

Mayor Ryff called the May 1st, 2017 regular council meeting to order at 7:00pm and led the council in the pledge of alliance. Mayor Larry Ryff asked for roll call, it showed the following present: Jared Morgan, Carol Lauxman, Gordon Hunnicutt, David Wendt, and David VanHook.

Jared Morgan made a motion to dispense with reading the previous meeting minutes and approve the way they were written. Gordon Hunnicutt seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Appropriation Ordinance: The Council reviewed the Appropriation Ordinance #1070 Jared Morgan moved to approve the Appropriation Ordinance and Carol Lauxman seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

Financial Statement: Heather Stackley was unable to attend the meeting. The Council reviewed the statement, Jared Morgan moved to approve the financial statement David Wendt seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

Police Report: The Deputy handed out the report and asked if there were any questions. He said that there had been 20 calls with 79.00 total hours. There were no questions, Mayor Ryff and the Council thanked the officer and the officer left.

Visitors: Denise Hull

New Business: Mayor Ryff said we would start with Denise Hull here to present the annual library report. Denise started by explaining that in 2016 the library owned over 2700 items available for checkout. That includes books, DVD's, launchpads and preschool learning kits. She said that they receive 350 rotating resources bi-monthly via the North Central Kansas Library System book van. They had circulated 2022 items during approximately 800 hours of operation. Denise explained that the library continued their educational outreach at the Hope school during the spring, this was funded by a grant from the Keitch Foundation. Once a week the library provides enrichment for 86 students in grades preschool through fifth grade. The library also host 9 monthly preschool Storytime's, with a total attendance of 28. They conducted a summer reading program featuring three consecutive weekly sessions. The total attendance was 93 kids and 60 teens and adults. Participants in the reading contest received Dollar General gift cards. Denise continued saying that the library is the only free wi-fi in town, as well as access to 3 laptop patron computers. Usage data is collected electronically; 6,663 devices connected during the calendar year of 2016. They have increased their download speed to 12 mbps and upload speed to 2 mbps to ensure uninterrupted connectivity. Their updated technology and

big screen TV allow opportunities for live streaming, PowerPoint presentations and other program enhancements. She continued that they have a meeting space available to nonprofit groups at no charge, with tables and chairs for up to 18 attendees. She said up to 10 Stonecroft Ministries Bible study members used the facility weekly in 2016. Denise said they cordially invite the mayor, city clerk, council members or any other interested person to visit the library anytime during operating hours, or by special appointment, to tour their facility. They welcome suggestions for expanding and improving their service for the community. Denise went on and explained that at the last library board meeting they compiled a list of potential board members and the board itself voted them in but in it is up to the City Council to approve the board at the library. She said one other thing is the Hope Community Library 2018 Budget Proposal. She explained that the 2018 budget was a little larger than last year due to expanding the internet access and paying a little more for that. Denise said that she had also found a grant that would help reimburse a lot of that expense back to them, and that is included in the revenue for the following year. Jared Morgan motioned to approve the library board that had been selected Gordon Hunnicutt seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0. Mayor Ryff explained that he would have copies of the budget proposal made and passed out to the financial committee. He said we would let her know how it turns out.

Next Mayor Ryff said that we have a Cereal Malt Beverage License submitted from the American Legion post # 12. David Vanhook motioned to approve the license and Gordon Hunnicutt seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Ryff explained that a building permit had been submitted from David Myers. David Wendt motioned to approve the building permit and Gordon Hunnicutt seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Aaron Wasko with BG Consultants came to update the council on the progress of the water project. Aaron explained that he has been working with Thaniel on the report that was done last year and had been here to help with flow test last fall. Aaron said that would be working side by side with Thaniel on the design of the project this year. Aaron said that the surveyors had been down and had located some of the manhole covers last week and planned to be here later this week and early the following week to locate the utilities. Aaron continued explaining that BG is currently updating the PER that was submitted to CDBG last year for funding. The deadline to submit the updated PER for the grant application this year is September. CDBG will notify Cities of grant awarded in January 2018. If the City receives the CDBG grant, they

will bid the project. If the City does not receive the CDBG grant, BG and the City will discuss bidding a reduced project. He then went through a quick overview of the proposed project. Replacement of City's existing Cast Iron Watermains, new water meters, pits and service lines along new waterlines, all new water meters as well as remaining meter will be fitted with Automatic Meter Reading (AMR) receivers to coordinate with a new software system. The project will also include repainting of both interior and exterior of water tower depending on what they find during inspection of the tower. The estimated project schedule is to begin construction in April 2018. Aaron estimated that the length of the project would take approximately a year. Aaron asked if there were any questions, there were none. The Mayor and the Council thanked Aaron and he left.

Mayor Ryff explained that the Fire District had been added to the agenda. Chad Lorson said he had a couple of items to go over with the Council. Chad said that it was time to do the flow test on the hydrants, he thought it was a couple of months passed when they had done them last year, regardless it was something that needed to be done. He was wanting to make sure that it was ok to proceed with that. Mayor Ryff said that he had no issue with that and he understood it was necessary as far as insurance and that type of thing. Mayor Ryff said for him to make arrangements with Billy so that the tower is full and that he would be available. Then Chad said that they are out of the building next door and have moved to the new building. Chad explained that he needed to do a quick walk through but thought they had gotten everything. He said that the contract between the City and the Fire District would need to be updated. The next item is the radio in the back, Chad explained that if they take the radio we would not have a receiver for the storm siren. He said there were two options the fire department buys a new radio or the city buys a receiver for our storm siren. Either way he said that one of us would be paying about four hundred dollars. Jared said one thing that he would like to discuss is the fire department using the well in the park instead of the City tower to fill their trucks. Chad explained the problem he had doing that is that is first the matter of speed and second is having the hardness of water in the pumps. He said the pumps are five thousand plus that are on the trucks and he said he would rather not have a hard calcium water setting in the trucks and that he prefers the conditioned water out of the tower. A very lengthy discussion took place and Mayor Ryff suggested that the Council address the radio issue and get a committee meeting together to go over the details of the contract and the source of water that the fire departments uses. Jared Morgan made a motion to get a receiver for the city Gordon Hunnicutt seconded the motion and the

motion passed 5-0. Another lengthy discussion took place and after that the Mayor thanked Chad and he left.

Old Business: The Mayor explained that we had received a letter from our attorney with regards to Mr. Watkins chickens. Basically, the attorney advised us not to pursue the issue. Mayor Ryff suggested that the Council have me write a letter informing Mr. Watkins that the City had rescinded their decision and that he could have his chickens. Jared Morgan made a motion for me to write a letter to Mr. Watkins, Carol Lauxman seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Ryff explained that next was a public notice that the city would publish in the City's official newspaper about yard up keep once a year to avoid having to send several letters throughout the mowing season. After a long discussion among the Council it was decided that City would need to move forward on changing the Nuisance Ordinance before it could just published a public notice in the City's official paper. For now, the Mayor said we would work with what we got.

Standing & Special Committee Reports: Jared Morgan brought up working on the interim financing. Jared asked for the Council thoughts and if the City should move forward and talk to the First National Bank to see what they could do for us. Jared said he understood that there would be bills coming from BG Consultants this month that would need paid. Jared said that he understood that the bond counsel would contact a lending institution for the funding and Jared felt like we should try to do business local if possible and go ahead and initiate that now. After a discussion, Jared said he would make an appointment and let the Mayor know when and they would talk with the bank.

Maintenance Report: Billy said things had been going pretty good. He said that the mowing season was in full swing. He borrowed the rake from David Vanhook and it work good. He said he had been spraying for weeds. He mentioned he would like to get a load of rock because he had used all the rock down at the shop except for about 4 ton. Gordon Hunnicutt asked if there would be any street work done this season. Billy asked when they would like to start patching and the Mayor suggest that he wait for the temperature to go up.

Clerks Report: I call the residence that did not attend the last meeting to inform them that their building permits were approved. NCS called to find out what decision had been made about the computer. I explained to them the Council had approved option # 2 from their quote. They came out on the 10th and transferred the data off the old computer and got everything set up on the

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new computer. I received a call from Mr. Bina about Mr. Watkins and his chickens. Sequoyah contacted me to install the new report that Jared had requested to help track of our budget better. I updated our SAM site information. I attended the Excel workshop and the Budget workshop. Then sent out lead and copper survey's.

Carol Lauxman made a motion to adjourn and Gordon Hunnicutt seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

_____ Larry Ryff, Mayor

Attest:

_____ Joni Rikard, Clerk