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Mayor Ryff called the July 1st, 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: Carol Lauxman, Robin Moniz and Fred French. David Wendt and Gordon Hunnicutt were absent.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Carol Lauxman motioned to dispense with the reading of the previous minutes and approve the way they were written; Robin Moniz seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

Appropriation Ordinance: Mayor Ryff said he hoped they all had a chance to look it over. He explained that on the Blixt containers the City pays all the invoices as they come in, once all of them have come in I divide the total by three and send out invoices to the Lion's Club and Hope Community Development Group. He continued and said another item on the report is mowing bills for the residence that did not mow their yards. He said the owners have been invoiced and if they don't pay the invoice it will be assessed to their property taxes. Carol Lauxman made a motion to accept Ordinance 1096 and Robin Moniz seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Financial Statement: Mayor Ryff said next is the Treasurers report but that we did not have the Treasurer or the report. He said as soon as we get the reports, we will get it sent to them.

Police Report: Mayor Ryff said that the officer had already been here. He said basically they had put in 68.50 hours and answered 22 calls.

New Business: Mayor Ryff explained that it is budget time and that the Community Library is under the City's umbrella. He said the Council needs to vote on their budget. It is included with the City budget and then sent to the County. The Mayor asked if there were any questions. There were no questions. Fred French made a motion to approve the Library budget for 2020. Robin Moniz seconded the budget and the motion passed 3-0. Mayor Ryff said next he would have Thaniel Monaco with BG Consultants update us on the water project. Thaniel explained that we had our first progress meeting today. He said that they are making pretty good progress, they have made the bore under the railroad on the Eastside of highway 4, and the bore under highway 4 at the curb going around on the Northside of the Co-op. He said most of the line work was done inside the park and they were finishing up the Southern leg today. He said at the end of this week that they hope to continue and be down at 4th Avenue. From there they plan to turn East, following 4th Avenue, go around the Eastside, then go by the school and come back 2nd Avenue, then they will start jumping back and start buttoning some of the lines up. Thaniel said really no issues on their side, that they've seen when talking with them, and the City hasn't had anything. So, the one thing that they do have is a pay request, he said that this is the first pay estimate. Thaniel said he would tell us the total first and then the paperwork he handed out would explain how they came up with that amount. He said the total is

\$234,800.96, and on the paperwork, there is an itemized list. He went on to explain how the amounts were tracked and the way they determined the amount for the pay request. He also explained that the city would hold 5% throughout the project until there is substantial completion. Thaniel said his recommendation is for the City to approve J & K Contracting's pay request, he said once that is approved, he will submit the request to CBDG and Rural Development. Nichole with North Central Regional Planning Commission will make the draw and will be submitting it to CBDG. Carol Lauxman Made a motion to approve the \$234,800.96 payment to the contractor for the water project, Fred French seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0. Mayor Ryff said that as the project moves along if there are any complaints, they should be directed to city hall to talk to me and fill out a complaint form. From there he will go take a look and then address it with Jeremy the resident engineer. Mayor Ryff asked if there were any other questions for Thaniel. Thaniel said that the next progress meeting would be August 5th right before the Council Meeting. The Mayor thanked Thaniel and Thaniel left. Mayor Ryff said moving on next is the Sargent Drilling Estimate, this is for the pit-less adapter out at the clear well, which is out on the corner of highway 4 and 43 highway. He explained that there is a concrete storage tank and that is where the water is stored before it is pumped to the water tower. He said in the tank there are two pumps that pump the water to the tower. He said that this had been discussed and approved before for Stroda Plumbing to replace it, but after talking to them they decided they couldn't do the job. Mayor Ryff explained after that, we spoke with Greg Metz with Kansas Rural Water, he checked out the situation and he recommended Sargent Drilling out of Salina and that is where the estimate came from. A lengthy discussion took place. Fred French made a motion to approve the \$1660.56 of the estimate and if anything else is wrong to fix it while they are hear working on it. Robin Moniz seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Mayor Ryff said next is Ordinance #464, New Water Rates. Then he explained that after signing the new water contract with Herington that our bill from them had increased and that we needed to raise our rates to pay our bills. He said once the water project is done, he would like to have KRWA come in and do a rate study to help us set the rate so we can pay the loan from USDA Rural Development. Fred French motioned to approve Ordinance # 464; Carol Lauxman seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Old Business: No old business.

Standing and Special Committee Reports: Mayor Ryff said he would like Carol Lauxman to explained to the Council what the Financial committee has been up to. Carol said we had a budget meeting and we have a rough draft for me to enter into the States Excel Workbook.

Maintenance Report: Billy said that he had been doing a lot of mowing and a lot of weed eating. He said that there had been a lot of locating for the water project. He also had to get a tire put on the front of the backhoe. He said that John tried to patch it, but it had been patched too many times to patch it again, so he gave us a real good deal on a new tire. Billy said he had a meeting with BG and J & K. He also had some problems with the water tower over the

weekend, so he had to go out and manually turn the pump on to fill the tower. He said the problem ended up being the radio, but it was under warranty. Comm-Tronix wanted us to send the bad one back to them and they would fix it, then send it back. Billy said he sprayed a lot of weeds too.

Clerks Report: I emailed Brian Bina about the incorrect information in the Ordinance, I asked him to send a corrected Ordinance so Larry and I could sign it, then get it sent back to him. I received a call from Mayer Sewer Cleaning wanting to schedule a cleaning, I explained that I would talk with Larry and would get back to them. Larry and I talked about the cleaning and Larry called them back to let them know it would be best if we could schedule the cleaning after harvest. Wesley with BG Engineering emailed me about a "notice to proceed" document, he needed it signed. I talked to Larry about it, He signed it and I sent it back to Wesley. Preston Hodges with Core and Main came by to visit with us about the new Sensus meters that we will be getting. He explained that he needed me to fill out an FFC Notification for Spectrum Lease Agreement. That would allow him to move forward and order the new meters. Preston said that he would be working with us and train us and teach us how they work. Billy came in and said that pump one had problems over the weekend. Larry also came in and talked to me about the pump, he said that Billy was to be getting ahold of Comm-Tronix because they thought that the radio might have went bad. Larry and I signed the Resolution for the first draw down from the temp note at the bank. I took the paperwork to the bank, Gail said that the money is there waiting and for me just to call when we need to make the first payment and they would transfer it. Finally got the budget meeting scheduled so everyone could attend and had the meeting. I got an estimate sent via email from Sargent Drilling to replace the pit-less adapter in the clear well. I went to the Northside of town and took some easement pictures. Mayor Ryff said that he wanted to go over a couple of things that I had talked about. He said first I had said I took pictures. He explained that he is having me take pictures of the properties that we requested easements from, so when the project is complete, we can compare the before pictures with what it actually looks like after. Next he said he wanted to go over the Sensus Meter paperwork, Mayor Ryff said that when we order the radio equipment that runs the controls from this building to the water station on the Northside of town it works off a radio signal. He said any time you use a radio signal you have to go through the FFC. He said moving on to the financial committee meeting. He said he thought everyone did a good job. One of the things that was discussed was doing a chip and seal in 2020 after the water line is complete. Mayor Ryff said that he wanted to talk to the Council about one more thing. He asked the Council if they were happy with the way the town looked. The Council and the Mayor had a conversation about what they would like to see happen to help improve the town.

Carol Lauxman made a motion to adjourn, Robin Moniz seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

_____ Larry Ryff

Attest:

_____ Joni Rikard