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Mayor Ryff called the June 8th, 2022 regular council meeting to order at 7:00pm and led the council in the pledge of allegiance.

The Mayor asked me to do roll call, it showed the following present: Fred French, Ginger Stewart and Daniel Schwindt. Gordon Hunnicutt and Robin Moniz were absent.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Mayor Ryff said the next item of business is the minutes from the previous meeting. Fred French made a motion to accept the minutes as written from May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Daniel Schwindt seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

Appropriation Ordinance: Mayor Ryff said next is appropriation ordinance #1131. Fred French made a motion to approve appropriation ordinance #1131, Ginger Stewart seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Treasurers Report: The mayor said the next item of business is the Treasurer's report. Heather said that there are two certificates of deposit maturing this month. Mayor Ryff said that the way the interest rates are, he thought he would probably just let them rollover and maybe when they come due again this fall, the interest rates might change. Ginger Stewart made a motion to rollover the certificates of deposits #15075 and #15076, Daniel Schwindt seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0. The Mayor said now back to the financial statement, does anyone have any questions on it. He asked Heather if she was seeing an increase in the water fund. Heather said she had noticed the increase since the water rate increase. Fred French made a motion to accept the financial statement for May 1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Daniel Schwindt seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

Mayor Ryff said the next item of business is visitors, he said the gentlemen setting here is Thomas Cunningham, he lives over on the West side of Hope and has lived here for the last two years. He said they had lived there since 2019.

New Business: Mayor Ryff introduced him to the city Council. Tom explained that he and his wife had lived in several different places and ended up here in Hope. The Mayor said the reason Tom is here is that he has a building permit to put up an above ground pool and privacy fence. Fred French made a motion to approve the building permit. Ginger Stewart seconded the motion and it passed 3-0. Mayor Ryff said the next item of business is the water rate Ordinance. The Council and Mayor had a conversation about the Ordinance. Ginger Stewart made a motion to approve the water rate Ordinance #477 Daniel Schwindt seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

Old Business: Next item of business, is old business it is the city of Herington's contract amendment. The Mayor asked if there were any questions on it, pro and cons on it, what is your opinions. There was a discussion about the contract amendment among the Council and Mayor. Fred French made a motion to table the amendment until the next months meeting and invite Branden Dross the city of Herington's city manager to the next meeting. Daniel Schwindt seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

Mayor's Discussion: Mayor Ryff said on the table, in front of you, I talked to Justin Rutz and there is the estimate for the removal of the two houses. He said the last house that we had removed cost us \$7,200-\$7,400. This time it is a different story, with fuel prices up like they are, Blixt being closed, and where he has to haul it to Salina, it has drove the cost up. There was a conversation between the Mayor and Council. Fred French made a motion to accept the bid from Justin Rutz pending the questions from the Mayor. Daniel Schwindt seconded the motion and it passed 3-0. Fred French asked if the Mayor had explained a situation with home owner wanting to selling his house. Mayor Ryff said for Fred to go ahead and explain it. Fred said that Gary Smith approached Fred about buying his house. Gary Smith is planning to sell it for \$1000.00. Fred said that it would be cheaper for the City to buy the house and demo it, then going through the process of condemning it like we have with the other three houses. There was a lengthy conversation among the Mayor and Council. Ginger Stewart made a motion for Fred French to approach the owner of the property on behalf of the City to purchase the property at 24 W 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue for a thousand dollars, Daniel Schwindt seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

Maintenance Report: Mayor Ryff said we got Memorial Day over which consisted of flag hanging, putting markers out and flags at the cemetery. He said he wanted to thank John and me both for working so hard the week before. He said he thought the cemetery looked rather well. He said he was disappointed that there wasn't a Memorial Day Service, he said typically the American Legion organized that, but they were having some issues and it just didn't come off this year. Hopefully next year it will. He said the John was really busy that week mowing and trying to keep the town up. He said it took most of an afternoon to put the medallions and flags up out there, and about two hours to pick them up on Tuesday.

Clerks Report: I talked to Larry to let him know we received the letter from KDHE saying that they had inspected the burn pit and that we were in compliance with them. I received a phone call from Mayer Sewer Cleaning company. They wanted to talk to John and schedule this year's sewer cleaning. I gave them John's number. I emailed the "public notice to cut weeds and tall grass" to the Abilene Reflector to be published so that the city would be able to mow properties that need mowed. The SAM folks emailed me letting me know that one of the settings on our information was set to private and that in order to receive the next tranche that it would have to be changed to a public setting. After two phone calls and several hours it is set like it needs to be. 😊 Visited with John about putting flags out at the cemetery and because of all the rain we decided it would be best to wait until Friday afternoon to put markers and flags out. John and Larry recruited help and it was greatly appreciated! I talked to John on Tuesday morning about going to the cemetery and picking up the flags and markers to get them out of the rain and

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letting them dry out before putting them away. I got out budget information and ran several reports and filled out the budget worksheet for the 2023 budget committee meeting. I found out at the budget workshop that I attended, that the County would be paying to send out notices to the public if we exceed the RNR this year!

Mayor Ryff said he would like for me to talk to the Council about the upcoming 2023 budget committee meeting. I explained that is that time of year and we need to get together to put some numbers together so I would have time to put them in the state template. There was a conversation about when would be a good time to get together. We decided to get together on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00pm for the budget committee meeting.

FYI: Mayor Ryff said moving on under the FYI section, there is a letter from the Dickinson County Economic Development Corporation asking the City of Hope to appoint a representative to service the remainder of the term. Ginger Stewart said that she would do it. Mayor Ryff said he appointed Ginger Stewart to represent the City of Hope. He asked all in favor to have Ginger Stewart and it was unanimous 4-0. Fred French made a motion to adjourn, and Ginger Stewart seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

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

Attest:

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