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Mayor Ryff called the December 3rd, 2018 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. Gordon Hunnicutt and Robin Moniz was absent.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Carol Lauxman motioned to dispense with 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: The Council reviewed the Appropriation Ordinance 1089. Carol Lauxman made a motion to accept Appropriation Ordinance #1089 and Fred French Seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Financial Statement: Mayor Ryff said next on the agenda is the financial statement, he explained that he was without the financial statement and the Treasurer tonight, so he said next month they would have two statements to review and vote on. Mayor Ryff said that as far as money wise he said there isn't lots of surplus money, but we will be well within our budget paying the December bills.

Police Report: Deputy Garcia said the report before you is the call volume for the City of Hope for the last 30 days for the month of November. He said that on the report the word "theft" is on there, he said he knows sometimes that word tends to scare people when it is seen repeatedly. He said that the theft that we have is a known theft, meaning we know who committed the theft. They have already identified the suspect and it was a specific incident. The Mayor asked if anyone had questions and then asked Deputy Garcia to stick around for a few minutes. The Officer agreed.

New Business: Mayor Ryff said the next item of business is the Dickinson County Sheriffs Department Contract for 2019. He explained that the Sheriff's Department had asked for a 1% increase for 2019. Mayor Ryff said that when we had budgeted for 2019, we had increased the budget anticipating a 2% increase, so we would be fine to accept the contract. Carol Lauxman made a motion to accept the Sheriff's 2019 contract and Fred French seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0. The Mayor asked for the original contract to sign so the Deputy could take it back with him. Next is the M & K Trash Service contract. Mayor Ryff said basically they would like to renew their contract with the City of Hope for the next two years with no increase. Fred French made a motion to accept the two-year contract with M & K Trash Service. Carol Lauxman seconded the motion and it passed 3-0. The last item under new business is a Cereal Malt Beverage License renewal for The

Endzone. Carol Lauxman made a motion to approve the CMB for The Endzone and David Wendt seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Old Business: Mayor Ryff said moving on is the easements for the water project. He said we had talked about it and discussed it, but we needed to get something decided so we can move on. He said that he asked me to make a list of all of the permanent easements with the amount of lineal feet on each property as well as the total of all of them. A discussion among the Mayor and Council took place. Fred French made a motion to pay \$1.50 per lineal feet for easements and David Wendt seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0. Mayor Ryff said as far as the easements go that we were missing one document and was hoping to start moving on them by the end of the week.

Standing and Special Committee Reports: None

Mayor Discussion: Mayor Ryff said that we had received our new insurance packets for vehicles and property. He said the premium had increased around \$413.00 from last year. He explained that most of the real estate had went up about 10% on the evaluation. He said he just wanted the Council to be aware of it and that we did go through it and actually sat down and compared it to last years. Mayor Ryff said another item he wanted to let the Council to know about was that I had received the Donative Quitclaim Deed back from Barry Lorson donating the property in the park to the city. He said all that is left is to take the deed up to the Register of Deeds. Also, he said a couple of days after last months meeting, he had come into the office and we called over and spoke with Brenda Wildman the interim city manager to discuss the changes we wanted to see in the contract. He explained that she emailed me asking if I would send the information that we had discussed in writing, so she could present it to her commission later that day.

Clerks Report: Called Consolidated Printing first thing to let them know the Council had approved the used printer. They said they would bring it over in the afternoon. Emailed Thaniel to make sure the 14th would still work for him, he confirmed that he would plan on it. I also spoke to Dan Coup and explained that Thaniel was bringing final plans of the Water Project to review if he would like to attend. I emailed Nichole as well, she said she would plan to attend. Consolidated Printing showed up and installed the new used printer/scanner /fax. They went over some of the features and had me check to make sure it would print right on the utility cards as well as on the check blanks. Showed me how to fax and scan to email. Larry came in and we called to the Herington city office and spoke with Brenda Wildman the interim City Manager. Larry

explained the changes that the Council had discussed and what they would like to see in the water contract. She said she would visit with her guys and their City Attorney and get back to us. Emailed the signed contract back to Mayer Sewer Cleaning and Melinda said she would be in touch to get a cleaning scheduled before the end of the year. Cleaned office and got things ready for meeting with Thaniel and Nichole. We had the meeting, David Wendt, Fred French, Carol Lauxman, Billy Lininger, Larry Ryff, Dan Coup and myself were there along with Thaniel Monaco, Wesley Weishaar and Nichole McDaniel. We reviewed each page to make sure everything had been reviewed. Nichole is planning to get the brochure that we need sent and the Attorney is suppose to be sending the complete easement packet needed to move forward.

Maintenance Report: Billy said at the beginning of the month it was warm enough to fill some more potholes and he was able to use some more of the asphalt up. He said he put some rock in the alleys to try to keep the holes from washing out. He said he went to Oswald and had some holes drilled into a manhole lid to help the water drain. Billy said that he had to run the lagoon pump twice last month because of all the moisture and no evaporation. He said he had got the plex glass put in the backhoe and it has really seemed to help. Mayor Ryff asked how his rock supply was. Billy said he was low on 3 inch and only had about a ton and a half of good alley rock. Mayor Ryff said what he was looking at and wanting to impress with the Council is he would like to see us get one truck load of road rock and have it directly applied to where it is needed. As well as one load of road rock to have on hand. He said because of the way the budget looks he would also like to get permission for two loads of rock for the Cemetery. He said that the rock for the Cemetery should be 1-1-1/4 good washed rock. He said that this is the wishes of the Mayor. David Wendt motioned to get 2 loads of road rock and 2 loads of good washed rock for the Cemetery as weather permits. Fred French seconded the motion and the motion carried 3-0. Mayor Ryff said also he wanted to remind the Council that he would be wanting to do a wage review for Billy in January. Mayor Ryff said while he was delivering Council books that Carol had brought up if they were going to do anything for the Employees for Christmas. He said last year that they gave us an extra day off paid. Fred French made a motion to give us an extra day paid off. Carol Lauxman seconded the motion and it carried 3-0. (25) Mayor Ryff said in the next week or 2 the easement packets should be ready and that he wants to get moving on them and if anyone wants to come help they are more than welcome.

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Carol Lauxman made a motion to adjourn and David Wendt seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

_____ Larry Ryff, Mayor

Attest:

_____ Joni Rikard, Mayor