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Mayor Ryff called the December 14th, 2022 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: Fred French, Gordon Hunnicutt, and Robin Moniz. Ginger Stewart and Daniel Schwindt were absent.

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. Robin Moniz seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

Appropriation Ordinance: Mayor Ryff said next is appropriation ordinance #1137 He said if there are any questions please ask. Gordon Hunnicutt made a motion to approve appropriation ordinance #1137, Fred French seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Treasurers Report: The mayor said the next item of business is the Treasurer's report. Heather said there wasn't anything exciting, she said a couple of COD matured. Gordon Hunnicutt made a motion to accept the financial statement from November 1st to November 30th, 2022. Robin Moniz seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

Mayor Ryff said we would go ahead and start with new business.

New Business: The mayor said basically it is contract time for trash. Mike wanted to offer us a three-year contract, like he did with Herington. Basically, if you read it, he reserves the right to adjust fees if the charges at the county goes up or if the fuel prices go up. He also said if the prices go down, he will readjust the prices downward. There was a conversation between the Mayor and Council. Gordon Hunnicutt made a motion to accept the three-year contract with M & K Trash Service. Fred French seconded the motion and it carried 3-0. Mayor Ryff said next under new business is a yearly contract with the Dickinson County Fire District No. 2, he said the mill levy has gone up a trifle but remember they couldn't raise the rates the last two years due to covid. A short conversation took place. Fred French made a motion to accept the agreement with the Dickinson County Fire District No. 2 with the City of Hope. Robin Moniz seconded the motion and it passed 3-0. The Mayor said that takes care of the new business but he has 3-4 items.

Mayors Discussion: Mayor Ryff said first of all I'm going to ask Robin about our maintenance man. Robin explained that she had been trying to get some answers from the doctors and they are still trying to figure out what is causing his problems. The Mayor told Robin to tell him our thoughts are with him and not to stress about work and to just work on getting better. He said to tell John we are wishing our best wishes for him. Mayor Ryff said moving on he wanted to go back into the housing and RHID and the two programs that Kent Campbell talked about at the last months meeting. There was a discussion about the site that they have looked at. The Mayor explained that there was a problem when Kent Campbell was working on the application. He was not able

to find a legal description for the City of Hope Kansas. Mayor Ryff said that he had me call BG Consultants and Engineering about doing a survey to get a legal description and they said it would cost anywhere from five to ten thousand dollars. The Mayor said that he was planning on getting ahold of Kent Campbell to find out exactly what it would need to look like and if we could use the resources we have to put something together. He said there seems to be quite a bit of pressure to get the application submitted. The Mayor said they were talking about having a unit available to live in by August 1st 2023. There was a discussion between the Council and Mayor. Gordon Hunnicutt made a motion to approve the next steps needed to move forward to acquire the legal description of the City of Hope using either avenue that has been discussed during tonight's meeting, Robin Moniz seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Mayor Ryff said that we had talked about city employee John, he said he wanted to talk about the interim employee. He said basically he was having Pat come in as needed, the Mayor said that Pat had worked Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday not exactly 24 hours on the project in the big park. He said all the repairs have been made, and they have it covered so it won't freeze. They just don't have a good general clean up and if it gets as cold as it is forecasted there might not be a good general cleanup for a couple of weeks. So that is where that sits. Moving onto holidays, he said I don't know if everyone is ready for the holidays yet, he said Christmas and New Years falls on Sunday this year and naturally we will celebrate the holiday on the following Monday, so the city office will be closed. He explained that the employees will be paid and what he was asking for is an extra floating holiday to use sometime from Christmas to the first week of the new year. Fred French made a motion to give the floating holiday to the two employees Robin Moniz seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Gordon Hunnicutt made a motion to adjourn Fred French seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

_____ Larry Ryff, Mayor

Attested

_____ Joni Rikard, Clerk