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Mayor Ryff called the November 4th, 2019 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: Carol Lauxman, David Wendt, Fred French and Robin Moniz. Gordon Hunnicutt was absent.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Mayor Ryff said first item is the minutes from the previous meeting. Carol Lauxman made a motion to dispense with the reading of minutes and approve the way they were written; Robin Moniz seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0.

Appropriation Ordinance: Mayor Ryff said next is appropriation ordinance #1100. Carol Lauxman made a motion to approve appropriation ordinance #1100, Robin Moniz seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

Police Report: The Deputy explained that he had brought the monthly bill plus a lodging bill and the 2020 contract, he said in his notes it said that the contract had increased by 1%. He said they had put in a total of 113.75 hours for the month of October. He said there had been a total of 42 calls. He asked if there were any questions. Mayor Ryff said he didn't have any questions and asked if anyone else did, he wanted to thank him for his service, the deputy left.

Mayor Ryff said next he would like the progress report from Wesley with BG Engineering.

New Business: Wesley Weishaar with BG Consultants explained that it was an easy update, he said construction is progressing, no big snags, everything is moving easily and as expected which is rare, he said it has been a good project to work on. He explained that all of the public infrastructure is installed. Which include watermains, valves, hydrants with the exception of two or three connection to the existings. He said they are trying to get them cut over as he speaks, so hopefully this week. If not hopefully in the next two weeks they will get them cut over. Wesley said on the service side 140 had been installed out of 190, roughly 50 remain to install. He said the remainder of the work could be done as early to mid-December if everything goes really well. Wes said by then all the meters should be in, and that they make sure that all the automatic meter readings is working as it should and that Billy is able to go out and pick up those readings and that it is working with our software at that point. He said that they should have the entire system all on the new distribution main. He explained that right now that it is using both the new and old main. He said over all the project is going really well. A conversation took place between Wes and the council. Wesley said that they pay out for this month is \$105,882.13. David Wendt made a motion to approve pay request number 5 in the amount of \$105,882.13. Fred French seconded the motion and the motion carried 4-0. The Mayor thanked Wes for his time and coming down. The Mayor signed the pay request paperwork and gave it to Wesley, and he left. Mayor Ryff said that next under new business is the library. He said he thought that Tina Lauxman was the spokesperson. Tina Lauxman agreed that she was. Tina said the main reason they were at the meeting was to talk about

the possibility of moving next door. A lengthy discussion between the Mayor, Council and the Library board took place. Mayor Ryff suggested that the Council think about it and that the Library board figure their current square footage and figure out at time to come take a look at next door. They thought that sounded like a good idea, Tina said they would talk to Nakita and figure out a time to come take a look. Mayor Ryff said next is a Cereal Malt Beverage License for The Endzone. Carol Lauxman made a motion to approve the CMB License for French Enterprises, The Endzone, Robin Moniz seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0. The Mayor said next is a couple of building permits. He said one is from Mike Pauley and they other one is from Larry Gruber. Mayor Ryff said the one from Larry Gruber is repairing his foundation and fixing the front steps. Fred French made a motion to approve the building permit for Larry Gruber. Carol Lauxman seconded the motion, the motion passed 4-0. Next is the building permit for Mike Pauley, Mayor Ryff said that it looked like it was a new structure 24' x 25'. The Council had a conversation among them. Fred French made a motion to approve Mike Pauley's building permit. Robin Moniz seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Ryff said he wanted to jump back to the Treasurer and Financial Report. He said that there is a CD that is due on the 2nd of this month, which you have ten days from the 2nd to figure out what to do with it. Fred French made a motion to accept the financial statement for October, Robin Moniz seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0. Mayor Ryff said the CD that is coming due is a seven-month CD, it is under the General Fund. A short discussion between the Council and Mayor took place. Fred French made a motion to move the CD to a seven-month CD, Robin Moniz seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

Maintenance Report: Billy said he had been flushing a lot of lines because of complaints about water and switching over to new from the old. He said he done a lot of locates and cut overs. Billy said he had been installing some of the new meters too, and giving me the information from the new meters, he said he had talked with Preston a couple of times about it. He said they had cut some of the concrete on Park and he said they would be doing some filling on that. He said basically he was trying to get things button up for winter, plus staying inline with J & K as much as he can, so when they need our assistance and regular maintenance stuff like that. Carol Lauxman asked if he had any trouble putting in the new meters, Billy said that he did not have any trouble. Carol asked if we had enough meters. Mayor Ryff said that we had ordered 20 additional meters at the beginning of the contract. Billy said they won't know for sure until the project gets closer to ending.

Clerks Report: Worked with Preston from Core & Main, he came up and worked with Billy for a while and then came in and worked with me. We called John with Sequoyah to get things sync'd. Brian Shippy called about the quarterly water test. He explained that the sample should be drawn the night before and refrigerated then sent in the next day. Worked on getting all quarterly payments submitted and processed. Talked with Larry about insurance policies and the adjuster coming out to check the roofs. Talked to Larry about KDHE

notice. Had surgery, it went well. Came in to try and get things caught back up. I would like to thank the Council for the well wishes and the beautiful flowers. It was very thoughtful, and I really appreciate it.

Mayors Discussion: Mayor Ryff said that he wanted to go into what I had mentioned about the KDHE and the EPA. He said during the last two to three years during the summer we seem to have a greater TTHM problem. He said once we get done with the water project the new plastic line will help that scenario, he said it won't make it go away, but it will help. He said also keeping in mind the City of Herington are working on a plan to have a new Ozone system put in their water treatment facility. Mayor Ryff said we discussed this with the KDHE, and they were supposed to send out some paperwork that we would fill out. They understand that we are doing all that we can to help that situation. He said as far as the waterline construction is going, he said it is going rather well. He said it does have some little problems some days, but we just work through it. Mayor Ryff said that if any of the Council hears people complaining about high water bills, send them in to the office to talk to me and Billy. I will make a work order and we can check their usage to make sure everything is good. A conversation with the Council, Billy and Mayor took place.

Mayor Ryff said if there no other question or comment he would like to move on to the last item under new business which is an evaluation for the maintenance man Billy Lininger. He said he would entertain a motion to move to executive session for ten minutes. Carol Lauxman made a motion to go into executive session for ten minutes. Robin Moniz seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0. Carol Lauxman made a motion to come out of executive session, Robin Moniz seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0. Carol Lauxman made a motion to make the maintenance position a fulltime position and make Billy eligible for \$450.00 a month for health care, effective November 1st. David Wendt seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0. Mayor Ryff asked if the Council had anything else they wanted to discuss. Fred French said that he wanted to talk about the cemetery, he asked if there was a Cemetery board. He said he had heard some comments made about the cemetery and he had been up to the cemetery everyday last week, he said he didn't think it looked that bad, but it could use a cut. Fred asked why you would put a chain-link fence around a cemetery, he said you can't keep it clean and keep the grass from growing up in it. He said he thinks that the cemetery should be a priority for the City, and we should take pride in it. A lengthy discussion took place among the Mayor and the Council. Mayor Ryff said that he would suggest that everyone take a drive up by the cemetery and we would discuss it again. He said he would entertain a motion to adjourn.

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Carol Lauxman made a motion to adjourn and Robin Moniz seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

_____ Larry Ryff, Mayor

Attest:

_____ Joni Rikard, Clerk