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Mayor Ryff called the July 3rd, 2017 regular council meeting to order at 7:00pm and led the council in the pledge of alliance. Mayor Larry Ryff asked for roll call, it showed the following present: Carol Lauxman, David Wendt, David VanHook, Jared Morgan arrived late and Gordon Hunnicutt was absent.

Carol Lauxman made a motion to dispense with reading the previous meeting minutes and approve the way they were written. David Wendt seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Appropriation Ordinance: The Council reviewed the Appropriation Ordinance #1072 Carol Lauxman moved to approve the Appropriation Ordinance and David Vanhook seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0.

Financial Statement: Heather Stackley said last month the Council asked her to find out what was causing the sewer to run in the rears. She looked into it and found we wrote a check in December 2016 to Mayer Sewer Cleaning company. She explained that there is a couple of ways it could be adjusted. We can just pay the bill out of the general fund, or while working on the budget we can allocate money for the sewer fund every year. Jared Morgan explained that we do budget for that every year, it's just not be transferring to the financial statement. Jared Morgan explained that the sewer rates should be taking care of that service and that maybe the city should be looking at a sewer rate increase. Mayor Ryff said for Heather to correct the statement by taking the payment out of the general fund on the statement, and for me to get a sewer rate chart for the state of Kansas so that the Council can review it next month. Heather said one other thing is the Water Fund CD matures in July. After a brief discussion, it was decided to cash the CD and move it to the saving account. Carol Lauxman made a motion to approve the financial statement David Vanhook seconded the motion and the motion carried 4-0.

Police Report: The Deputy handed out the report and asked if there were any questions. He said that there had been 30 calls with 73.00 total hours. Mayor Ryff said that he did have a couple of residence that had some concerns about people speeding inside the city limit, especially down by the ballfield. The officer said he would send out an email about the speeding complaints. Mayor Ryff and the Council thanked the officer and the officer left.

Visitors: Dan Coup

New Business: Mayor Ryff introduced Dan Coup with the Hope Developmental Group. Dan explained that the group is planning to put solar lighting in at the North park and had applied for a grant to help pay for the project. They were approved for a \$5,000.00 grant which is about half of what the lighting is going to cost. Why he had come to the Council Meeting was to ask the city to temporarily pay for the lights until the grant fund comes in and then the Hope Development Group would reimburse the City for the full amount. Jared Morgan asked what the estimated time on the grant funding was. Dan said he thought within a couple of weeks at the most. Jared Morgan made a motion to fund the project for them and David Wendt seconded the motion and the motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Ryff explained that next there was a CMB license for The Endzone. He explained that the business was being sold and the new owners were needing to get a CMB license in their name. David Wendt motioned to approve the CMB license and Carol Lauxman seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Old Business: Mayor Ryff said that old business was the review of Nuisance Ordinance packet that was tabled at the last meeting. A discussion amongst the Council took place. Mayor Ryff instructed me to contact Brian and find out about some of the language in the packet. Once the language was clear he could go ahead and start polishing it up for a final review. Next was a public notice letter that is in conjunction with the articles that was previously discussed. After a brief discussion, the Mayor asked me to discuss it with Brian when I contact him about the other matter.

Standing & Special Committee Reports: Mayor Ryff said that he thought the everything looks like it is on track with the water project. He said that he and Jared and myself had gone over to Herington and met with the City Manager Ed Patton about getting a contract updated and extended for the loan with the USDA.

Mayors Discussion: Mayor Ryff explained that we had received the two hundred-thousand-dollar interim financing. He said that we had wrote BG Consultant a check for around fourteen thousand and that was for an invoice we had received in May and one that we received in June. Mayor Ryff said he knew that the finance committee had a meeting and are actively working on the budget. He said as soon as it gets ironed out and the information is in the county excel spread sheet. We will get it to them for review, so then it can be voted on, published and completed by turning it in to the county clerk's office. He said that he had hired Liam Stewart for the part-time summer help for Billy.

The Mayor said they had been working in the park picking up limbs, mowing, and weed-eating. He said Billy is prepping to start working on filling pot holes around town. He also had Billy turn in a locate so he can get the manhole fixed over by first street. He said that he had spoken to Billy and the belt on the Exmark had broken and that Billy had ordered it, and the belt is supposed to be in Wednesday. The Mayor said that he knew that Billy had cleaned out a couple of ditches and had a couple of more that he had on his list to do.

Clerks report: I filled out the paperwork for the Bond Counsel and Larry and I signed it and had it notarized so I could get it sent back in the mail. I made help signs to hire temporary help for Billy. Talked to Amber with KanPay and we are waiting on the confirmation from her corporate people and then can continue. She thinks it should be working by the end of July. Heather and I review the budget report from Sequoyah. We did some editing and then I contacted Sequoyah to make the changes. Planned for a meeting with the City Manager of Herington Ed Patton to discuss extending the water contract. Worked with Duns & Bradstreet to disable one of the city's DUNS numbers. I attended the Sequoyah Training in Blue Springs and learned several things. Stuffed envelopes. Had a work session with the finance committee and the Mayor. Had meeting with the Herington City Manager.

Carol made a motion to adjourn and David Wendt seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0.

_____ Larry Ryff, Mayor

Attest:

_____ Joni Rikard, Clerk