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Mayor Ryff called the July 2nd, 2018 regular council meeting to order at 7:00pm and led the council in the pledge of alliance. Mayor Larry Ryff asked for me to do roll call, it showed the following present: Carol Lauxman, David Wendt and Fred French. Gordon Hunnicutt and David VanHook were absent.

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

Mayor Ryff said he was going to mix-up the agenda and have the police Report next.

Police Report: Officer Williams introduced himself and read over the report with the city Council he then explained that there were a total of 27 calls and 61.75 hours spend in the City of Hope for the month of June. He asked if there were any questions about the report, there were none. The Council and Mayor Thanked Deputy Williams and he left.

Appropriation Ordinance: The Council reviewed the Appropriation Ordinance. Carol Lauxman made a motion to accept the Appropriation Ordinance#1084 and David Wendt seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

Financial Statement: Mayor Ryff said next on the agenda is the financial statement with Heather Stackley but Heather was unable to attend. He said to look it over and if there were any questions we would talk to Heather and have her explain it. I mentioned to the Council that next month there would be two CD's maturing and they could be thinking about what they would like to do with them. Carol Lauxman made a motion to approve the financial statement and David Wendt seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

New Business: Mayor Ryff explained said the first thing he would like to discuss was David VanHook's resignation. Mayor Ryff said that because Dave's job has been taking him out of town for several weeks at a time he thought that he was doing the right thing by resigning even though he hated to see him go. Mayor Ryff explained that he would have to appoint another Council person over the next 45 days and said if anyone had a suggestion that he would consider it. He then said he would entertain a motion to accept David VanHook's resignation. David Wendt moved to accept David VanHook's resignation and Fred French seconded the motion and the motion carried 3-0. Mayor Ryff said that he wanted to update the Council on the meeting that we had with the City of Herington. He explained that Carol Lauxman, himself and I had went over and met with our city attorney Brian Bina and the Interim City

Manager Brenda Wildman and the Herington city attorney Brad Jantz. He explained that they gave us a copy of the rate study results and the new rate that they had come up with. The meter charge had been increased as well as the per thousand-gallon price. Mayor Ryff said that he had done some figuring and said it was roughly an increase of 4%. He said that he thought that the meeting with the City of Herington had gone good and was glad that the rates had not went up the 17% that the former City Manager of Herington had suggested. Mayor Ryff said that Mr. Bina was planning to send a revised contract to Mr. Jantz and if he agreed with the contract he would send it onto the Mayor, so it could go before the city of Herington Commissioners.

Standing & Special Committee Reports: Carol Lauxman explained that the Financial Committee had met and work on putting together the number for the 2019 budget. She said that I had printed this year's numbers to compare to the 2018 budget to see if things were short or long, then we allowed for inflation increase to come up with what we thought would work for the 2019 budget. She said now that part is done it would allow me to input the numbers into the states excel workbook to see how we come out.

Maintenance Report: Billy said that there was a problem down at the bulk water pump station. He said that he was called and when he got there, water was running through the park, he said he shut the breaker off, then pumped the water out of hole and found that the fitting was broken. He went to get the parts he needed to fix it. He got it up and running the same day. Mayor Ryff said that Billy also needed to order a couple of loads of rock to fix some pot holes around town. Billy then explained that he had taken the city truck over to Harrisons Auto to get an estimate to have the ball-joints replaced on the front end. The estimate was \$645.00, Mayor Ryff asked Billy if the truck was running ok or if it used any oil and if he thought there were any big problems with the truck. He said he was asking because it wouldn't make sense to have the work done on the front end if the truck was having other major problems. Billy said that he thought the rest of the truck was fine. David Wendt made a motion to get the ball-joints fixed at Harrison Auto. Fred French seconded the motion and the motion carried 3-0.

Clerks Report: I received a phone call from the city office of Herington explaining that an emergency resolution had been passed concerning water conservation. We are currently under a stage 1 drought response. I talked to Larry about it and he suggested that I type up a sign and post it around town.

I attended the meeting with the City of Herington. Their City Attorney Brad Jantz and Interim City Manager Brenda Wildman were there as well as our City Attorney Brian Bina, Larry and Carol. They presented the rate study finding that they had done. After a short discussion Mayor Ryff explained that he would present the Council with the information and we would let them know the Council's opinion. Mr. Bina said he would get a new water contract drafted with the new rates incorporated and if the Herington Commission and the City of Hope Council agreed it would be ready to sign off on. Karen Davis with the Konza Rotary of Manhattan called (she had called last year too) to see how our water project was coming along. She explained that every year they have a (Water Matters) fund raiser at the zoo and that Doug McKinney (NCRPC) had mentioned our project and they would like to donate some of the funds they raise to the City of Hope. She just needs some information about the project to present it to the Rotary Board. So, I emailed her the information about our water project. I received an email from Nichole asking to meet with Larry and myself to go over the environmental review that she had completed. So, we met with her and Larry signed off on the copies and I have published them on the city website as well as here in the office, the post office and the library. After the 9th of July I will take them down and send a copy to the commerce department. Got ahold of the Finance Committee members to plan a day to go over the numbers for the budget. Had a budget meeting.

Mayor's Discussion: Mayor Ryff said that bulk water use had gone up considerably with the drought. He explained that there is a water log sheet at the pumping station so, when people use it they just write down the number of gallons they get. He said it was done on the honor system. Mayor Ryff said he and Billy have been bringing the sheet to me on Friday or Monday so that I can invoice for the gallons that are being used. Mayor Ryff said that was another job that I had acquired. He said that my anniversary date would be next month and that an evaluation needed to be done for a wage review. He asked if the Council would like to do the review or if he should do it. After a brief discussion the Council said that the Mayor should do the evaluation.

Carol Lauxman motioned to adjourn, and David Wendt seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Larry Ryff, Mayor

Attest:

Joni Rikard, Clerk

