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Mayor Ryff called the May 11th, 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, Robin Moniz, Ginger Stewart and Daniel Schwindt. Gordon Hunnicutt was absent.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Mayor Ryff said the next item of business is the minutes from the previous meeting. Robin Moniz made a motion to accept the minutes as written from April 13th, 2022. Fred French seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

Appropriation Ordinance: Mayor Ryff said next is appropriation ordinance #1130. Fred French made a motion to approve appropriation ordinance #1130, Robin Moniz seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

Treasurers Report: The mayor said the next item of business is the Treasurer's report. Heather had a family event at school tonight so she couldn't attend. Mayor Ryff said he looked the financial statement over and didn't see any issues with it. He asked if anyone had any questions on it, there were no questions. Robin Moniz made a motion to accept the financial statement for April 1st – 30th, 2022. Daniel Schwindt seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

The Mayor said there is no new business this month so we will skip it and jump right into old business.

Old Business: He said in the notebooks there is the City of Herington contract amendment. He said it was an updated version since Branden Dross was over here the last time. He said that he was glad that the 3.6% forever had been changed. There was a conversation between the Mayor and Council. Fred French made a motion to table the City of Herington's contract amendment until next month. Robin Moniz seconded the motion and it carried 4-0. The Mayor said moving on. The 4" line addition for the chemical plant is complete. He said he signed the check to pay the bill. The water is on in that 4" meter, he said he hadn't heard anything from them so he guessed it must have fixed the volume problem. He said that the Council would need to decide how much to charge for the monthly meter fee for the 4" meter. The Council and Mayor had a discussion about what they thought would be fair. The Mayor asked me to put together a new Ordinance and add the 4" monthly meter charge of \$48.00 per month, and have it ready for next month's meeting. Mayor Ryff said that we have had some burn pit issues, he said he didn't know if everyone had heard, the burn pit was closed down for approximately 3 weeks, KDHE came to do a routine inspection they found a slight amount of shingles laying on the ground and little bit of plastic. The Mayor and Council had a conversation between them. Mayor Ryff said that we purchased two cameras to put up out at the burn pit to see if we can find out who is causing the problem. He said he would like them out there in the next couple of weeks. Moving on the next item would be the Maintenance report.

Maintenance Report: Mayor Ryff said that he had ask John to attend the meeting tonight, he knows everybody, meets everybody and if any of you have

an issue now would be a good time to bring it up. The Mayor said he knows that he has been busy mowing and weed-eating all week. Ginger mentioned that they have graduation coming up and wanted to ask if one of the properties on the way to the school could be mowed before graduation. There was a short discussion about mowing the property before the graduation this week. Mayor Ryff said that he does know that John had spent a considerable amount of time next door working on the picnic tables and, replacing boards and sanding off the old paint. Robin helped too and volunteered to paint. The Mayor said the picnic tables look awesome! He said they would be moving some to the park and the rest they would be used over by the mini park during the Alumni reunion on the 27th and 28th. Mayor Ryff said that he would be concentrating on the cemetery from the 20th until the 27th getting things spruced up for Memorial Day weekend.

Clerks Update: I went up to the cemetery, met John and Larry there, we looked the map over and located the bricks to mark the grave for the service on Saturday. I emailed Kim at the Abilene Reflector to publish the resolutions that were passed at last month's meeting. I watched a Youtube video showing how to navigate the US Treasury cite to submit the compliance report required for the ARPA monies that we received. They showed two options when submitting the report. So, I called Janelle Dockendorf at Dickinson County to see what she thought would be the best way to report. After talking with her I went to the cite and entered the information and submitted the compliance report. I went back to the cemetery and met John there to mark another grave for the service on Wednesday. I received a phone call from KDHE about inspecting our city open burn site. She called asking for directions on where it was located. I told her where it was, she explained that she would send her report to me after the inspection. Later that week we received the report saying that the city was considered to be in non-compliance due to materials found in the burn pile. So, I called John and we put signs up closing the burn pit. I spoke to Larry the next day about what happened and showed him the pictures that John had taken of the items found by the burn pile. Then I emailed Jessica to let her know we were ready for her to inspect the burn pit.

Mayor's Discussion: Mayor Ryff said if you got something for me yell at me now, this is the time. Robin Moniz said that she had one thing, she said that over by her brothers fence there is a tote with stuff fermenting in it. She said she thinks it is on city easement. She said her brother has asked the neighbor nicely to move it. There was a discussion between the Mayor and Council. The Mayor said that since he was on the health and welfare board he would go over and visit with them about it. He said by the next Council meeting he wants to bring bids in to take down the condemned properties. Fred French made a motion to adjourn, Robin Moniz seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

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_____ Larry Ryff, Mayor

Attest:

_____ Joni Rikard, Clerk