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Mayor Ryff called the February 4th, 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: Gordon Hunnicutt, Carol Lauxman, David Wendt, Robin Moniz and Fred French.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Carol Lauxman motioned to dispense with reading of the previous minutes and approve the way they were written, Gordon Hunnicutt seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

Appropriation Ordinance: The Council reviewed the Appropriation Ordinance 1091. Carol Lauxman made a motion to accept expense Ordinance #1091 and Gordon Hunnicutt Seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Financial Statement: Mayor Ryff said next on the agenda is the financial statement from Heather Stackley. Heather explained that after talking to me that she would probably need to revise the statement because the information I had sent did not have the amounts from the budget added to the report. Mayor Ryff asked if Heather could also let the council know where we ended up for the end of 2018 budget. Carol Lauxman made a motion to approve January 2019 financial statement. Gordon Hunnicutt seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0. Mayor Ryff said he would like for the Council to look over the Special Water Project Account information. He explained that in the account that there had been a check for BG Consultants, two checks for railroad permits, one check for KDHE and one to the Dickinson County Highway Department. He said that the permit paperwork is moving along.

Police Report: The Deputy apologize for being late, he explained he was informed 30 minutes before the start of the meeting. The officer passed out the report. There was a total of 16 calls, and they had put in 119.50 hours for the month of January. Mayor Ryff thanked the deputy and he left.

Visitors: Nancy Cowan, Lorna Morgan

New Business: Mayor Ryff said next would be the Historical Society and with that he said we have a couple of visitors, Nancy Cowan and Lorna Morgan. Nancy said in front of you is a letter asking for a donation to help the museum for 2019. She explained the donation helped a lot with the utilities. Nancy said that we were all welcome to visit whenever we wanted to. She said that they were planning some new events this year as well. Carol Lauxman made a motion to approve the \$1200.00 contribution for 2019. Fred French seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0. Mayor Ryff said next on the agenda is a CMB application for the American Legion, he said it is a renewal turned in by

Jim Pilcher. Carol Lauxman made a motion to approve the Cereal Malt Beverage License for the American Legion 365 of Hope Kansas. Gordon Hunnicutt seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0. Mayor Ryff explained that were a couple of items that is not on the agenda. He said that we had received an email from Chelsea Morris requesting a draft of the bond for financing for Rural Development. Chelsea had also included Robert Perry our bond Counsel for the project in the email. Mr. Perry sent out an Ordinance and Resolution for the request. Gordon Hunnicutt made a motion to accept Resolution #19-001, Carol Lauxman seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. Gordon made a motion to accept Ordinance #463, Carol Lauxman seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Mayors Discussion: Mayor Ryff said in the back of the packet in the FYI section there is a copy of the advertised bid document for the water project. Mayor Ryff said that he wanted the Council to see it just in case they missed it in the city's official newspaper. Next Mayor Ryff said there is a copy of an email from Thaniel explaining what the schedule looks like between now and the 1st of March. First is a pre-bid meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 12th at 2:00pm. In the email it says that there are currently 11 contractors plan holders with 8 of the 11 being General Contractors that might provide a bid for the project. Then the actual bid letting is scheduled for 3:00pm on Thursday, February 21st at city hall. We will need to have a special meeting after the bid to "award" the bid to the lowest responsible bidder. Thaniel made a suggestion that we could do it the evening of the bid if that works, or he sent a list of his current availability. Mayor Ryff said that the question is when it would work for the Council. A discussion took place. Carol Lauxman made a motion to have a special meeting on the 21st of February to award the bid, Gordon Hunnicutt seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0. Mayor Ryff said while we are talking about scheduling, he explained that he is usually very prompt about having the Council meetings the first Monday of every month, except March the 4th the co-op is having a meeting. He explained that if the Council didn't have any objections maybe the meeting could be changed to March the 5th. The Council and Mayor talked it over. David Wendt made a motion to move the March Council meeting to the 5th of March. Gordon Hunnicutt seconded the motion and it carried 5-0. Mayor Ryff said that Billy's court had gotten dismissed, so we would not be attending court. Mayor Ryff explained next is easement updates, he said that one of the properties was being sold and that the new owners had been filled in on the city requesting an easement and seemed to be agreeable. He said the two other easements had been turned over to Brian Bina to take care of. Mayor Ryff said that after the last meeting the

Council had decided to send a contract to the City of Herington similar to the original contract without a meter move. We had a discussion with Brian Bina, he made the adjustments in the contract and sent it via email for Larry and me to review. We looked it over, I sent an email back asking Brian to go ahead and send it on to Herington. Brian Bina sent it to Mr. Brad Jantz the Herington City attorney. About 3 weeks later we then received an email from Brian Bina saying Heard back from Brad today after I followed up. Looks like they rejected even bringing it up in the Council Meeting. Mr. Bina suggested that Mayor Ryff speak directly to Mayor Jones of Herington to see if that would produce better results. The Council and the Mayor had a lengthy discussion.

Clerk Report: I Emailed Brian Bina to set up a time for a conference call to discuss the water contract with the City of Herington, easement proceeding's with eminent domain and the complaint against Billy. I also let him know that his contract had been signed and was in the mail. We had the conference call with Brian Bina. He said he would make the adjustments on the contract with the City of Herington and send a draft for Larry to look over and send it on to Brad Jantz Herington's City Attorney if it all looked ok. He did and it has been sent. He explained that he would be talking with Billy on Friday about the complaint. Brian said he would send out a letter to the people that had not returned their easement paperwork to get the ball rolling to collect them. I received an email from Nichole that Thaniel was cc'd in also about getting the bid out to advertised. Thaniel responded and explained that the projects have been submitted to KDHE and USDA-RD for review/approval, however with the government shut-down he wasn't sure whether they would be approved in a timely manner. Nichole made some phone calls, and everything worked out. BG Consultants are preparing to have advertisement for a bid to be done on Thursday, February 21st @ 3 pm. Wesley with BG Consultants emailed me the advertisement document, Union Pacific railroad permits, notice of intent for the KDHE and the Dickinson County highway use permit. They have all been signed with a check in the amount needed and mailed. I submitted all the quarterly payments and got all the w-2's and 1099's printed and mailed. I called Sequoyah to have them help me to do the end of year and bring the amounts forward to start the new fiscal year.

Maintenance Report: Billy said that we had the pump go out at the beginning of the month. He said that he found out that it wasn't under warranty, but they did get the new pump in. Billy said he had been doing snow removal. He said he had been doing some repairs for spring. Billy built some new flower boxes for main street and had been painting trash cans and barricades too. He said

he has been doing double checks on the meters out at the pump house. Billy said he had been checking the heaters regular to make sure there isn't a problem. Billy said that he had talked with Gordon and that they had got a couple of prices for a 2-inch new trash pump. A lengthy discussion took place between Mayor Ryff, Gordon, Billy and the rest of the Council. Carol Lauxman made a motion to buy the maintenance department a trash pump for \$1239.00. Fred French seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0. Mayor Ryff asked if there was anything else. Billy said that he was asked about waders, he said he hadn't got an answer on ordering a pair. The Council said for him to go ahead and get some waders ordered. Billy explained that the new pump had a five-year warranty on it. Mayor Ryff and the Council discussed the pumps and what had caused the pump to go out. He said while they were having a talk about pumps, pump 1 needs to have a new pit-less adapter put in. He asked would the Council want to go ahead and approve to have the pit-less adapter replaced. The Council said they thought it would be smart to go ahead and get it done.

Carol Lauxman motioned to adjourn, Gordon Hunnicutt seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

_____ Larry Ryff, Mayor

Attest:

_____ Joni Rikard, Clerk