't see any harm in it and if we don't like it we can always paint over it. Carol Lauxman

made a motion to allow the group to have a mural painted on the well house. David Wendt seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0. The next item under new business was a building permit for John and Robin Moniz. Mayor Ryff said he spoke to John and it is a 12X20 shed. He said it will be 10-15 feet off the North alley and 8 feet off the West alley. David Wendt made a motion to approve the building permit and Carol Lauxman seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Old Business: Mayor Ryff said that the Council had talked about a City-Wide Clean-up for the last several months. He said at the last meeting the Council had voted to do a limb clean up the first three weeks of May. He said that there had been a discussion about a city clean-up to get rid of old appliances, carpet pads, furniture, paint buckets and other stuff to get people to clean-up their yards. Mayor Ryff said he had attended the Hope Community Developmental Groups meeting last month and they wanted to push the dates up to get it done in April, so it wouldn't interfere with harvest or summer events. He said that they came to the understanding it would happen April the 14th until April the 27th with the City of Hope to provide the first dumpster, the Hope Community Development would provide the second dumpster and there is financing for a third one if needed. He said the Hope Community Developmental group would lend their support to help get the trash pick-up from the curb in the way of a skid steer, clamshell bucket and manual labor. He said the City will be providing a crew for that as well. Mayor Ryff said he estimates the dumpster to cost around \$450.00. David VanHook said that the Council had talked about it and he thought it was a step in the right direction. Carol Lauxman said that the Lyons club would also provide a dumpster and help with manual labor as things get scheduled and in place. David VanHook made a motion that the City covers the cost of a dumpster. Carol Lauxman seconded the motion and the motion carried 3-0.

Standing & Special Committee Reports: The Mayor said he didn't have anything. David VanHook asked if anyone had heard anything about the new lawn mower yet. Billy Lininger said that he was told they were going to be bringing a Toro and Hustler out for a demonstration.

Mayors Discussion: The Mayor said he really didn't have a lot to discuss other than the empty Council seat. He said after doing a lot of thinking and discussing and talking to a couple of people, he decided to appoint a businessman here in Hope Mr. Fred French, he said he now that he had made the appointment the Council would need to discuss and decide whether to confirm the appointment or not. After a brief discussion among the Council, David

Wendt made a motion to confirm the appointment of Fred French as the new Council person and Carol Lauxman seconded the motion. Mayor Ryff added that he would be taking over the unexpired term of Jared Morgan. The motion passed 3-0.

Maintenance Report: Billy said that there had been several water leaks last month and he had to shut the tower down twice. He said he did use the new impact and that it had worked really good. Billy said that the backhoe had a line brake on it and he called Tim with Dozer Doctor, he said Tim showed up within an hour and had it fixed in an hour as well. Billy said that he is getting ready to fill in the water leaks and would like to order some rock to help fill in the holes. Billy said since it was warming up he would like to have some rock for out at the lagoon, so he can start putting some rock around the lagoons. He said he was good on sand. Billy said he had got a call from Brett Bye and Brett told him that there was going to be a workshop in Herington on the 19th of this month and that he thought it would be good for him to go. Mayor Ryff asked if everyone was ok with getting 2 loads of rock. He said one would be road rock and the other would be 3-inch rock. David Wendt motioned to get two loads of rock to put around the lagoons and help back fill the water leaks. Carol Lauxman seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

Mayor Ryff said he wanted to explain that it seemed that during the spring months that most entities have work sessions or meetings. He said one of them is at the Dickinson County Court House in Abilene, he said that he told me to go ahead and plan to go. He explained that we would be going over Election Law changes, Recording Deeds, Motor Vehicle Estimates for Budget Information. Mayor Ryff said that Janelle Dockendorf is the Budget Director and would be there and if I had any questions that it will be a good time to discuss those questions. He said there is no charge for the meeting other than mileage to and from. He said there is also a Kansas Rural Water Association workshop over in Herington on Thursday April 19th he said he would like for Billy to attend that. He said Billy would get credit hours that would go towards his certification for attending, he said not only that, but he will learn about hydrants and valves and pressure installations. Mayor Ryff said that it will be no charge for him to attend that meeting. He said that there is one more meeting and that is put on by the commerce department it will be in Newton on the 17th of April. Mayor Ryff said he would have me explain. I said that the meeting would go over the different types of grants that are available and how to go about getting qualified for the grants. After looking at the registration form and having Larry look at it we thought it would be beneficial and help me to be able to answer questions

that might come up. Mayor Ryff said that there would be no charge for meeting except for the mileage to and from Newton. Mayor Ryff said that he would entertain a motion for the employees to attend these meetings. David VanHook made a motion to allow the employees to attend the three meeting that were just discussed. Carol Lauxman seconded the motion and the motion carried 3-0.

Clerks Report: I called USD 481 Rural Vista and Jim and Gail Pilcher to let them know that their building permits had been approved. Talked to the bank about adding Gordon Hunnicutt as an authorized signer and removing Jared Morgan, they needed a note from the Mayor to confirm that Jared Morgan had resigned, and Gordon Hunnicutt was authorized to sign. The next day I typed up a note, Larry signed it and took it to the bank. Then they gave me a new signature card to have everyone sign. Heather came in and we reviewed the annual financial report to figure out the best way to edit it, so it would coincide with the monthly report that she does for the council meeting. While she was in the office I had her sign the new signature card from the bank and the CDBG paperwork that she was required to sign. The next day I texted Gordon Hunnicutt, he came in and signed the signature card for the bank as well as the one for the CDBG grant. Larry came in and signed the new signature card from the bank and the paperwork for CDBG. I sent Mayor Jones of Herington an email requesting that we set up a meeting to continue to negotiate a water contract. He informed me that the commission had decided to do a rate study and that they would not have the results for 6 weeks. I let Larry know as soon as possible and forwarded the emailed to Nichole, so she was aware as well. Nichole called the next day I explained that Larry and I had talked that there is a contract with the City of Herington. She said that she would call and explain the situation to Linda at the commerce department to see what she would suggest. After Nichole spoke to Linda she called and said that Linda just needed a copy of the current contract when I sent the rest of the paperwork and she would be ok with that. ☺

Carol Lauxman made a motion to adjourn and David Wendt seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

Larry Ryff, Mayor

Attest:

_____ Joni Rikard, Clerk