

## 1 | Hope City Council Meeting May 8th, 2024

Mayor Fred French started the May 8th, 2024 regular council meeting at 6:00pm and led the council in the pledge of allegiance.

The Mayor asked me to do roll call, it showed the following present: Daniel Schwindt, Larry Ryff, Ginger Stewart and Randy Walker. Robin Moniz was absent.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Mayor French said the next item of business is the minutes from the previous meeting. Larry Ryff made a motion to dispense with reading the minutes and accept the minutes as written. Daniel Schwindt seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0.

Appropriation Ordinance: The Mayor said next is appropriation ordinance #1153. Ginger Stewart made a motion to accept appropriation ordinance #1153, Randy Walker seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

Treasurers Report: Mayor French said the next item is the Financial Statement, he asked if everyone had looked it over and if there were any questions. Larry Ryff mentioned that it looked like we are not gaining in the water fund like we should be. There were several comments and there was a lengthy conversation about the situation. It was agreed that we should look into the issue and see what we find. Larry Ryff made a motion to accept the financial statement for April 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Ginger Stewart seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

New Business: Mayor French asked if everyone had looked at the information in the notebooks. The Mayor explained that we had Tobin Ellison with Sitepro come and look at the controls in the pumphouse as well as on the Northside of the building to see what it would cost to get it all updated to this century. He said before we invited anyone, he wanted to make sure there was some interest in getting the controls updated. There was a conversation between the Council and the Mayor. The Council said that they would be interested in having Tobin with Sitepro come and answer their questions and explain how it works.

Mayor's Discussion: Mayor French said that he had talked to the library, he said that they had received a \$40,000.00 grant from Jack and Laura Keitch and Francis Fallon. It came from Furthering Education Foundation. He explained that they were wanting to make the new library building ADA accessible and do some remodeling and painting too. There was a conversation about the remodeling between the Mayor and Council. There was no action taken.

Old Business: Ginger Stewart asked if there was an update on 114 E 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. I explained that I had received an email from Mishelle asking if I had the correct paperwork that the register of deeds needed. I sent her an updated version of the small estates affidavit paperwork for her to fill out and have notarized. There was a discussion between the Mayor and the Council. No action was taken.

There was a conversation about the property at 108 E 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, the Mayor said that we had actually spoke to the owner's wife and that we were trying to get a time scheduled to discuss with them that the City was planning to condemn the property and if they would be interested in working with us to resolve the situation. The Council and Mayor had a discussion. Ginger Stewart made a motion to offer five hundred dollars to acquire the property. Randy Walker seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

Clerks Update: I went up to the County Treasurer Office in Abilene and paid the outstanding taxes at 114 E 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. Then I went to the register of deeds with the notarized quit claim deed and supporting documents. The lady at the register of deeds explained that she needed something from a probate court showing that the property transferred to Mishelle. When I got back to the office, I sent an email to Mishelle to let her know that we needed additional information to complete the deed work. Received a call from the funeral home in Abilene about marking for a grave at the cemetery. Fred and Pat met me up at the cemetery and we marked the grave. I let Pat know about a possible water leak on the Southside of town. He went and looked at it and let me know that there was a leak. I updated the City's registration on the SAM (Systems Award Management) site. Then I went to LOGIN.GOV to submit our compliance report for the ARPA funds. I received a call from Maguire Iron about coming to inspect and clean the water tower. I talked to Pat about Maguire wanting to schedule the inspection and gave him the guy's number for him to call. I talked to Larry about replacing the pump and submitting it to the insurance company. So, I emailed Tandi, and she filed a claim. The insurance adjuster called, we talked, and he explained another guy would be calling with a few questions about the incident. I gave him information and sent a copy of the invoice from Sargent Drilling and check stub.

Larry Ryff made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ginger Stewart seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

\_\_\_\_\_ Fred French, Mayor

Attested:

\_\_\_\_\_ Joni Rikard, Clerk