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Mayor Ryff called the July 13th, 2022 regular council meeting to order at 7:00pm and led the council in the pledge of allegiance.

The Mayor asked me to do roll call, it showed the following present: Fred French, Daniel Schwindt and Ginger Stewart came in late. Gordon Hunnicutt and Robin Moniz were absent.

Mayor Ryff said that he would start out by having a little discussion with Branden Dross the Herington City Manager while we wait for Ginger to show up. He said that he had me make an amortization schedule to show the increase for the next 20 years, he said in 20 years the water rate will beat \$7.81. He said that it won't be increasing at a super-fast rate. Mayor Ryff had some questions about the Ozone System, he asked if it was up and running. Branden said yes it is, he said they had one reading at 49 and the second reading was 48 and the rolling average is 65 and that includes two reads from the old plant. He said December will be one full year since the start up. He said one question Woodbine had was, why were they still having to send out notices. The Mayor said if everything works like it is suppose to we should be getting away from sending out all the notices. Branden said when they spoke to the EPA and KDHE that they mentioned that flushing the line also helps to get better readings. They continued to have a conversation about the Ozone System, water and rates. Ginger Stewart showed up, the Mayor explained that we had been having a conversation with Branden about the Water Contract Amendment. He said I know that 3.6% sounds high and he said I know it kinda compounds, but at the same token according to the water rate standards across Kansas in twenty years our rates will still be fairly cheap. Mayor Ryff said that it is up to the Council, do you want to accept the Contract Amendment? Fred French made a motion to accept the Water Contract Amendment, Ginger Stewart seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Mayor Ryff said would you like for me to go ahead and sign it, Branden said yes, then I'll take it back and Megan can sign it and he will sign it and then send back a copy of the signed Amendment for our records. Branden said if there was anything else or if a question comes up just to let him know and he left.

Mayor Ryff said moving back to the agenda, I'll start down the line, number one will be the previous meeting minutes.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Mayor Ryff said the next item of business is the minutes from the previous meeting. Ginger Stewart made a motion to accept the minutes as written from June 8th, 2022. Daniel Schwindt seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

Appropriation Ordinance: Mayor Ryff said next is appropriation ordinance #1132 He said if there are any questions please ask. Fred French made a motion to approve appropriation ordinance #1132, Ginger Stewart seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Treasurers Report: The mayor said the next item of business is the Treasurer's report. Heather said I really don't have anything except we did get a chunk of

money in from the County. Mayor Ryff said is everyone on board with the financial statement and if there are no questions, I'd like to solicit a motion to accept it. Daniel Schwindt made a motion to accept the financial statement for June 1st – 30th, 2022. Fred French seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

New Business: The Mayor said the next item of business is under new business. He said it is a building permit for Fred French. He said that it was going to be a privacy fence. Ginger Stewart made a motion to approve the building application for Fred French, Daniel Schwindt seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0. Mayor Ryff said the next two items of business works hand in hand and it goes with the budget. B says library budget, he said basically the library is under the City of Hope, the city acts like a pass through for their money. They are included in our budget, and we submit it to the county. So, when the County sends a remittance, I cut the library a check in the amount the county has on the remittance paperwork. I explained that each year the library comes up with a proposed budget for the upcoming year, then I enter it on to the state's template, adjust it to make them eligible for the state grant besides working with the city's budget. I contacted Nakita to let her know that the library's budget had been reduced in order for it to work with the city's budget and she agreed to the new dollar amount. There was a conversation between the Council and Mayor, afterwards Mayor Ryff said he would like a motion to accept the adjusted library budget. Fred French made a motion to accept the library budget of \$18,150.00. Daniel Schwindt seconded the motion and it carried 3-0. The Mayor said the next item of business is right back to the budget, they had a budget meeting and he did not attend, he said he blew it off. He said that he has to commend both me and Heather for setting down and getting it done. He said it probably was easier since he wasn't there. He said he looked it over and compared it to a year of two ago and it's not a bad looking budget. There was a conversation between the Council and Mayor. The Mayor said getting back to the budget they did do really good, I spent a couple of days plugging it into the state template. Basically, he said it looks really good to him. He asked if there any questions about the budget. Fred French made a motion to accept Exceeding the RNR (Revenue Neutral Rate) Daniel Schwindt seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Old Business: Moving into old business since we already took care of the City of Herington with the contract amendment. Next under old business is a little hashing over the city prosecuting attorney. Mayor Ryff explained that we had a city prosecuting attorney, but she resigned. In March or April we discussed and hired Mr. Purvis but then his wife took a job in Topeka and so he let us know he would not be able to work for us because he was moving to Topeka. So, right now in front of me I have both, one is an associate from Brian Bina's office, the other one is the city attorney for Herington Brad Jantz, he is also Herington's prosecuting attorney. There was a discussion between the Council and Mayor. Daniel Schwindt made a motion to hire Brad Jantz as the city's prosecuting attorney. Ginger Stewart seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

Mayors Discussion: The Mayor said after the last meeting that he did call Justin Rutz about the house demos. He said Justin thought he would be here in the first week of August. There was a conversation between the Mayor and

Council. That is the update on Justin Rutz. He said we talked about water line transmission cuts. He said on the westside of town there was a customer complaining about no water pressure. It was a section that did not get replaced during the water project. They took out the water meter and there was no pressure. So, John started digging yesterday and he was up there today, and we also had Billy come in and help us. They are in their final 10% of getting it all back together. He said the water pressure is much improved and if there is still a problem it will be behind the meter.

Maintenance Report: The Mayor said he knows that John has been busy as all get out. He was mowing the park yesterday morning he was going to finish up tomorrow morning. There is a politician meeting down there tonight. He said Saturday they are having disc golf at the park so he is doing some extra clean-up.

Clerks Update: I emailed Kim with the Abilene Reflector asking her to publish the new Water Rate Ordinance. It was published on Friday June the 10th. Also, I emailed Branden the City Manager of Herington asking him if he would be able to attend the July meeting to answer some questions. He said that he would be able to attend. Gary Smith came in and visited with me about selling his property to the City. Larry came in while he was here and discussed the situation with Gary. Gary had paperwork showing the title to the property and that it was in his name and said that everything was current as far as taxes went. I went online and looked for a Kansas Quit Claim Deed and filled it out. I printed it and asked Larry to look it over to make sure it was what he was looking for. I printed the Consumer Confidence Report from the KDHE and started folding them, then stuffed them into envelopes, then put address labels on envelopes so they would be ready for the waterbill statements. We had our 2023 budget committee meeting. Heather and I did some figuring and put some numbers together. Then I started plugging in the numbers in the state template. A couple of days later I got all the numbers in, and I sent Janelle Dockendorf an email and asked if she could take a look at it and make sure things looked alright. The next day she emailed back and had a couple of corrections for me. I made the corrections and she said it looked good. 😊 Received a call from a resident about his water usage going up, he asked for it to be checked out. I let John know and after testing the meter he replaced it. I spoke to Larry about it and about how he would like to adjust the bills. I ended up calling Sequoyah and they suggested to just give a credit to his account based off of last year's usage, so that's what I did. A short conversation took place. Fred French made a motion to adjourn. Ginger Stewart seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

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_____ Larry Ryff, Mayor

Attested:

_____ Joni Rikard, Clerk