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Mayor Ryff called the November 10th, 2021 regular council meeting to order at 6:00pm 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, Robin Moniz, Ginger Stewart were all present. Gordon Hunnicutt was absent.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Mayor Ryff said the next item of business is the minutes from the previous meeting. David Wendt made a motion to accept the minutes as written from October 13th. Robin Moniz seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0.

Appropriation Ordinance: Mayor Ryff said next is appropriation ordinance #1124. David Wendt made a motion to approve appropriation ordinance #1124, Fred French seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

Treasurers Report: The mayor said now we will move on to the financial report by Heather Stackley. Heather said she really didn't have anything to say, except she said she had a question on special streets, she said that we are in the hole. Mayor Ryff said that he had spoken to me about it before the meeting. I explained that I could actually split the amount between the general admin fund and special streets fund to adjust it. Mayor Ryff said he had a question, what exactly is the special streets fund, he said he understood that the city received monies from the state for the stretch of highway that runs through town, and it went into a special street fund. Heather said that he was right. A conversation with the Mayor, Treasurer and council took place. No action was taken. Ginger Stewart made a motion to accept the financial statement for October 1st – 31st 2021. David Wendt seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

New Business: Mayor Ryff said that there is a Cereal Malt Beverage license renewal for The Endzone. David Wendt made a motion to approve a Cereal Malt Beverage License for The Endzone for 2022, Robin Moniz seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0. Mayor Ryff said the next item of business is personnel. He said John had a little accident Friday before Halloween. He explained that John was installing a sampling station to draw water samples from. To do that you have to lean over the water meter barrel to get to the meter and in the process, he ended up cracking 4 ribs. It has been turned into the work comp insurance. There was a conversation between the Mayor and Council. No action was taken.

Old Business: Mayor Ryff said next under old business is the rate study results. He said the first thing he would like to discuss is the results look like we are going to have to go up. There was a lengthy conversation with the Mayor and Council. Fred French made a motion to table the item until next month, Robin Moniz seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0. The Mayor said that next was basically just an update from Holland Municipal Service's. He said the conditions report is in the binders. Mayor Ryff said that Mr. Holland did come and do an inspection inside and outside the houses. He said as far as he was concerned that neither house comes close to the housing code

for the city. He said that he wanted to let the council know that the cost of taking the two houses down is going up. He said Blixt cost are going up, and with the cost of fuel going up too. Plus, the size of the house on the south end of town it will probably take an extra dumpster. He said it would be hard to guess what the cost will be for sure. There was a discussion among the Mayor and Council. No action was taken. The Mayor said that the next item of business is the actual cost for the street repair plus the chip and seal. He said it looked like we came in under our estimate and he said he was very happy about it.

Mayor's Discussion: Mayor Ryff said under Mayor's Discussion is the unofficial election results. He said he would like me to give them. He said that they are unofficial because we have not received them from the County Clerk. I explained that I had called to the County because on the county website it only showed the candidates that had filed. Those results showed that Fred French and Robin Moniz would keep their positions on the council. I asked about the write-in position, and they explained that would not do their canvassing until Friday the 12th. However unofficially Daniel Schwindt won the write-in position.

Maintenance Report: Mayor Ryff said that he thinks John is doing a great job. He said he knew John and Terry done some long overdue work at the mini park. He said that Terry did a really good job, the time was volunteer, and it was very much appreciated. He said that there are some trees that still need trimming and hopefully we will get to them this winter. He said that he wanted to get the Christmas lights done because we have a November 24th date with Chad Lorson to put them up.

Clerks Updates: Doug with Kansas Rural Water Association emailed and wanted to meet with us to review his findings. We set up a meeting on October 18th at 10am. Larry and I visited with Doug, we talked about different ways to approach the situation. We thanked him for his time, and he left. Cindy Jensen emailed and asked for council meeting minutes from 2018, 2019, so I emailed them all to her. She also wanted to set-up a time for her to come over to do the audit. So, October 19th she came at 8:00am and was here until around 4:00pm. She sent an email with a list of different invoices that she wanted to look at, she also wanted to look at payroll time sheets, 941's: All of the 2019 bank statements and the first few months of 2020, all of the franchise fee reports from Evergy/Westar and Kansas Gas; and all project records. I set several piles of things around on the table so they would be available for her. She also talked to Larry and I at different times and asked questions about how certain things were done. There were several more items she requested after our meeting that I emailed over to her. James Holland with Holland Municipal Services emailed me to set up a date to come and inspect the two properties up for condemnation. He asked about meeting on October 26th at 9am and 10am. I called Chad Lorson to make sure he was available, and also called the Sheriff's department to see if they would be able to attend as well, per Mr. Holland. I

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talked to Larry to make sure he would be available to attend also. Checked with the County about property tax sale's and was told about a list on the Dickinson County website. I looked at the list and there are no properties on the list from the City of Hope. They are running behind because of Covid, the list is for 2015.

Mayor Ryff said he would like to step back and hit something that is in front of you. He said this is the final paperwork for the audit. He said he would like the council to look through it, it is open for review and if you have any major issue with it to give me a call and let us know. Otherwise, I need to go ahead and get it submitted to the federal government. He explained that Cindy Jensen did not find anything major at fault in our bookkeeping. She came up with some helpful tips and advice, but she really never found any wrong doing. Mayor Ryff explained that in the past when the city was audited, the auditor would like to see more security and so now it takes three signatures on a check, he said there is four people on the signature card at the bank, the Treasurer, City Clerk, Mayor and usually the Council President. He said since Dave will be leaving, we will have to appoint a different Council President and they will have to go to the bank and sign the signature card. That way if, the Mayor is out of town, I'm not able, the Treasurer don't have time, someone can come in and be the third signature so the bills go out on time. He said another thing is they want to know who can take over my job? He said we can't have two fulltime city clerks. He said the last time they were short a city clerk he had to call the treasurer, and had her come in after hours, he said that the treasurer does know a little bit about it, and he uses her as a security blanket. He said that I always have the invoice with the checks when he comes in to sign them. Mayor Ryff said that he looked at the audit and he see's nothing unusual. He said that there will be paperwork to straighten out with Sequoyah and treasurer's numbers because of the audited results. It will need to change once this is official. Fred French made a motion to accept the 2019 Audit pending the review from the Council. Robin Moniz seconded the motion and it passed 4-0. Fred French made a motion to adjourn, and David Wendt seconded. The motion carried 4-0

Larry Ryff, Mayor

Attest:

Joni Rikard, Clerk