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Mayor Ryff called the August 6th, 2018 regular council meeting to order at 7:00pm and led the council in the pledge of alliance. Mayor Larry Ryff asked for me to do roll call, it showed the following present: Carol Lauxman, David Wendt and Fred French. Gordon Hunnicutt was absent.

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

Appropriation Ordinance: The Council reviewed the Appropriation Ordinance. Carol Lauxman made a motion to approve the Appropriation Ordinance#1085 and David Wendt seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

Financial Statement: Mayor Ryff said next on the agenda is the financial statement with Heather Stackley. Heather said once they look over the top part of the report, there would be two CD's maturing 8/4 and they needed to talk about what they would like to do with them. Carol Lauxman made a motion to approve the financial statement and David Wendt seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0. Mayor Ryff said that there are 2 CD's one is the General Fund and the other is the Sewer Fund. Mayor Ryff said he sees no reason not to keep the money invested. After the Council looked over the rate sheet from the bank and had a discussion Carol Lauxman made a motion to put the General Fund CD into the 55-month special CD and the Sewer Fund into the 22-month special CD. David Wendt seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

Police Report: No Report

Visitors: Brian Haden

New Business: Brian Haden was here to make some request for the Fall Festival. Brian explained that on the map that was passed out it shows streets that they would like to have barricaded for Saturday. Brian said something new this year is a glow run on 2nd Ave after the football game Friday night. Brian said they would like to have the no parking on Main Street again, so people can walk around where the vendors will be set up. He said they have the rope and cones he just wanted to make sure it was ok with the City. Brian said they can always use volunteers if anyone wanted to come out and help they would be appreciated. Brian said that the HCPC would like to see the Mini Park and the North park mowed and trimmed Thursday before the Festival. They would like it cleaned-up and sprayed as well. Brian asked about the street repairs on 2nd Ave and when it was expected to be taken care of. Mayor Ryff said that it was

going to be taken care of next week. Next on HCPC list was the restrooms in the park he asked to make sure they would be stocked and cleaned, ready to go for the Festival. Brian went over the list of where they would like to have extra trash cans for the event as well. He said the HCPC would be meeting on the 8th to go over more details for the Festival. Brian said that there was a request that the City have a nice flag for the flag raising at 11:00 am at the park. Carol Lauxman motioned to close the road requested by the HCPC for the Heritage Festival as well as the additional items requested, Fred French seconded the motion. It passed 3-0.

Mayor Ryff said next was the 2019 Budget. Carol Lauxman explained to the Council how the budget was calculated and some of what was involved. David went motioned to approve the Budget to be published. Carol Lauxman seconded the motion and the motion carried 3-0. Mayor Ryff said that a hearing date needed to be figured out next, after a short discussion Carol Lauxman made a motion to have a Budget Hearing Monday August 20th, 2018 at 7:00pm David Wendt seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

Mayor Ryff said next that he would like to make his new appointment to the Council. He said he would like to appoint Robin Moniz. Fred French made a motion to accept the appointment. David Wendt seconded the motion and the motion carried 3-0.

Maintenance Report: Billy said that he had been mowing and weed-eating a lot at the cemetery and the parks. He said that there was a leak behind the barber shop that he took care of. He done the quarterly water test and the results come back fine. Billy said that he had been fixing some of the potholes around town and was trying to get them done before the festival. He said he was planning on building a couple more barricades for the festival too. Billy had one request for a rechargeable head lamp for when he is work in a hole in the dark. The Mayor asked the cost and said for Billy to go ahead and purchase the light.

Clerks Report: Cleaned up the office and got ready for the County Commissioners listening tour to stop at the office. They were here about 15 minutes and then went on to Navarre Community Center. I gathered all the information from the committee meeting needed to start working on budget and enter it in the states excel workbook. Once I finally filled it all in, I emailed a copy to Janelle Dockendorf the County Finance Director. I asked her if she good take a look and let me know if I needed to make some correction. She emailed me back a list of things to look at and showed an example how to

increase the mill rate. I continued to work on the budget until I was able to increase the mill rate 1.4%. I sent it back to her, Janelle said that it looked good. I let Larry, Carol and Heather know that I was done so they could take a look at it and they all seemed to be good with it. I decided that I was tired of not knowing where things were in the back-storage area, so I took all the piles of files and folders into the meeting room and started sorting them, then filing them into storage boxes. I talked with another clerk, she sent me a list of records managements that list items and the amount of time you must keep them. It was quite a job, but it should be easier to find specific files now. Karen Davis with the Konza Rotary from Manhattan emailed me saying that the Water Matters Day committee met last week and agreed to provide funding \$3-4,000 (depending on fundraising) to our water project. They would like to make a presentation to representatives of Hope at our event. It would be around 3:00pm on Saturday, August 4th at the Amphitheater at Sunset Zoo. She said she would contact me again as the day got closer. I received another email requesting the names of who would be coming to represent the City of Hope she explained she would be at the gate at 2:30 that afternoon to show us where to go. Larry came in and gave me my evaluation, then we discussed what I would like to have as far as a wage increase.

Mayor Ryff said next he would like to discuss at wage review for me, he said he would entertain a motion to go into executive session. At 8:00pm Carol Lauxman moved to go into executive session for 20 minutes. David Wendt seconded the motion and the motion carried 3-0. At 8:20pm Carol Lauxman moved to come out of executive session and David Wendt seconded the motion, it passed 3-0. Fred French made a motion to increase my wage at \$1.50 effective August 11th, David Wendt seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

Mayors Discussion: Mayor Ryff said there had been some mowing issue around town but he thought we were getting them under control now. He said he would like to remind everyone that people have complaints it could be the neighbors' yard, trash blowing, dogs barking or running around loose. He said there are two different kinds of complaints. One is important enough to write it down and the other is you just want to talk about it. He said without a written complaint it makes it hard for the city to take action. Mayor Ryff said we had received a written complaint and we are planning to send out letters on a couple of properties that need mowed. He said that if they do not comply the city will mow the property and assess the cost on their taxes.

Carol Lauxman moved to adjourn, David Wendt seconded the motion and the motion carried 3-0.

Larry Ryff, Mayor

Attest:

Joni Rikard, Clerk