

Mayor Ryff called the February 8th, 2023 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, Robin Moniz, Ginger Stewart and Daniel Schwindt. Gordon Hunnicutt was absent.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Mayor Ryff said the next item of business is the minutes from the previous meeting. Robin Moniz made a motion to accept the minutes from January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, as written. Daniel Schwindt seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0.

Appropriation Ordinance: Mayor Ryff said next is appropriation ordinance #1139 He said if there are any questions please ask. Robin Moniz made a motion to approve appropriation ordinance #1139, Ginger Stewart seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

Treasurers Report: The mayor said the next item of business is the Treasurer's report so he would turn it over to Heather. She said nothing really stands out. She said there will be a couple of CD's maturing in March, and one is before we meet so we might want to talk about that. Mayor Ryff explained that interest rates have gone up considerably and wanted to address that with the Council. There was a conversation between the Council and Mayor. Ginger Stewart made a motion to change the savings account into an eleven-month CD, Robin Moniz seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0. The Mayor asked if there were any questions about the financial statement and then asked Heather if we had received the tax money from the county. She said that it had come in and that's why things look good. Mayor Ryff said he would entertain a motion to approve the treasures report. Fred French made a motion to approve the treasure's report, Daniel Schwindt seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

New Business: The Mayor said the next item is new business. He said first he would introduce Nancy Cowan with the Historical Society and Lorna Morgan also with the Historical Society. He said typically for the last 5-6 years what the city has been doing is trying to keep from having any more empty buildings on Main Street, they do put a roof on, they do paint it, it is used during the fall festival, it is an active place. He said the thing of it is, is that the Historical Society is funded by donation. He said they send out memberships in the spring so if you get one send some money their way. And if you have never been to the museum, take a tour sometime through it, you'll see some old artifacts from Hope Kansas. Mayor Ryff said that they do some fund raisers throughout the year and in the past the city has donated twelve hundred dollars a year to help with whatever they might need. There was a conversation between the council, Nancy and Lorna. Fred French made a motion to continue with the monetary donation of twelve hundred dollars. Robin Moniz seconded the motion and the motion carried 4-0. Mayor Ryff said he will have me get a check ready for them. Nancy said that if anyone is interested to give them a call and they will take them through it and that there had also been

different events there too. Lorna explained that they had a funeral reception in the basement. Lorna and Nancy said thank you to the Council and then they left. Mayor Ryff said the next item of business is a Cereal Malt Beverage License renewal for Pat Coup, it is basically for the fall festival committee. The Mayor explained that is something that we have been doing for the last 3-4 years. Ginger Stewart made a motion to approve the Cereal Malt Beverage License renewal for Pat Coup, Fred French seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Old Business: Mayor Ryff said under old business the only thing I have, is that we had talked about the delinquent tax properties for sale and according to this article the county is working on it. But the sale won't be until after the 5<sup>th</sup> of April. There was a short conversation between the Mayor and Council. No action was taken.

Mayors Discussion: The Mayor said that there has not been a lot of excitement in the city limits of Hope, he said Pat Hamilton has been coming in doing some of Johns work as far as water test and what have you. As of Monday, John did come back to work, it will be on a limited basis for the next week, two weeks, three weeks. He said I would like to see him stay away from the backhoe and manual labor as far as moving over 20 pounds and we sure don't want him falling in any trenches. Mayor Ryff said that he realized that when you go out of commission for 60 days it will take a few weeks to get back to speed. There was a conversation between the Council and Mayor. Mayor Ryff that he wanted to welcome John back and that we would work with him to get back to full speed, we will get him on light duty until we hear otherwise. The Mayor said moving on, they have been putting in the new water service, he let Fred know that they did not have that meeting and that it is due for next Wednesday. We still have BG Consulting working on the legal description of Hope Kansas. He said he hopes to have something by next Wednesday, but he won't guarantee it. Mayor Ryff said that he had me take some pictures of some trashy yards on the westside of town and we were planning to send out letters to the people living there and the property owners. The Mayor said he was going to have me reach out to James Holland in the next 30-days and have him look over our ordinances to see what it would take to keep people from living in dilapidated houses. There was a discussion between the Mayor and Council. No action was taken.

Clerks Update: Talked to Chad Lorson about taking down Christmas decorations, let Pat and Larry know. Pat talked to Chad and Larry and they took them down. Talked to Preston with Core & Main about replacement batteries (radios) he said that they were still on back order. I called BG Consultants and talked to Brian about the legal description for the City. He said that they had spoken to Brian Bina (the city attorney) and was referred to the County. They talked to the county and were planning to talk with the appraiser's office to make sure to get everyone inside the city limits of Hope in the description. Found out that Cecil Schoonover had put a couple of his properties up for sale and let Larry and Dan know. Checked with KDHE about schooling for Pat to continue his wastewater certification. I called Kansas Gas

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Service to kill the connection over at the property the City purchased. I also called Evergy about removing service. Drove by and took some pictures of a couple of blight properties.

Mayor Ryff said that under the FYI section is a request from Dickinson County Economic Development Corporation, basically what they are wanting us to do is to come up with a person to serve on the board to represent Hope. Fred French made a motion to nominate Ginger Stewart to represent the City of Hope, Daniel Schwindt seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0. There was a conversation between the Mayor and Council. No action was taken.

Robin Moniz made a motion to adjourn, and Ginger Stewart seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

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Larry Ryff, Mayor

Attested:

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Joni Rikard, Clerk