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Mayor Ryff called the August 10th, 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: Fred French, Gordon Hunnicutt, Robin Moniz and Ginger Stewart. Daniel Schwindt was absent.

Mayor Ryff said that he was going to rearrange the schedule because he knew the Pat Coup had another meeting over at the annex. So, we'll just start off with Pat. Pat thanked the Mayor, she said she put a tentative schedule for the fall festival in front of everybody. Pat said she has a list of all the street closings they want for the festival. She explained that they are the same streets as last year, which is 2nd Avenue from 1st street to Poplar Street. They will be closed Friday September 9th early morning. Parking will be closed on Main Street from South of the bank of the Westside to the mini park. Then on Broadway while folks line up for the parade. Fred French made a motion for the requested street closings, Gordon Hunnicutt seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0. Pat said that eventually they would like to plant a tree in the big park in honor of Jamie Plank, she said that Jamie done a great job serving on the committee. She said they want to wait until there is water in the park before they do it. There was a conversation between the Mayor, Pat and the council. No action was taken. Pat said that they would appreciate any help that anybody wants to give them the day of the festival. She said that the tent will be here sometime Friday, Pat thanked the council and left. The Mayor said we would get back to the regular meeting schedule.

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 July 13th, 2022. Ginger Stewart seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0.

Appropriation Ordinance: Mayor Ryff said next is appropriation ordinance #1133 He said if there are any questions please ask. Gordon Hunnicutt made a motion to approve appropriation ordinance #1133, Fred French seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

Treasurers Report: The mayor said the next item of business is the Treasurer's report. Mayor Ryff said if there are any questions on the treasurers report he would have me answer them. Gordon Hunnicutt made a motion to approve the July 1st – July 31st 2022 Financial Statement. Fred French seconded the motion and it carried 4-0. Mayor Ryff said that there is a CD due 8/10/2022, he said that there is a rate sheet in front of you. There was a discussion between the Council and Mayor. Gordon Hunnicutt made a motion to get a new CD at 1.70% double bump 60-month, Robin Moniz seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

New Business: Mayor Ryff said that we are done with the financial report and Pat Coups festival request and now we will move onto the annual evaluation. He said that is a yearly event for me and basically, he evaluates my work as exceptional! He said he also evaluates Johns work as exceptional! He said he

would like to hear a motion to go into executive session. Gordon Hunnicutt made a motion to go into executive session for 15 minutes, Fred French seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0. Gordon Hunnicutt made a motion to come out of executive session and Fred French seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0. Gordon Hunnicutt made a motion to give me a pay raise to \$17.50 an hour, Ginger Stewart seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0. I thanked the Council for the pay raise! The Mayor said that kinda ends the new business except what falls under the Mayor's Discussion.

Mayor's Discussion: Mayor Ryff said first of all he called Justin Rutz about the house demos. He said he wanted to see if we were on track. He said that Justin said it would be the end of August before he got here. There was a conversation about the upcoming demolitions. The Mayor said he had a couple other items for you. First there is one that says Dickinson County at the top of it, he said I guess if anyone wants a free meal let me know and I will RSVP for them. There was a short conversation between the Council and Mayor. Mayor Ryff said the other item he did want to request that they send me and possibly him too. There is a meeting in Salina and he would like to see if we are eligible for some grant money. He explained that there are some funds that are available for broadband, water and sewer. He said his interest is if we could get a grant that would help pay for hooking the park bathrooms up to the sewer main. There was a conversation between the Mayor and Council. Gordon Hunnicutt made a motion for The Mayor and I to go to the meeting August 16th. Ginger Stewart seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0. The Mayor said that there had been a couple of minor issues involving cats. He said after visiting with the residents that the cat population in that area of town has decreased. He said there was another issue down by the museum between a couple of landowners and where the property line is. The Mayor and Council had a discussion about the situation. Then Mayor Ryff said that he wondered what the Council thought about making an offer on the vacant lot at 100 N Main Street. He said it would let the City have some input about what happens to it. There was a lengthy conversation with the Council and Mayor. Ginger Stewart made a motion to contact the owners and make an offer of \$6000.00, Fred French seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0. There was a discussion about the house's scheduled to come down and the new property the City purchased. No action was taken. Mayor Ryff explained that in the FYI section there is paperwork that came from the County that has to do with hazard mitigation plan participation. He explained that we have an existing resolution and the that he signed the paperwork and sent it back to the County.

Clerks Update: I emailed Brad Jantz to let him know that the council had chosen him to be the new city prosecuting attorney. Visited with Larry about the meeting, had him sign the paperwork to purchase the property that Gary Smith owns and the RNR paperwork to send to the County Clerks office. I also called Gary Smith to see if he was available to go to the bank and sign off on the quit claim deed paperwork and get it notarized. Gary Smith came to the office, we went to the bank, and he signed off on the deed. Later in the week I went to the County Clerk's office, dropped off the indication of revenue neutral

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rate paperwork. Then I went to the register of deeds to register the city's new property. After that I went downstairs to the appraiser's office to drop off the building permits. I emailed Thaniel Monaco about the warranty tower work to see if he had heard anything from Central Tank Coating. I have not heard back for Thaniel. A resident came and asked for a copy of the Animal Ordinance, he was upset about all the cats his neighbors had and wanted to know what the city was going to do to fix the problem. I talked to Larry about it, and he went and talked to the folks with the cats. He allowed them time to take care of the situation and they did! Got the meeting room ready for the Primary Election with Larry and Johns help. 😊 I received an email from Accident Fund workers comp insurance requesting more information for their work comp audit. I gathered the information and filled out their paperwork and emailed it back to them.

Gordon Hunnicutt made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Robin Moniz seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

_____ Larry Ryff, Mayor

Attested

_____ Joni Rikard, Clerk