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Mayor Ryff called the January 11th, 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, Gordon Hunnicutt, and Daniel Schwindt. Robin Moniz and Ginger Stewart 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. Fred French seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

Appropriation Ordinance: Mayor Ryff said next is appropriation ordinance #1138 He said if there are any questions please ask. Gordon Hunnicutt made a motion to approve appropriation ordinance #1138, 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. Gordon Hunnicutt made a motion to accept the financial statement from December 1st to December 31st, 2022. Fred French seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

New Business: The Mayor said there is no new business.

Old Business: Mayor Ryff said old business boils back down to getting the applications for the RHID (Rural Housing Incentive Housing) program and the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan and our biggest issue with that is the legal descriptions which is the city limits of Hope. He said that it had been discussed at last month's meeting, he said he had the council's blessing to spend five to ten thousand dollars to have BG Engineering write up the description. Mayor Ryff explained that after the meeting we put together a meeting with Kent Campbell and Darel Anderson. When we talked with Darel, he thought he could get his map guys to do the global satellite positioning. We had come up with an old 1988 map made by an engineering company out of Missouri, so we came up with an idea to call them and see if they had a legal description. Which only to find out that they had gone out of business. Then we made another attempt to go through the Dickinson County GSI department. They said that they were not licensed to do a legal description. Then we called Kaw Valley to check out what it would cost for them to do a legal description and the minimum amount was two thousand and would take approximately five weeks. We contacted BG Engineering and talked to Brian in the surveying department and he said he estimated it would be around one to three thousand. So, we told them to go ahead and get started. Mayor Ryff said that is where we stand with the city's legal description.

Mayor Ryff said that there isn't any standing and special committee reports. He said he knows that Fred French attends the Economic Development meetings and he would like Fred to tell us what was said this afternoon. Fred said that they are interested in putting two duplexes on the corner property that the City acquired from Gary Smith. He said that Kent said that there were some prefab houses that are two and three bedrooms for fifty-five thousand –

sixty-five thousand. There was a conversation between the Mayor and Council. No action was taken. The Mayor said moving on the city maintenance man is still down with health issues. He said he hoped that Robin would be here to give an update on John but she's not. He said he talked to Robin on Monday night, she said he had a doctor's appointment on Monday and is supposed to see the surgeon tomorrow. He said he has no idea when he will return to work. Right now, Pat Hamilton is our city employee, when he is available to help out. Mayor Ryff said there are some things that have been let slide a little bit. He has come in to do water tests, sending in samples and checking the chlorine levels, he has been checking the sewer lagoons and he has checked the heat in all the buildings. He said we are taking care of it, it is just not a forty hour work week deal. When he is not available, the Mayor takes his keys and takes care of it. So that's how it's been working. He said that we would like to let it ride for another month if the council is ok with that. The Council said that they were all good with it. Mayor Ryff said that there had been a request made for service on the west side of town and after checking into it, it looks like we will have to put in a new service line. He said that Pat was going to check it out but he thought it would have to be a new service. There was a conversation between the Mayor and Council. No action was taken.

Gordon Hunnicutt made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Daniel Schwindt seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Larry Ryff, Mayor

Attested:

Joni Rikard, Clerk