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Mayor Ryff called the March 8th, 2023 regular council meeting to order at 6:00pm and led the council in the pledge of allegiance.

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

Previous Meeting Minutes: Mayor Ryff said the next item of business is the minutes from the previous meeting. Gordon Hunnicutt made a motion to accept the minutes from February 8th, 2023, as written. Fred French seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0.

Appropriation Ordinance: Mayor Ryff said next is appropriation ordinance #1140 He said if there are any questions please ask. Gordon Hunnicutt made a motion to approve appropriation ordinance #1140, Fred French seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

Treasurers Report: The mayor said the next item of business is the Treasurer's report. He said the treasurer is not here, he said if there are any questions ask me or he would try to answer them too. Mayor Ryff said there are a couple of CD's maturing one on March the 6th and one March the 12th, in front of you is an interest rate sheet. He said currently they are drawing .08 percent and there is an eleven-month special CD that is at 4.10 percent There was a discussion between the Council and Mayor. Gordon Hunnicutt made a motion to move CD #15075 and CD#15076 into an eleven-month special CD, Ginger Stewart seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0. The Mayor said he would entertain a motion to approve the financial statement. Gordon Hunnicutt made a motion approve the financial statement dated February 1st-28th 2023. Fred French seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

The Mayor said there are no visitors.

New Business: Mayor Ryff said the only new business I have is Pat Hamilton is our certified water and wastewater operator. He has the hours for the water side but needs hours for the wastewater side. He said that they are having a conference down in Wichita that has classes that he can attend to receive the hours required to keep his wastewater certification. Fred French made a motion to send Pat to Wichita and to pay for him to attend as well as the mileage and meals. Gordon Hunnicutt seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0. The mayor said there is no old business.

Standing and Special Committee Reports: Mayor Ryff said he was going to ask Ginger if she has made arrangements with the Dickinson County Economic Development Corporation. Ginger said she would be attending the first meeting tomorrow night. She said it was all worked out. The Mayor said maybe she could update us next month.

Mayor's Discussion: The Mayor said under Mayors discussion I really don't have a lot. John Moniz did come back to work. He's not quite up to full duty yet. He has been stirring the box out at the lagoons, picking up trash, doing water tests. We had some problems with the plumbing at the city shop that he

has taken care of. He started making barricades for the next fall festival, doing basically light duty stuff. He came in last Wednesday and said he was going to be gone for a week to ten days. His son in California isn't doing good and he is going to spend some time with him. Mayor Ryff said in the meantime Pat has been filling in for John again. He said that there was a request to use some picnic tables, trash cans and barricades. The Mayor said Kenny Morgan is having an auction and came in to see if he could borrow them. He said he didn't see any issue with it so, they moved them down today. They will be used for both sales and then we will get them back. There was a conversation between the Council and the Mayor. No action was taken. The Mayor said moving on to department reports as far as the maintenance department.

Maintenance Report: John has come back to work, he worked around 4 weeks on light duty. He has had some odd jobs, and done the water meter reads. He said we are trying to gear back up to getting back to his regular job. But last Wednesday he decided to go back to California. When he gets back, we will have plenty for him to do. It is time to burn the burn pit, he still has barricades to finish and starting to clean-up for spring activities. Mayor Ryff said he would turn it over to me for my report.

Clerks Report: I continued to look through the old ordinance books searching for information about annexing, de annexing, additions, boundaries, just anything that would indicate a description of the city. I found a couple more ordinances scanned them in and emailed them to Brian with BG Consultants. Filled out the CMB License and had Larry and Heather sign it and Pat Coup stopped by to pick it up. I typed up warning letters to the property owners with the blithe yards, certified them and mailed them out. I received an email from Brian with BG asking me to check on a session law from 1893, I called the County about the session laws, and they told me to look at the Kansas Historical Society. I did and was unable to find the specific law that had been referenced. Went to the bank and had the savings account transferred into an eleven-month special CD. Met Larry up at the cemetery to mark a grave and checked out another lot for another burial at a later date.

Gordon Hunnicutt made a motion to adjourn, Fred French seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Larry Ryff, Mayor

Attested:

Joni Rikard, Clerk