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Mayor Ryff called the March 9th, 2022 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, Robin Moniz and Ginger Stewart. Gordon Hunnicutt and Daniel Schwindt was absent.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Mayor Ryff said the next item of business is the minutes from the previous meeting. Ginger Stewart made a motion to accept the minutes as written from February 9th, 2022. Robin Moniz seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

Appropriation Ordinance: Mayor Ryff said next is appropriation ordinance #1128. Robin Moniz made a motion to approve appropriation ordinance #1128, 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 and Heather will not be here, but the report is in the notebook. He said he really didn't have any comments about it, unless someone has a question. Fred French made a motion to accept the financial statement for February 1st – 28th, 2022. Robin Moniz seconded the motion and it passed 3-0. Mayor Ryff said that there are a couple of CD's coming due on the back page of the report. He said that we have been rolling the 91 day-ers over waiting for interest rates to go up. The council all agreed to rollover the CD's coming due. Mayor Ryff said since there are no visitors we would move into new business.

New Business: The Mayor said that there is a building permit from Kevin and Stacey Connors for a storage building, 12X40. They are setting it west of there house on their property and it will be anchored down. Fred French made a motion to accept the building permit from the Connors. Robin Moniz seconded the motion and it passed 3-0. Mayor Ryff said the next item of business is to pick a city prosecuting attorney for municipal court. The position became open when we received the resignation letter from Joycelyn Lucas Randle. After a short conversation between the Mayor and Council, Fred French made a motion to pick John Purvis from Abilene, Ginger Stewart seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Old Business: Mayor Ryff said the next item of business is the water rate ordinance that we discussed at the last months meeting. He asked if anyone had any questions on it, he said I don't like having to do this but because Herington is raising our rates and we have a loan payment to make for the next forty years we have to do it. There was a conversation between the Council and Mayor. Fred French made a motion to pass Ordinance #467. Robin Moniz seconded the motion and it passed 3-0. Mayor Ryff said that we wouldn't have to do another increase for at least twelve to eighteen months. He said we will have to wait and see what Herington does with the addendum to the contract before we decide to do anything.

Mayor Discussion: Mayor Ryff said he really didn't have much, things are moving along, he said he really don't have any complaints. He doesn't hear John complaining too much either, he keeps busy, he is doing a good job. Fred French asked about the post office. The Mayor said that the roof leaked and got into the electrical box and they can't open the place until they make all the necessary repairs. So, now you have to go to Herington to send out packages and pick up your mail. Mayor Ryff said that he was ready for my clerk's report.

Clerks Update: We signed the resolutions that had been accepted and I scanned them into the computer. I emailed them to Kim Maguire with the Abilene Reflector and explained that we needed them published and they needed to run two consecutive weeks. Then I emailed James Holland to let him know that the resolutions had been accepted and emailed to the paper to be published. After that I made copies of the resolutions and sent them out certified mail to the property owners. I emailed Dana Eye the city clerk of Solomon to get contact information for their prosecuting attorney. I didn't hear back from her, so I ended up calling her and she gave me a good phone number for John Purvis. I went online to the League of Kansas Municipalities and updated all the city's information. I completed the Kansas Rural Water, water use report. I ran the necessary reports and went online to fill out the information and submitted the report. Larry and I talked about the light on the water tower being out. He asked me to contact Tony Grant with Maguire Iron to see if he would be able to replace the bulb and possibly bring one that would last longer. First, I emailed him and didn't hear anything, so I called him. He explained that they normally do not bring the light bulb, he said that his recommendation was to find a LED bulb that is 100-200 watt and last at least 2500 hours. So, when I went to see my Mom in Junction City we went to the Ace Store, Orschlens and Waters True Value and I found one that was a LED that was 150 watts and suppose to last five years. Larry told me to let Tony Grant know that we have a bulb. He said that he would be by to replace the bulb in the next couple of weeks. The Mayor said the only thing he would add was that we had our Certified Water Operator go to Kansas Rural Water Association backflow preventer training class in Grandview Plaza, so now he has his credits towards keeping his certification. He said that he really didn't have anything else unless someone else had something, he would entertain a motion to adjourn. The Mayor said next month the meeting will be a 7:00pm because we will be in daylight savings time. Fred French made a motion to adjourn, Robin Moniz seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

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_____ Larry Ryff, Mayor

Attest:

_____ Joni Rikard, Clerk