

Mayor Ryff called the May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 regular council meeting to order at 7:00pm and led the council in the pledge of alliance. Mayor Larry Ryff asked for me to do roll call, it showed the following present: Carol Lauxman, David Wendt and Fred French. Gordon Hunnicutt and David VanHook were absent.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Carol Lauxman motioned to dispense with the reading of the previous minutes and approve the way they were written. David Wendt seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

Appropriation Ordinance: The Council reviewed the Appropriation Ordinance. Carol Lauxman moved to approve the Appropriation Ordinance#1082 and David Wendt seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

Financial Statement: Heather Stackley said if you look at the trash expenses you'll see there is nothing there and that is because they didn't send a bill. So, there will be two next month. Carol Lauxman made a motion to approve April's financial statement and David Wendt seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0. Mayor Ryff said that there is a second part of the statement for the City's Water Project. Mayor Ryff said this is the account paying the bills from BG Consultants and it is a separate account from the city's administration account. Heather explained that the total on that page was not right. She said that her entry must not have saved because the last check was 1014. She said the right amount was on the back of the Treasurers report.

Sheriff's Report: Mayor Ryff said next, he would have the Sheriff's Deputy give the Hope police report. The officer explained that there were a total of 25 calls and 74.00 hours put in for the month of April in the City of Hope. The Mayor asked if there were any questions for the Officer he said if not that would be the end of the presentation. There was no more question, we thanked him, and the Officer left.

New Business: Mayor Ryff said that there are two building permits. He said the first building permit is for Mike Pauley, he said he is having new windows put in at his house by Sears Home Improvement. Carol Lauxman made a motion to approve Mike Pauley's building permit. David Wendt seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0. Mayor Ryff said the next one is from Scott Schlesener. He said this permit is for a storage building 50'X80'. Mayor Ryff said he had drove by the location earlier this evening and said it looked like it is well off the property lines and it is not on any City of Hope utility easements. Carol Lauxman moved to approve the Schlesener permit and David Wendt seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Mayor Ryff said moving on he wanted to give an update on the water project. He said number one we are still pursuing Herington for a water contract. He explained that we need to have a 40-year contract with the City of Herington to satisfy our lending agreement with the USDA to move forward with our water project. Currently the City of Herington is conducting a rate study and once they get the results we will go back to talking and negotiating a water contract. He said hopefully we will have an update by the next Council Meeting. Mayor Ryff continued he said that we had also contacted Thaniel Monaco with BG Consultants because we hadn't heard much from them. Basically, Thaniel said that they were not quite where they hoped to be but plan to be back on schedule this month. Mayor Ryff said the Thaniel said he plans to have a KDHE submittal by the end of June which should put us into an August timeframe for the project to go out for bid. He said he assumes that BG will be down next month to visit with us about what is going to be happening and more about the time tables. A discussion took place between the Mayor and the Council about the water project. Mayor Ryff said he also wanted the Council to know that we had received a letter from the Commerce Department which says please find enclosed the executed Grant Agreement for your 2018 CDBG project. He said in other words the \$600,000 is appropriated for the City's water project. Another discussion took place among the Council and the Mayor. Mayor Ryff said if there were no more question we would move on.

Standing & Special Committee Report: Mayor Ryff said he kind of gave a summary of the Water & Sewer committee. He said that in everyone's notebooks there is a list of all the new appointments for each committee and that the committees have changed. He said if anyone had any issues with of them to say so. There were no comments.

Mayor's Discussion: Mayor Ryff said that he would like to discuss the City-Wide Clean-up project. He said he thought it had went very well in some ways and some way it didn't go well at all. He said he would like to thank everyone that helped. He said that they had already filled two containers and that the third one setting down at the shop had about a foot and half to go to fill it. He said that there was a few more things to get picked up and that he was planning on having me call Thursday afternoon or Friday morning. He said that they moved a lot of things out of town, but there were a few that really needed to get things out to the curb to have picked-up that didn't do it. Mayor Ryff said that we had not received a bill for the containers at this time, when we get the bill it will be divided up between Hope Developmental Group, The Lions Club and the City of Hope. He said a trailer full of TV's, paint cans were

taken to the county land fil as well. He said if there were no more questions he would move on to Department Reports.

Clerks Report: I went to Abilene to attend the annual city clerk's meeting at the court house. I found out that I need to file street closings along with the Resolutions and Ordinances that are passed with Jill Freeman in the register of deeds office. During the meeting the GIS Coordinator Sherry Massey came and spoke to us. She explained that they will update the information on Cemetery maps for free. They also will make a plat map of the City for \$10.00. I learned that I will turn in city boundaries, right a ways and easements into her office. Janelle reminded everyone that there is a 2019 Budget workshop May 23<sup>rd</sup> that she thought would be valuable for us to attend. I feel this meeting was very useful. I put City Restoration signs up and called Blixt Construction to order a 40-yard container to be delivered on April 16<sup>th</sup>. I received several calls about clean-up and what the city would pick-up. Did worksheets to submit quarterly payments. Got the new Contract out between the City and Fire Department to figure the new amount to pay the Fire District each quarter. I attended the CDBG workshop in Newton. They went over all of the available programs that are offered through the Kansas Department of Commerce. They offer Water and Sewer, Community Facilities, Economic Development, Commercial Rehab, Urgent Need and Housing. Under housing there are several different activities that include Minor Rehab, Moderate or Substantial rehab, Abatement, Demolition and Rental Rehab. The maximum grant is \$300,000. Under the rental rehab the tenant must be LMI. If the homeowner is NON LMI they must contribute 25% of the rehab cost. If the homeowner IS LMI they must contribute 15 % of the rehab cost. The City would also be required to complete a HAT which is a Housing Assessment Tool. There are many different ways to complete this. The housing assessment helps figure out strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and priorities. It was very informative. ☺ Carol Lauxman asked if a motion was needed for me to attend the workshop in Salina. Mayor Ryff said he would like to have one. Carol Lauxman made a motion for me to attend the 2018 Budget Workshop. David Wendt seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

Maintenance Report: Mayor Ryff said that the Billy had prior commitments. He said he thought he would make it here in time for his report. He said that there is a printed report, so you can take a few minutes to look at it and if there are any questions he would try and answer them if not he would find out and let them know. Mayor Ryff said he knew that Billy had been busy. He said for the last two and a half weeks for been picking up a lot of stuff and putting it in the

containers. He also had to dig up the water meter pit for the bus barn as well as the sewer line and got them marked. He said once the footings are poured he'll have to go back and put in a barrel kit.

David Wendt asked if the Mayor had a comment about limestone rock down at the city shop and if it was for people to come pick up. Mayor Ryff said the rock down at the shop was donated by the property owner that had his building tore down. Daryl Anderson picked up two or three loader buckets and put them down at the shop. Mayor Ryff said he thought that it was going to be use down at the walking trail area in the North Park. The Mayor said that the Hope Development Group is in the process of have someone lay out a 9-hole disc golf course down in the park. He said he thinks it will be east of the walking trail. Mayor Ryff said that brings up another subject. He said the Hope Developmental Group is doing a study for the disc golf set-up trying to come up with an arrangement to make 9 holes. So, they visited with Barry Lorson and Barry would like to donate to the City of Hope the property on the southside of the ravine. He asked if anyone had any comments on that idea. The Mayor said he knew at one time the property had been surveyed and he didn't think it would take much as far as the paperwork. He said he was planning on talking to the City Attorney about it to see what he thinks before moving forward. There was a lengthy discussion between the Mayor and Council.

Back to the Maintenance Report: Mayor Ryff said he knew that Billy had been busy with the trash pick-up and that Fred French had helped him a couple of mornings and that he had also helped three or four mornings. He said he knew that Billy had worked with the Lions Club one afternoon as well as the Hope Co-op had been involved and thought it was real community effort. He said they did get the never-ending water leak on 1<sup>st</sup> Ave taken care of, he said it was kind of similar to the Kansas Gas leak on 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. David Wendt asked if they were planning on fixing the street with cold patch. The Mayor explained that Kansas Gas Service will fix the street and that a contractor has contacted the City about repairing the street. He said that he would contact them in a day or two to discuss the details. He said with the new construction at the bus barn he thought it would be a good idea to hold off, so the two contractors don't get in each other's way. The Mayor said he knows that Billy's schedule has changed a little bit from trash pick-up and the emphases from now until after Memorial Day will be the City Park and the Cemetery getting cleaned up for Memorial Day and that is where we're we will be headed. He asked if there were any questions. There were none.

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Carol Lauxman made a motion to adjourn. David Wendt seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

\_\_\_\_\_ Larry Ryff, Mayor

Attest:

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