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Mayor Ryff called the August 5th, 2019 regular council meeting to order at 7:00pm and led the council in the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Larry Ryff asked me to do roll call, it showed the following present: Carol Lauxman, David Wendt and Fred French. Robin Moniz and Gordon Hunnicutt were 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: Mayor Ryff said the next item of business is appropriation Ordinance 1097. He said if they had any questions to let us know and we would answer them. Carol Lauxman made a motion to accept Ordinance 1097 and Fred French seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Financial Statement: Mayor Ryff said next is the Treasurers report by Heather Stackley. Heather said she wanted to apologize for last month, she said she shut her computer down before it actually sent the report. She explained that is why there is two reports. Mayor Ryff said that the July Report that was on the table is the accurate one and that the one in the notebook could be thrown away. Carol Lauxman made a motion to approve the Statement for June and July for 2019. Fred French seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Police Report: Mayor Ryff said that he would turn things over to the Sheriff's Department. Officer Longbine said they had put in 67.50 hours for the month of July. He said most of them were business checks, he explained that there were several on Broadway. He said that there was a person moving out and they thought there were some items stolen. But they figured out the person going in and out had permission to be doing so. The officer said that they had hired a couple of new officers and that we would probably start seeing them around town. Mayor Ryff said that the Fall Festival will be September 7th and that he would like to have a couple extra officers down here when the car show starts and also during the parade. Pat Coup added that they are planning on having a glow run Friday evening after the ball game around 7:00pm, she said that there will be food and a beer garden at the tent. She said she just wanted them to be aware that there would be activities there on Friday night. The Mayor and Council thanked the officer and he left.

New Business: Mayor Ryff said that we were down to the new business and he would let Thaniel or Wesley with BG Consultants take over. Wesley Weishaar introduced himself to everyone and explained that he had been working on the construction administration for the water project. He said a quick update on the progress, the contractor has completed both railroad bores and are on the Southside doing construction. Water main construction around Agri-Trails Co-op is complete. Wesley said that everything down 4th avenue is complete, and they were working their way around by the school trying to get it done before school starts. He said they are working their way back putting meters

trying to get that all completed. So, the majority of that is done and they are hoping to be finishing that up at the end of this week and be out of there before school starts. Wes asked if there were any questions about the project. He said if not had he the second pay application in the amount of \$354,484.86. Wesley said he had one recommendation and that was for the Council to approve the second pay request from J & K Contracting. Mayor Ryff asked if anyone had any questions. He said the jest of it is, J & K have two crews here one is laying new water mains and the other is putting in barrels and meters. He said that he believes that there has been 6-8 meters hooked up and people are running off of new services. He explained that they have been keeping track of the meter reads off the old meters and the new ones going in, the Mayor said I was going to be busy getting all of the information in the computer. Mayor Ryff said that there had been a couple of hiccups but nothing too out of hand. Carol Lauxman made a motion to authorize payment number two in the amount of \$354,484.86 to the contractor for the Hope City water project, Fred French seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0. Mayor Ryff said next is the Heritage Fall Festival with Pat Coup. Pat was concerned about being able to close the streets for the festival with all the water construction going on. Mayor Ryff explained the there was a progress meeting earlier, they were told that they would have to have things cleaned-up a block West of the caution light and from the caution light up to the school. Pat said there was a map of the streets that they would need closed, Friday they want 2nd Avenue closed from the annex to the alley. She said from Main Street to the alley by the bus barn will need to be closed too, because they will be sitting up the bleachers and stage for the car show. Mayor Ryff asked Billy to call dig safe before they stake the tent, just to be on the safe side. Pat asked about getting an extra dumpster and as many trash cans around as they can. Mayor Ryff said that Billy would get the barricades and trash cans, he said I would call and get the extra dumpster on the Westside of the annex and get of Westar to get the electric pole hooked-up. She said that she needed a flag for the Mini park because they plan to do the Flag Raising with the Star Spangle Banner again this year. They would like to see both parks mowed and trimmed-up. She asked for us to send out flyers about the Festival with the water-bills. Pat explained that she really just was hoping to get permission to get the streets closed. Carol Lauxman made a motion to honor the HCPC street closure request to set-up for the Hope Heritage Festival September 6th & 7th 2019, Fred French seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Mayor Ryff said next is the 2020 Budget Approval. He said actually it is an approval to advertise it in the City's official newspaper. Mayor Ryff said what we are doing with the Budget is publishing it in the newspaper and setting a hearing date. At the hearing we have to have a quorum in order to adopt the 2020 budget. We had a discussion about when to set the hearing date. Fred French made a motion to approve the 2020 budget to be published and to set the hearing date for August 19th, 2019 at 7:00pm. Carol Lauxman seconded the motion and the motion carried 3-0. Mayor Ryff said next is a building permit for Charlie Rains. He said the Charlie was having some repairs done to his foundation and basement. Fred French made a motion to approve the building permit, Carol Lauxman seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Mayor Ryff asked Fred if he knew what Mr. Myers was wanting to discuss. Fred

explained that he thought it was about the property South of his. Mayor Ryff said he could understand his concerns. He said that towards the end of the water project, he would like to start addressing some of the nuisance issues around town. A discussion took place among the Council and Mayor about some of the issues.

Maintenance Report: Billy said that he had done a lot of locating for the water project. He said they had pumped out the bathrooms at the park. He said he had been out to take care of the lagoons mowing and weed-eating. He explained that Sargent Drilling had come in and did the work on the pit-less unit. Billy said there had been a lot of locates and taking care of the burn pit. He said he had to flush some hydrants too. He said they started cleaning up the curbs on Main Street. Billy said that there had been a lot of locates and he has been trying to stay ahead of them. Mayor Ryff said that he knows that keeping up with all his regular stuff and the water construction has been a trying affair. He said he wants to have Jonathon come in next week and try to help Billy get caught up with some of the weed-eating and try to get things cleaned-up before the Fall Festival.

Clerks Report: Sent an email to Kim Maguire with the Abilene Reflector Chronicle asking to publish the new water rate Ordinance. Added up total from Blixt divided it by 3 and typed up invoices for the Lions Club and Hope Community Development. Downloaded excel 2020 budget workbook from the state and started plugging in numbers from the previous year and the County Clerks Budget information and estimated assessed valuation. After entering all the numbers and checking them to make sure they were right. I emailed a copy to Janelle Dockendorf the county Financial Director to look over and to let me know of any changes needed. A couple of days later she emailed it back and asked me to call her. She explained what she had changed and what needed to be added. After a lengthy conversation, I explained that I would finish up the items discussed and show it to Larry before I sent it back to her for a final look. I showed Larry and explained the things that were adjusted. We had a lengthy discussion, he said that after I get it back from Janelle, I should contact the financial committee, print copies of the summary page of the budget to show them to see if they are good with it. I received a call from Peterson Monuments in Abilene wanting to set the base for a headstone on Saturday. So, I went up to the cemetery to mark for the base. It took quite a while to locate a brick, however I did, and I marked it for the base. I went to the Northside of town. I drove up and down the alley taking pictures of the properties that we had gotten easements from so we could compare them later. Did the worksheets to complete all the quarterly payments. Once again, I went to the cemetery, met Larry and Billy to locate bricks for newly purchased lot. After locating bricks, we put white flags by them so it would be easier to mark for the grave in a couple of weeks. Mayor Ryff said that there is some schooling that I would like to attend this fall. He said it is the Kansas Association for Court Management Fall Conference. The meeting is in Salina and it is a two-day meeting. After a short discussion Fred French made a motion for me to attend the KACM Fall Conference in Salina and stay the night, David Wendt seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

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Mayor's Discussion: The Mayor said under the FYI there is information about how another town started addressing their junk, inoperable or wrecked vehicles. Mayor Ryff said that he is planning on addressing some of these issues. Mayor Ryff said another item he would like the Council to think about is about the animal ordinance. He said that he didn't think that the ordinance was written very well and he would like to see some things changed. He said he was planning to have me make some copies of some other towns animal ordinance to see if we could come up with a better ordinance that addresses more than dogs.

New Business: Mayor Ryff said he wanted to go back to the last item under new business; Employee Evaluation. He said he would like a motion to go into executive session to discuss non elect personnel. Carol Lauxman moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss non elect personnel. Fred French seconded the motion and the motion carried 3-0. Carol Lauxman motioned to come out of executive session and David Wendt seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Carol Lauxman made a motion to change the PTO paid time off in the employee handbook to read: Full time employee are eligible for five days of paid time off for the first full year of full time employment, with an additional two days paid for each additional year worked, eight hour day for a maximum of four weeks. Fred French seconded the motion and the motion carried 3-0. Carol Lauxman made a motion to give me a four percent raise effective August 1st, 2019. David Wendt seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0. I thanked the Council.

Fred French made a motion to adjourn and Carol Lauxman seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Larry Ryff, Mayor

Attest

Joni Rikard, Clerk