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Mayor Ryff called the May 12th, 2021 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: David Wendt, Fred French, Robin Moniz, and Ginger Stewart. Gordon Hunnicutt was absent.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Mayor Ryff said the first item of business is the minutes from the previous meeting. Robin Moniz made a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting from May 12th, 2021 and approve them as written. Ginger Stewart seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0.

Appropriation Ordinance: Mayor Ryff said next is appropriation ordinance #1118. Fred French made a motion to accept appropriation ordinance #1118, David Wendt seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

Treasurer Report: The mayor said the next item is the treasurers report, he said we don't have the Treasurer, but we do have the report. The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions on it. David Wendt made a motion to accept April's financial statement. Ginger Stewart seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

The Mayor said that it is one of the weirdest months that he had ever seen. He said we really don't have any big pending items as far as on the agenda.

New Business: The Mayor said first of all he thinks it is time to get something done with the bell in front of the office. He said one of the local residences, Donny Hostetter came and talked about helping to get it fixed up and make it match the flower boxes. The Mayor and Council talked it over and decided to let Donnie work on the bell. Mayor Ryff said next, he would have me visit with the Council about the American Rescue Plan. I explained that there wasn't a whole lot more information than what was in their packets. I told them I had spoken with Janelle Dockendorf with the County, she said that they were still waiting on guidance from the State Treasurer on what the funds would be able to be used for. There was a discussion with the Mayor, Council and me about ARPA, no action was taken.

Old Business: Mayor Ryff said moving into old business is basically nothing more than updates and a little round table visiting. Item number one is Blixt. He said that is about a house that needs to be torn down. The Mayor said that he had called and talked to him last Wednesday morning, he explained that we had waited long enough and if they didn't get it done by June 1st, we would find someone else to take it down. Item number two, city clean-up he said we went through two dumpsters. The dumpster bills will be shared with the Hope Developmental Group. The clean-up went well, we did employee John for a couple of days to help with it and the Co-op helped with it one afternoon. The Mayor said he knew they picked up a lot of junk. He said that the dumpsters were a mixed load, and they were probably going to be taking it to the county landfill which will make the loads cost a little more. Mayor Ryff said moving on, the heater in the shop is almost done, he said they have to come back and put

some venting in, but it has been running and functional for two weeks. So that is done, the other heater for the pump house, he said the last time he had talked to Chad, he had said it is on order. He said that he is pretty sure that when Chad gets it within a week or two, he will get it in. So that is the update on the heaters. He said he would like me to fill them in on the audit. I explained that I really didn't have anything to tell them. I had emailed Heather the reports and asked if she had any contact with Cindy and did not get a response. Mayor Ryff said as far as committee reports he really didn't have anything. He said he go ahead and have the Maintenance report.

Maintenance Report: Mayor Ryff said Pat had a request to order a couple of handles for the weed eaters, he said he went ahead and told him to go ahead and order them. He said they cost around \$60.00 so he told him to go ahead. He said other than that, things have been going good, He said he knows he has been busy. He said Pat is doing the best he can, with the weather the way it has been lately, he was at the cemetery weedeating today. He said that he wasn't sure if he got it mowed but he knew that it was on his agenda. The Mayor said that he did burn the wood pile on Monday, he said he didn't know if it would be open by Friday or not because of the size of the pile.

Clerks Report:

Talked with Pat about the meeting, I told him that the Council voted to move forward with the chip and seal so he could let the County know. Called the National Sign Company and ordered the surveillance sign for the bathrooms in the park. Received a phone call from the funeral home about an up coming service. Talked with Larry and Pat, we met at the cemetery and marked the plot. Then I called the funeral home to let them know it was ready to be opened. I emailed the Reflector Chronicle a copy of the new ordinance changing the day of the meeting. I called Blixt Construction about getting a dumpster on the 23rd and to make sure they put us on their schedule. ***Had Surgery*** Sorted catch all box from being gone. Got bills coded and ready to enter in Sequoyah. Had a voice mail from Bret Bye about getting together to fill out information they would need to be able to do a rate study for our water rates. Had the meeting with Bret Bye. Bret explained that it would be a few weeks before I would hear back from him. He said it was because they were a little backed-up. He said he would let me know if there was any more information needed to do the rate study. I received an email on listserv, it was from a member of the League of Kansas Municipalities. It was information about the American Rescue Plan. I spoke to Larry about it, and he suggested that I reach out to Janelle Dockendorf with the County to see what information she had about it. Janelle said they are still waiting on what the funds will be able to be spent on, but she estimated that the City of Hope would be eligible for \$60,000 - \$70,000. And we will receive half this year and half next year. 😊

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The Mayor said he had one other note to talk about for a minute or two and that is the re-election this fall. He said he knows that David, Fred and Robin are up for re-election. He said he would like to see them all run again. He said he appreciated them all being Council persons and showing up to the meetings.

David Wendt made a motion to adjourn and Robin Moniz Seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

_____ Larry Ryff, Mayor

Attest:

_____ Joni Rikard, Clerk