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Mayor Ryff called the May 4th, 2020 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 and Ginger Stewart. Robin Moniz and Gordon Hunnicutt was absent.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Mayor Ryff said the first item is the minutes from the previous meeting. David Wendt made a motion to dispense with the reading of minutes and approve the way they were written; Fred French seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

Appropriation Ordinance: Mayor Ryff said next is appropriation ordinance #1106. David Wendt made a motion to approve appropriation ordinance #1106, Ginger Stewart seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Financial Statement: Mayor Ryff explained he had asked Heather Stackley to stay home because of the governor's order limiting the number of people at gatherings. Mayor Ryff said that there will be two CD's coming due next month but, they can decide what to do with them next month. David Wendt made a motion to approve the April financial statement. Ginger Stewart seconded the motion, the motion passed 3-0.

Police Report: Mayor Ryff said that he had me call to ask the deputy not to show up at tonight's meeting. He said they still sent the service report to hand out. He said it looked like they put in a total of 75 hours in March and had 23 calls.

Visitors: Mayor Ryff said there is no visitors.

New Business: Mayor Ryff said that there are 4 items under new business but there is one that came in that is more important. He said J & K Contracting had been in town for the last couple of weeks and cleaned up. He said he knew they had brought about 4 dump trucks of rock into town. The Mayor said that we had received a payment request #8 final in the amount of \$32,835.48 and then they are done. He said Wesley with BG Consulting is supposed to be down next month to finalize the contract. So, if you have any questions save them for next month. Fred French made a motion to pay the payment request #8 of \$32,835.48 and David Wendt seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0. Mayor Ryff said moving on, there are three building permits. The first one is Gary Florea, he said basically they are planning to put up a privacy fence and a carport in the backyard. Fred French made a motion to approve the building permit. David Wendt seconded the motion and it passed 3-0. The next building permit is for Fred French, he is wanting to build a deck in the backyard. Ginger Stewart made a motion to approve the building permit and David Wendt seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The last building permit is for Leroy O'Bray, they are building a privacy fence on the Southside of their property. David Wendt made a motion to approve the building permit and Fred French seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0. Mayor Ryff said the last item of new business is a KDHE Consent Agreement. He said basically, the city has had problems with TTHM

levels for several years now. He explained that TTHM's are a residual from chlorine brake down. He said in the past, KDHE would contact the city and the city would explain that the water is treated from Herington when we receive it. The Mayor said he wasn't sure what to do with the paperwork so, he had me send an email to Thaniel Monaco and Brian Bina with the consent agreement attached so they could review it, and they could give us their opinions on the matter. A lengthy conversation among the council and Mayor took place, no action was taken.

Old Business: Mayor Ryff said moving on, under old business is an update from Holland Municipal Services. He said a couple of weeks after the last council meeting, he asked me to get in touch with Mr. Holland to get things started. Mr. Holland sent a notice of inspection to me to send to the owners of the property and to post on the front door of the house. He said the property is to be inspected on May 11th, Mr. Holland will be there as well as Chad Lorson, the Mayor and a Sheriff Deputy. A discussion took place about the property and surrounding properties.

Mayor Discussion: Mayor Ryff explained that there wasn't anything put in the notebooks about it but, basically it was about workman's comp insurance. He said in November of 2019 we had Berkley work comp insurance, they sent notice that they were not going to cover us because the size of the policy. So, he said he talked to the insurance agent and he came back and in January 1st we had insurance under Berkshire Hathaway, who is an underwriter of Berkley. He said on April 8th Berkshire Hathaway canceled us. He said he got ahold of the insurance agent and the agent confirmed that we had been canceled. So, Smart Insurance was contacted. Tandi Reiff is an insurance agent and works in Herington. She said she would get us work comp insurance and she emailed the next day and our new work comp insurance is with Accident Fund. Mayor Ryff said that on our June 1st meeting he would have Tandi Reiff with Smart Insurance here to go over the insurance and what she has to offer the City for other insurances.

Mayor Ryff asked if there was anything else. David Wendt said that he had spoke with Gordon Hunnicutt and asked if the Mayor new what he was wanting to do at the big park. David said that he wants to put new PVC pipe around the other playground equipment. The Mayor said he did know, but he didn't want to start any new projects until the old ones are finished. David Wendt said that maybe we should get some amounts together before ordering the PVC for the park. There was a discussion among the Council and Mayor about the park. No action was taken.

The Mayor said he would entertain a motion to adjourn. Fred French made a motion to adjourn, Ginger Stewart seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

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_____ Larry Ryff, Mayor

Attest:

_____ Joni Rikard, Clerk