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Mayor Ryff called the January 4th, 2021 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: David Wendt, Fred French, and Ginger Stewart. Gordon Hunnicutt and Robin Moniz were absent.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Mayor Ryff said the first item of business is the minutes from the previous meeting. David Wendt made a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting and approve them as written. Fred French seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

Appropriation Ordinance: Mayor Ryff said next is appropriation ordinance #1114. David Wendt made a motion to accept appropriation ordinance #1114, Fred French seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Financial Statement: Mayor Ryff said Heather was not attending tonight to try and keep the numbers down. Mayor Ryff said that it looked like the water and sewer account were looking better since the rate increases. The Mayor asked if there were any questions, and if not, he would entertain a motion to approve. Fred French made a motion to accept the financial report. Ginger Stewart seconded the motion and the motion carried 3-0.

Police Report: Mayor Ryff said the next item of business is the Sheriff's report. He said due to the Corona virus the officer had just dropped off the report and was not planning to stay for the meeting. The report shows they were here for 63.50 hour and had 11 calls for the month of December. The Mayor said that normally we would have been presented with a contract from the Sheriff's Office but because were getting a new Sheriff they had not sent one out yet and were still running under the old contract. He said he expected to get one next month.

New Business: Mayor Ryff said moving on, there is only one item of new business. He said in your notebooks under new business there is a report with pictures from Mayer Sewer Cleaning from when they came to clean the sewer lines. The Mayor explained that they had cleaned the North East quadrant of the sewer system. He said when you look at the pictures on pages 7 & 8 you can see we have some mainline sewer issues. In this section of sewer main line, it looks like it is about 40 feet of bad sewer main. He said at the 140' location it looks like a chunk is broke out of the actual sewer main. The Mayor and Council had a conversation about the sewer main line issue. The Council decided that they would like to have Shannon with J & K Contracting to come down and give us a bid to repair the sewer main line issue.

Mayors Discussion: The Mayor said one item of business, Brian Shippy has been the certified water operator for around 10 years. But he has long expressed concern about not being the certified water operator. He said that he has talked to Pat about being the certified operator. Pat will have schooling that he has to take before taking the test to become the certified operator. But between now and when he passes the test, he can be the OIT, (operator in

training). So effective March 1st Brian Shippy is resigning. The Mayor said that there is a Workshop through Kansas Rural Water coming up in Manhattan, January 28th that he would like Pat to go to. It is over Water and Wastewater Utility Operations and Management. The Council and Mayor had a short conversation about the class. The Council agreed that Pat should go to the class.

Maintenance Report: Mayor Ryff said I know you don't see Pat a lot but, He said he knows he has been busy. Ginger Stewart said that she had 3 or 4 people stop her since Pat has started to tell her how much they like the new guy and what a great job he is doing. The Mayor said he is getting the work done and that is what he likes about it. He said that the lagoons had been running a little over full for a couple of months, but Pat has got them back into shape. The Mayor and Council had a discussion about the lagoons and collection box. The Mayor continued that there had been some tree trimming done in the last week or two. He said that they needed to be trimmed back because we have delivery trucks in Hope all the time and we don't want to be knocking out windshields. Mayor Ryff said that in the next couple of weeks that there would be some weight limit signs put up to discourage the heavy trucks and equipment from driving on the streets in the city limits of Hope. He said the pictures under the FYI section are pictures from out at the clear well. He explained that the ditch line and culvert was so filled up that it wasn't draining like it should. But that has been taken care of and everything is looking good there. He said the water test has been going good lately. He said as far as the retrosetters go they had been back ordered and as soon as they come in, they will be put in. The Mayor said also the other pictures are the heaters in the park bathrooms. He explained that someone had been coming in and turning up the thermostat. So, Pat built a little metal box and covered the knob up so they can't be turned on high.

Clerks Report: I Talk with Pat about the (RTCR) Revised Total Coliform Rule site map. I looked up the addresses and water use to help pick new locations to take samples from. Had Larry take a look at it and got his input. Then I typed up new addresses and glued dots on the city map to indicate testing locations. I received a call from Cindy Jensen, she had lots of questions and requested me to send her some reports to look at. I called Anne Jirak to let her know that her building permit had been approved by the Council. Mayer Sewer Cleaning called to let us know that they had a break in their schedule and asked to come on the 14th and 15th of the month. I then talked to Larry to let him know that Mayer Sewer Cleaning had called about coming and cleaning the West side of town. We discussed the area of town that they were planning to clean. I dug up the past maps to try to figure out what side they should be cleaning. Larry ended up calling them and after a short discussion they had figured out they sent the wrong map and would be cleaning the Northeast side of town this time. Filled out the Cereal Malt Beverage License for the Endzone and aske Larry and Heather to sign the license. Got the monthly report ready to send to the state. We met the Brian Shippy, Larry and Pat to take care of the level one

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assessment required by the KDHE due to a positive coliform test result. Then entered the information on the KEAP website. Watched the sewer cleaning video and made a report to show pictures of the problems that were found while Mayer Sewer Cleaning was here earlier in the month. Talked to Cindy Jensen again she had some more questions and asked for more reports.

The Mayor said getting back to the sewer system and the cleaning of the sewer system. He said normally they clean for three years in a row and then lay off one year. It is sectioned off into three sections, they try to keep the linear feet the same in each section. Well, this year they had sent a map to do the Westside of town and after looking into it and giving them a call we figured out they had made a mistake. They sent a new map and took care of tagging the doors on the Northside of town. David Wendt made a motion to adjourn. Fred French seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

_____ Larry Ryff, Mayor

Attest:

_____ Joni Rikard, Clerk