

1 | Hope City Council Meeting April 6th, 2020

Mayor Ryff called the April 6th, 2020 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: David Wendt, Fred French and Gordon Hunnicutt. Ginger Stewart showed up at 7:15pm. Robin Moniz was absent.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Mayor Ryff said the first item is the minutes from the previous meeting. Gordon Hunnicutt made a motion to dispense with the reading of minutes and approve the way they were written; David Wendt seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

Appropriation Ordinance: Mayor Ryff said next is appropriation ordinance #1105. Gordon Hunnicutt made a motion to approve appropriation ordinance #1105, Fred French seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Financial Statement: Mayor Ryff explained he had asked Heather Stackley to stay home because of the governor's order limiting the number of people at gatherings. David Wendt made a motion to approve the March financial statement. Gordon Hunnicutt seconded the motion, the motion passed 4-0.

Police Report: Mayor Ryff said that he had me call to ask the deputy not to show up at tonight's meeting. He said they still sent the service report to hand out. He said it looked like they put in a total of 79.25 hours in March and had 17 calls.

Visitors: Mayor Ryff said there is no visitors.

New Business: Mayor Ryff said under new business there is a Cereal Malt Beverage License for Pat Coup. Mayor Ryff said he was not sure that the event was still on for sure, but there was suppose to be a disc golf tournament in the park, they are planning to have a beer garden and he said there was going to be a band for entertainment as well as food from 12pm-8pm. A conversation took place among the council about the event. Gordon Hunnicutt made a motion to approve the Cereal Malt Beverage License for Pat Coup. Fred French seconded the motion and the motion carried 3-0.

Old Business: Mayor Ryff said there is one item of old business. He said Holland Municipal Services had been here in February and that you all talked about it being a good thing. Mayor Ryff said that he was going to help with the old abandon houses. He asked does the City want to employ him and does the City want to pick a house to start with. The Council all agreed it was a good idea to move forward with the process. A discussion among the Council and Mayor took place. Gordon Hunnicutt made a motion to hire Holland Municipal Services for abatement issues on a trial bases of one house for now, and to start with the property at 101 E 2nd Ave., Fred French seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

Mayors Discussion: Mayor Ryff said he didn't have much to discuss. He said that we did get the chain it in for up at the Cemetery. He said toward the end of the week he wanted to start proceeding on that a little bit more. He said the

maintenance department says that they like the new little mower and it does a good job going in and out and around the headstones. Mayor Ryff said he also has an interested party in buying the old mower for \$50.00. Fred French made a motion to sell the old mower for \$50.00. David Wendt seconded the motion and the motion carried 3-0. Mayor Ryff said the departmental reports are in the notebooks. Gordon asked if there was anything I'd like to add, there wasn't, and the meeting moved on. He said under the FYI section there is a budget report for 2019.

Mayor Ryff said that there are two building permits that came in late. He said we would start with Agridime, he said one was to demo the old hotel. Fred French made a motion to approve the demo permit and Gordon Hunnicutt seconded the motion. It carried 3-0. Mayor Ryff said the next one is a building permit for Agridime to remodel the old bar and grill. A brief discussion took place between the Council and Mayor. Fred French made a motion to approve the building permit for Agridime LLC. Gordon Hunnicutt seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0. Mayor Ryff said next is a demo for Ronald Sondergard, where he had his woodshop down by the old lumberyard. Fred French made a motion to approve the demo permit for Ronald Sondergard. David Wendt seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Gordon Hunnicutt made a motion to adjourn, David Wendt seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

_____ Larry Ryff, Mayor

Attest:

_____ Joni Rikard, Clerk