

Mayor Ryff called the January 7th, 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 1090. Carol Lauxman made a motion to accept Appropriation Ordinance #1090 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 since she wasn't at last months meeting, she had two reports one from November and Decembers. She said that she had put the percentages beside the CD's, so it was easier to keep track of. Heather said that she also printed out last year's December's financial statement to compare to this year. Carol Lauxman made a motion to accept the financial reports for November and December 2018. Gordon Hunnicutt seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

Police Report: Deputy Bryant said the report shows that there were a total of 17 calls and 62.25 hours spent in the City of Hope for the month of December. The Mayor said Thank you to Deputy Bryant, and the Officer left.

New Business: Mayor Ryff said there are a couple of items that are not on the agenda, but we would start with one that is. First is the fire district contract with the Dickinson County Fire District # 2 and the City of Hope. Mayor Ryff said that the mil rate is a 3.351, he said that it would make the 2019 payment just a few dollars less than last year's contract mil rate. Carol Lauxman made a motion to approve the 2019 Dickinson County Fire contract. Fred French seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0. Mayor Ryff said next is a new contract with Karstetter & Bina, Brian Bina is the city attorney. He said the new contract is the same and has the same rates as last year. Carol Lauxman made a motion to approve to sign the contract to hire Mr. Bina for the year of 2019. Gordon Hunnicutt seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0. Next on the agenda is easement negotiations. Mayor Ryff explained that he and I had been soliciting easements and that we are down to 4 easements that we need to collect. He said overall, he felt like it had gone pretty well. He said there was one easement that we are going to visit about next. He said he would let Jerome Hyman explain the situation. Mr. Hyman said that the Council had

voted to close North Street in 2013, he said that somehow only part of the street was closed. Jerome said so when he was approached about the easement across the Northside of his property, he said you fix the street closing and I'll sign the easement agreement. Mayor Ryff said that he had spoken to the property owner to the Eastside of the road like he had told Mr. Hyman he would and that the property owner is opposed to closing that part of the street. Mayor Ryff said what he would need now was a mutual agreement either they both want it closed or the street will be left like it is. The Mayor suggest that Jerome talk with the property owner on the other side of the street. A lengthy discussion took place between Mayor Ryff, Jerome Hyman and the Council. The Mayor then asked the Council if both land owners agreed to close the street if they would have any problem closing the street. The Council said they would not have a problem to close the remaining part of the street as long as both land owners agree. Mr. Hyman left the meeting.

Old Business: Mayor Ryff said next is the water contract with the City of Herington. He said that in the Council note book is a copy of a couple of emails between us and the Interim City Manager for the city of Herington Brenda Wildman. Mayor Ryff said that in the email from them it says that they are willing to change the language under #12 from terminated or restricted to temporarily suspended or restricted. He said that is they only thing that they are willing to change. A lengthy discussion took place among the Council and the Mayor. Fred French then made a motion to leave the meter where it is, Carol Lauxman seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0. The Mayor said next is an employee evaluation. He said he would like a motion to go into executive session. Fred French made a motion to go into executive session for 15 minutes at 7:30 pm to discuss non-elect personnel. David Wendt seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. At 7:45 pm Carol Lauxman made a motion to come out of executive session. Gordon Hunnicutt seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0. Fred French made a motion to give Billy Lininger a dollar an hour raise, effective the first pay period of the month. Robin Moniz seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. Mayor Ryff asked if Billy had considered having his job be fulltime instead of part time. He said he had and hoped that it would lead into a fulltime job. When asked if he was interested in that his reply was yes. Mayor Ryff said over the next 60 days the Council was going to think about it and possibly offer him a fulltime position. Mayor Ryff explained that a restraining order had been file against Billy. He said in the paperwork that all the incidents mentioned is city related and because of that Brian Bina has been hired to take care of the situation. The Mayor explained

that he just wanted to let the Council know what was going on and also that Mr. Bina would be representing Billy on the city's behalf.

Standing and Special Committee Reports: None

Mayors Discussion: Mayor Ryff said that after Mayer Sewer Cleaning came in and cleaned the sewer lines, they found a section of bad sewer pipe on North 2<sup>nd</sup> street and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. He said it looked to him that it was a 12-14-inch piece of sewer tile that had broken off of the top of the sewer main. He said in the next 6-9 months we might need to go in there to get it repaired. A discussion took place among the Council, Mayor and Billy. Mayor Ryff said that he would be checking with some companies about making the repairs and get back with the Council.

Maintenance Report: Billy said that Mayer Sewer Cleaning had been here on the 5<sup>th</sup> and cleaned part of the westside of town. He said he had serviced the Dodge and backhoe. Billy said he had cleaned out some of the culverts removing leaves and branches to keep them draining right. He said he still was working on the hole on Broadway and Poplar, he said he thought it was looking better. Billy said he had put some rock in some holes in the alleys. Billy said that on December 31<sup>st</sup> that the pump went out at the pumphouse. Mayor Ryff said that Scott Stroda had been over and had taking the pump out and sent it to Wichita to have it looked at and to see if it is still under warranty. The Mayor said if the pump is not under warranty that we will be needing to buy a pump. Mayor Ryff said he recalls about 90 days or so there was mention of needing a trash disposal pump, he said next month he wanted to see prices and what he is wanting to buy.

Clerks Report: Filled out Cereal Malt Beverage paperwork and Certificate for The Endzone. Got signatures on Certificate that was needed. Called and ordered more stamps for license. Talked to Nichole about the brochure that is needed to move forward on easements. Called Mayer Sewer Cleaning to make sure they were coming to clean the sewer mains on the Westside of town. Larry, Billy and I had a meeting with Brett Bye with Kansas Rural Water to discuss the water project. Received brochure from Nichole printed copies sorted paperwork for easements packets. Typed up cover letter for easement packets. Received an email from SAM (U.S. Government's System for Award Management) about renewing registration to keep account active. I went online, reviewed the information and completed the renewal process. Called and talked to Nichole about waiver of appraisal. Nichole emailed waiver. I printed copies and we started working on getting easements. I made several phone calls and

went to a couple of people's homes to explain and read the easement information to them. Several people came in to the office to discuss their easement packets throughout the end of the month. Took Barry Lorson's quit claim deed the Register of Deeds in Abilene and finished that project. We received an email from Brenda Wildman the Interim City Manager of Herington with a response from her Commission to the Councils request on the Water Contract. Sent Thaniel an email to update him on how the easement collection was going.

FYI's: Daryl Anderson had come by and dropped off a map for the Disc Golf course in the park. Also, there is a water loss chart that compares what we purchase to what we sell. Mayor Ryff said that water loss can come from a number of things. He explained that we are looking into the loss and taking more consistent readings and going to compare it to the bill that comes from Herington and see what we come up with and will get back to you with what we find out.

Carol Lauxman made a motion to adjourn and Gordon Hunnicutt seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

\_\_\_\_\_ Larry Ryff, Mayor

Attest:

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