

Mayor Ryff called the May 10th, 2023 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, Gordon Hunnicutt and Ginger Stewart. Robin Moniz and Daniel Schwindt were 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 April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023, as written. Ginger Stewart seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

Appropriation Ordinance: Mayor Ryff said next is appropriation ordinance #1142 He said if there are any questions please ask. Gordon Hunnicutt made a motion to approve appropriation ordinance #1142, 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. The Mayor asked if there were any questions. Mayor Ryff said that he would entertain a motion to approve the statement. Gordon Hunnicutt made a motion to approve the financial statement for April 1<sup>st</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> 2023, Fred French seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Mayor said there are no visitors, no new business, no old business so he would have me do my clerk's report. Ginger Stewart said she had attended the DKEDC meeting in Abilene. She said they talked about their housing development at the Golden Belt. The new business resource and development manager had spent some time in Herington meeting people. Ginger said something she found interesting was the last round of neighborhood revitalization block grant, the last round of funding had gone out, because the state receives it then they disseminate it. Which is for the affordable housing and nearly all of the money went to Johnson County which is literally the wealthiest county in the state. There was a conversation between the Mayor and Council. No Action was taken.

Clerks Update: I emailed Brian Westberg with BG Consultants a copy of the signed contract so he would continue to work on the legal description of the City of Hope. Went online to the Municipal Budget Workshop website and registered to attend the class in Salina on Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> of May. I received a telephone call from the funeral home in Herington about marking a grave, talked with Larry about marking it and we met up at the cemetery and marked the grave. Left a message with Sequoyah about making an account number for the new CD. They called back, remoted into the computer and made a new CD account number for the savings that we cashed in. They also helped me to adjust a customer's water bill to give credit for a bad meter. A customer came in and was telling me that there is a tree blocking the view of oncoming traffic at Cedar Street and Broadway. I drove that way when I went to lunch so I could see for myself and didn't see the problem. Then talked to Larry

and John about it. The customer did not fill out a complaint but when they came in to pay the water bill asked if the city was planning to do anything. Visited with the new owner of the green house on the corner. He came in to ask if the city had anything on the books about air bnb's. I told him I didn't think so but would check with Larry and let him know.

Mayor's Discussion: Mayor Ryff said the only other item of business he has, came up today at three o'clock this afternoon. He said at the Hope development meeting today they have been throwing around the idea of getting an electronic sign board to replace the marquee. He said basically what you have in front of you is an estimate and what the sign would look like. The Mayor said that they are fairly expensive. He said he had me contact NCRPC to see if there are grants or funds available to help with it. There was a discussion between the Council and Mayor. The Council said that they thought it was a good idea for the city and would support it, but no action was taken. Gordon Hunnicutt made a motion to adjourn, Fred French seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

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Larry Ryff, Mayor

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Joni Rikard, Clerk