

Mayor Ryff called the June 4<sup>th</sup>, 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 said that she had a couple of spelling corrections for the previous meeting minutes. She said that the Lion's Club should be spelled with an I instead of a Y. Carol Lauxman then motioned to dispense with the reading of the previous minutes and approve the way they were written with the two-spelling correction. David Wendt seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

Appropriation Ordinance: The Council reviewed the Appropriation Ordinance. Carol Lauxman made a motion to accept the Appropriation Ordinance#1083 and Fred French 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 try to answer them, if we couldn't we would talk to Heather and have her explain it. Mayor Ryff said that we did get some money from the county that is why the receipts are high. He said also attached to the report is the checking account information for the special water project account. 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 said under the new business we have Nancy Lorson with the Library. Nancy ask us to bear with her since she was asked at the last minute to come to the meeting. Nancy explained in 2017 the library owned over 2700 items available for checkout including books, DVDs, and launchpads. In addition, we received 350 rotating resources bi-monthly via the North Central Kansas Library System book van. We circulated 1575 items during approximately 800 hours of operation. The Hope Schools hired a full-time librarian so starting for the 2017-2018 school year we stopped doing our educational outreach at the grade school. We hosted nine monthly preschool Storytime, with a total attendance of 33 children & 29 adults. We conducted a summer reading program featuring three consecutive weekly sessions. Total attendance was 34 kids, and 20 teens and adults. We provided the only free public wi-fi in town, as well as access to two laptop patron computers. Usage data is collected remained 12 mbps and upload speed at 2 mbps to ensure uninterrupted connectivity. Our technology updates include a new staff computer and moving the old staff laptop to be used by patrons to replace a laptop that was retired at the beginning of the year.

Our meeting space is available to nonprofit groups at no charge, with tables and chairs for up to 10 attendees. Up to 10 Stonecroft Ministries bible study members used our facility weekly in 2017. We also had a few staff changes towards the end of the year. Denise Hull retired as library director and Nakita Hirsch was hired to fill the position. A staff member also resigned, and a high school student was hired to fill the weekend position. We cordially invite the mayor, city clerk, council members, or any other interested person to visit the library any time during operating hours, or by special appointment, to tour our facility. We welcome suggestions for expanding and improving our services in the community. Nancy said they also had an owner change since Mr. Elliott retired and that they have a new landlord. Mayor Ryff said normally when the budget is submitted it takes a month to review it and pass it along to the financial committee. He said it did not look out of line to him and that we would get back to them.

Sheriff's Report: Mayor Ryff said that he had forgot about him, he said now he would have the Sheriff's Deputy give the Hope police report. The officer introduced himself as Deputy Garcia he explained that there were a total of 31 calls and 68.25 hours put in for the month of May in the City of Hope. The Officer explained that he had brought the inmate report as well as the cost of service. He asked if there were any questions and said that was all he had. Mayor Ryff said told the deputy he was sorry he had forgot him. Deputy Garcia said it was not a problem. The Mayor and Council thanked him, and the Officer left.

New Business: Mayor Ryff said back under new business is a couple of building permits. The first one is from Barbara Klingensmith, he said it was kind of hard to decipher but he didn't see a problem with it. Carol Lauxman made a motion to approve the building permit. Fred French seconded the motion and it passed 3-0. Mayor Ryff said the next building permit is for Chad Lorson. He said it is a 15 X 8 storage shed. He said it will be inside of the existing privacy fence, so he really didn't see a problem. Carol Lauxman made a motion to approve Chad Lorson's building permit. David Wendt seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Old Business: Mayor Ryff said there is no items under old business.

Standing & Special Committee Reports: Mayor Ryff said that he didn't really have a lot. He said he would like to see the financial committee get started on the budget between now and the next meeting. Mayor Ryff said the other item is that we have heard from the City of Herington and they have scheduled a meeting Friday June 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm at the city office building in Herington. He said that the city attorney, himself and I would be attending the meeting. He

said that what we are after is a 40-year contract, so we can complete the agreement with the USDA. He explained that the City of Herington had a rate study done and according to the newspaper it said the study showed that the water rates did need to go up. He said he didn't know what they had in mind or what they have come up with. Mayor Ryff said he thinks it will be an informative meeting to see how and what they have come up with now that their rate study is done. He said originally two years ago when the City of Hope went to the City of Herington we just wanted to lengthen the existing contract, so we could complete the requirements of the USDA. Mayor Ryff said that his concern is that we get the contract negotiated and so we can move forward with the water project.

Mayors Discussion: Mayor Ryff said he kind of stretched the committee reports into the Mayors discussion. He said as far as the rest of the things, he thinks it's going fair. He said that there are a few small mowing issues that we have started to address. He said as far as the city-wide clean-up we received the bill and it was in the appropriation ordinance. The bill has been split up three ways with the Hope Development Group, Lion's Club and the City of Hope. He explained that the City has already paid the bill and that the other groups will catch up with us. Mayor Ryff said he thought that it had went rather well that they had filled three dumpsters full and took it out of the City of Hope which should make things better. He said he and Billy took a pick-up load of TV's to the landfill. He said all in all he wasn't sure he got the results he was wanting to get. But he guessed if your helping clean out someone's yard or shed your making improvements. He said once we get a little farther along with the water project he plans to encourage some more folks to do some more property clean-up.

Maintenance Report: Billy said that he had located the water and sewer line over at the bus barn, so they could start working on that. He said that he is planning on helping to put in a culvert too. Billy said he has been helping as much as he can. He said that the gas company had been her several times to find that gas leak and they think that they have finally found it. So, they have started to back fill in some of the holes. He said he has been doing a lot of mowing and weed eating, getting things clean-up ready for summer. Billy said he put the flags up for Memorial weekend and received several comments about how nice things looked. Billy said he had been working steady taking care of all the mowing and weed eating. He said that there hadn't really been any problems. Billy said that the New Hustler Mower is working really well and that he really liked the new mower. Mayor Ryff said one issue at the North City

Park is the pole over by the water shed. He said that Billy is going to take the pole and pipe down so when they get ready to paint the shed it won't be there. Billy said that there was also a tree in the park that they had to take down because there was a bee hive in it. He said a guy came and removed the bees so they could go ahead and take the tree down and get it out of there.

Clerks Report: I received a phone call from Brad Homman about the Lower Smoky Hill Floodplain Map Review Update. He was concerned because the updated map shows that the North City Park and Agri-Trail will be in a floodplain. After visiting with him I asked if he would contact Daryl Anderson at the Co-op and let him know about his concerns and told him I would talk with Larry about it. Daryl and Larry talked about the new map and decided to wait and see how things worked out. Mayor Ryff said that they had actually had made the floodplain bigger. He said that it does not affect any of the residence in the City of Hope. Mayor Ryff said the one that would possibly be affected is the park, Agri-Trails Co-op and J & R. He said Daryl did not seem to think it was a major issue. So, unless the property owner has a concern He feels like the City should stay neutral on the matter. After entering information into the computer to print some checks to pay the bills the printer decided it didn't want to print. I opened the tray's up to try and clear the printer with no luck. I talked to Larry and call Consolidated Printing to come and fix the problem. The technician replaced a sensor and cleaned the rollers and it has worked great since then. I went to the City's website and updated the meeting minutes as well as the Consumer Confidence Report that the State had sent out for the year of 2017. I called Blixt Construction to let them know that we had the third dumpster fill and it was ready to be picked up. I gathered information to update the excel worksheets that we will use to work on the 2019 budget. Started working on the yearly Municipal Court Caseload Summary for the period of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 – June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018. This is a report required to be filed with the Office of Judicial Administration no later than July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Attended the 2018 budget workshop in Salina at the Webster Conference Center. It was good to review the deadline dates on submitting the budget as well as the 1.4% consumer price index and when it would have to be submitted to county if an election was necessary. I went to the cemetery to put flags on veteran's gravesites.

Mayor Ryff said he would like to discuss the Cemetery a little bit. He said they did have their Veterans Ceremony Service for Memorial Day. He said he thought the Cemetery looked good and wanted to commend Billy and I for putting up the flags and cleaning it up. Mayor Ryff said he would like for the

City to purchase some new flag holders as well as some new flags before Veteran's Day. He said that there have been some additions up there and there are some that don't have flag holders and some that have been hit by the mower. He said he is not talking about a mass change out just change out some of the bad one and add some that don't have a flag holder. Also, on the front flag pole area there is one flag pole up there that needs rebuilt and reset or replaced because one of this days its going to fall over. He said he was planning to take that up with the Cemetery Committee. But, he thinks there needs to be some maintenance on them. Mayor Ryff said other than that he would entertain any questions from the City Council or the public. Nancy Lorson said she did forget to mention one project that the Library is doing that is new this year is they are offering an outdoor movie night in the park. She said there are three nights this summer starting in June. She said they received donations from the business in town to get the licenses need to have the movie nights. Nancy said the movies are free to the public, they are showing "The Wizard of Oz," on June 23, 2018 "School of Rock," on July 21, 2018 and "Coco" on August 11, 2018. She said the theme for this summer is Rock N Roll at the Library, so they tried to stay with music themes for the movies. Nancy said it is something for the community to come out and bring your lawn chairs, they will have free popcorn and have something to do in the evenings. Mayor Ryff said he would have Billy make sure that the park is mowed and trimmed up for the movie nights. Carol Lauxman suggested that it should be bugged sprayed as well. Mayor Ryff said Billy could use his two-gallon hand sprayer around where the people will be sitting.

Carol Lauxman made a motion to adjourn and David Wendt seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

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

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_ Joni Rikard, City Clerk