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Mayor Ryff called the February 9th, 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, Robin Moniz and Daniel Schwindt. Ginger Stewart came in late, and 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 as written from January 12th, 2022. Fred French seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

Appropriation Ordinance: Mayor Ryff said next is appropriation ordinance #1127. Robin Moniz made a motion to approve appropriation ordinance #1127, Daniel Schwindt seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Treasurers Report: The mayor said the next item of business is the Treasurer's report and Heather will not be here, but the report is in the notebook. He said he really didn't have any comments about it, unless someone has a question. Fred French made a motion to accept the financial statement for January 1st – 31st, 2022. Robin Moniz seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

New Business: Mayor Ryff said he would like to introduce Nancy Cowan, she is the president of the Hope historical society, and they take care of the Hope Museum, she is the "do it all person". He said that it started out years ago when they first opened the museum to help the museum with their utilities and it eventually changed to one yearly donation. He said that he knows that they do have fundraisers and they also collect money sending out memberships each year. Nancy said everybody is welcome, just give us a phone call, she said she is just down the street and will come and open it up. She said that they are hoping to get back on a schedule where it will be open on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Their planning a soup/stew supper March 20th and it will be a curbside event and that's one of the money makers they have. Fred French made a motion to donate \$1200.00 to the Hope Historical Museum, Robin Moniz seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0. Mayor Ryff said moving on with the agenda, last month we did pass a couple of resolutions pertaining to the condemnation of the two properties, so before talking about these two new resolutions we need a motion to void resolutions 22-001 and 22-002. Robin Moniz made a motion to void resolutions 22-001 and 22-002. Daniel Schwindt seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0. Mayor Ryff explained that the first two resolutions were not filled out right and had the wrong address. He said there are two new resolutions in the notebook that is filled out right, for the two houses that we are condemning. Fred French made a motion to pass resolution 22-003 and 22-004, Ginger Stewart seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

Old Business: Mayor Ryff said the next item of business is about the work session we had to discuss water rates. He had me type up notes of what was talked about for those of you that did not attend. The Mayor and Council had a lengthy conversation. The Council and Mayor was in agreement and asked me

to work up and new water rate Ordinance to review at the next council meeting. The Mayor said that we would continue to talk about the water rates at the next month's meeting.

Clerks Update: I emailed James Holland to let him know about the errors on the resolutions, and after he looked into the situation, he explained that he had not sent the resolutions to set the hearing after the house inspection, so he sent two new resolutions to set the hearing date. I called over to the bank about removing David Wendt's name on the signature card at the bank and putting Fred French's name on the card. They explained that they would need minutes with Larry's signature on it for verification. So, I typed up the information and had Larry sign it then took it to the bank. I sent an emailed to Melinda with Mayer Sewer Cleaning and asked her to put us on their list for 2022. I called and talked to Sequoyah about printing the 1099's. They remotely came onto the computer and adjusted the report to print correctly. Then I finished making the w-2's, w-3, 1096 and 1099's. We lost a previous resident. After receiving a call from the funeral home, I went up to the cemetery and searched for the bricks to mark the location for the grave. When I got back to the office, I called to let the funeral home know it was marked so they could have the grave opened. Sent out a text message about the water rate work session, to remind everyone about the meeting. We had the meeting even though it was just Larry, Daniel and me. Afterwards Larry asked me to type up the notes from the water rate work session so that we could share them with the rest of the council, and I did.

Maintenance Report: Mayor Ryff said to be honest with you, he hadn't talked to John in the last couple of days. He said, I do know he was doing maintenance on the backhoe today. He said he knows that he has been staying busy, he had a lot of tree limbs to clean-up and a little snow removal. Mayor Ryff said a couple of small things for the maintenance department that we are looking into getting a new Sawzall because the one he has is pretty much shot. We are also looking into getting a game camera to put out at the burn pit. He explained that it seems to collect a lot of tree limbs and he don't think it all comes from the City of Hope. The Council and Mayor had a conversation about the burn pit. No action was taken.

Mayor Ryff said that was really all of the official business and we could have an open discussion. He said that the City still has some ARPA funds left. He said he would like to get ahold of J & K Construction and see if it would work to connect the park bathrooms up to the city sewer mainline. And if it will work have them give us a bid. The Mayor and Council had a conversation about the idea. No action was taken. I reminded Fred French about the Community Development meeting he attended after the last month's meeting. He explained that they were talking about having the citywide garage sale on April 23rd and they were wondering about the citywide clean-up after that. There was a lengthy conversation about whether to have another citywide clean-up between the Council and Mayor. The council decided that taking down two blight properties this year would be good enough for the city cleanup.

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

_____ Larry Ryff, Mayor

Attest:

_____ Joni Rikard, Clerk