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Mayor Ryff called the June 5th, 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, Gordon Hunnicutt, David Wendt. Jared Morgan arrived late and David VanHook 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 #1071 Carol Lauxman moved to approve the Appropriation Ordinance and Gordon Hunnicutt seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0.

Financial Statement: Heather Stackley said to look over the statement and see if anyone had any questions. The Council reviewed the statement, Mayor Ryff asked about the deficient in the sewer fund. Heather explained she thought that it had been in the negative over the last year. Mayor Ryff asked her to check over the last 16 months to see what has caused issue. Heather said she would check it out and let him know. Jared Morgan moved to approve the financial statement Gordon Hunnicutt 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 20 calls with 65.50 total hours. Mayor Ryff said it appeared to be routine, there were no questions, Mayor Ryff and the Council thanked the officer and the officer left.

No Visitors

New Business: There was a building permit submitted by the resident at 118 N Cedar St. to put a chain link fence in their backyard. Jared Morgan moved to approve the building permit and David Wendt seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Ryff explained that next was a packet from the bond counsel. He said that there are 3 items that would need motions and seconded and a vote. He explained that there is a resolution, ordinance and an agreement that needed the council's approval to move forward with the interim financing. Jared Morgan motioned that the City adopt Ordinance #455, Carol Lauxman seconded the motion and it carried 4-0. Mayor Ryff said next is the Temporary Note Resolution # 17-001 Carol Lauxman moved to approve Resolution # 17-001 and Jared Morgan seconded the motion, the motion carried 4-0. Next

Mayor Ryff said was the agreement between the City and the Bond Counsel. There were a several questions and the Council discussed some of the questions brought up. Then Mayor Ryff said if there were no more question he would entertain a motion, Carol Lauxman moved to approve the agreement and Gordon Hunnicutt seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0. Mayor Ryff said that he had gone through the rest of the documents and he said the way he read it was that once the Ordinance, Resolution, and Agreement was done the rest of the paperwork was his and the City Clerks signatures and getting them notarized. Mayor Ryff said we would get the paperwork signed and in the mail as soon as possible.

Next is a Nuisance Ordinance Packet sent from Brian Bina. Mayor Ryff suggested that maybe it go back in front of the ordinance committee. Mayor Ryff had some questions like how enforceable is it and if it covers all the issues needing to be addressed. Jared Morgan motioned to table the Nuisance Ordinance Packet and Carol Lauxman seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

The next item of business was discussing the ability to pay with a credit card, debit card or check in the office or online through our website. I had called around to local clerks to check what everyone was using and found out that the state offers a service call KanPay. This is a free service to allow municipalities the convenience of collecting all types of payment via a credit card/debit card or e-check in the office or online. After a discussion and a few questions Jared Morgan moved to approve moving forward and implementing KanPay, Carol Lauxman seconded the motion and the it carried 4-0.

Old Business: Mayor Ryff said that there really wasn't any old business. He said he wanted to update the Council that the 4-way light did get put back up. He explained we were waiting on a check from Lang Diesel, last email I received explained that the Invoice had been sent to the accounting department. Mayor Ryff said once we had received the check from them that project would be completed. Mayor Ryff said under the maintenance report that Billy had been very busy and that he had worked 170 hours in the month of May. The bathrooms down at the park had been pumped, the light was hung, a lot of dressing up to get ready for Memorial Day Weekend, also there were some flag pole repairs. He also moved picnic tables and trash cans for the Alumni and had extra mowing and weed eating. Mayor Ryff said also he had looked through the minutes from the last meeting and it had been talked about getting a committee together to discuss a new contract between the City and the Fire Department. He said he knew he hadn't appoint anyone for that committee so,

with he wanted to appoint David Vanhook, David Wendt and have Jared Morgan as the committee chairman. He said one thing he would like to see in the new contract is at a minimum, an estimate of water that the Fire Department uses per year. He explained that would be so the city could keep better track of the loss of water when reporting to the state. He said he would also like to see the length of the contract be at least 2 years possibly 3 years. Mayor Ryff said with that he would like to appoint the 3 individuals previously named, and would entertain a motion to do so. Jared Morgan motioned to approve the appointed individuals and Carol Lauxman seconded the motion and it passed 4-0. Mayor Ryff said moving on he had asked the Council to perform an evaluation of the City Clerk. He said that he had received a couple from the Council but was still waiting on some and he would like them turned in before the next meeting.

Maintenance Report: Billy said that it had been a busy month. He said the tower was drained and cleaned, he helped service the hydrants and flushed them, and did pressure tests. He said he had done a lot of weed-eating and mowing, he did some spraying and raking with David Vanhook rake. He had also done a water test for the well in the park. He completed the lead and copper information requested by the KDHE. Mayor Ryff said a discussion had come up about additional help and if it was needed to keep up with all the mowing and weed-eating. Mayor Ryff said it would be up to the Council to decide whether they wanted to hire additional help for the summer. Jared Morgan explained that he had received several comments about things not being kept up with. Jared asked Billy if he thought he could use help and Billy said he felt like he could use a second hand especially when they start filling pot holes around town. Jared Morgan motioned to go into executive session for 10 minutes at 8:10pm and Gordon Hunnicutt seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0. Jared Morgan moved to come out of executive session at 8:20pm and Carol Lauxman seconded the motion and it passed 4-0. Carol Lauxman moved to go back into executive session for 10 more minutes at 8:21 and Gordon Hunnicutt second the motion, the motion carried 4-0. At 8:31 Carol Lauxman motioned to come out of executive session and Gordon Hunnicutt seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0. Mayor Ryff explained that the Council had decided to hire a general labor for part-time summer help at 50 hours per month or 12.50 hours per week and pay \$8.00 per hour. Carol Lauxman then made a motion to hire a general labor to work 12.50 hours per week or 50 hours per month and pay \$8.00 per hour and will be hired by the Mayor. Gordon Hunnicutt seconded the motion and the motion carried 4-0. Billy requested to get some rock for beside the office and some for extra down

at the shop for filling holes. Jared Morgan motioned to approve the request and Gordon Hunnicutt seconded the motion and the motion carried 4-0.

Clerks Report: I typed a letter to Mr. Watkins to let him know he could keep his chickens. Forwarded information to the Bond Counsel. When to the cemetery and marked an area for a headstone company. Look up an invoice from 2005 for the radio in the fire department side and found it. Helped replaced the new door lock for the office. Took pictures of the 4-way light being put up. Helped Billy with the Lead and Copper paperwork from the KDHE. Went to the bank to set up new checking account for the temporary interim financing. Updated budget worksheets to get ready for the budget meeting. Stuff envelopes. Went to the Cemetery to put flags out for Memorial Day. Requested to attend an update Sequoyah training in Blue Springs Missouri. Jared Morgan made a motion to allow me to attend the training and Carol Lauxman seconded the motion and the motion carried 4-0. Mayor Ryff asked if I had been in contact with Nichole McDaniel with NCRPC. I explained that I had not heard from Nichole and had been waiting on a list from her. Mayor Ryff suggested that I contact her and find out where we were at in the application process. Mayor Ryff said he wanted to keep up on that so that we don't wait until the last minute. Jared Morgan then asked about meeting to work on the budget. After a discussion, it was decided to meet on June 23rd at 7:00pm to work on the budget. Mayor Ryff asked if there was anything else. Jerome Hyman asked about the junk vehicles accumulating around town. The Mayor said that they would just want to make a list and so we could contact them about getting them moved.

Carol Lauxman made a motion to adjourn and Gordon Hunnicutt seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

_____ Larry Ryff, Mayor

Attest:

_____ Joni Rikard, Clerk