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Mayor Ryff called the November 6th, 2017 regular council meeting to order at 7:00pm and Mayor Ryff 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.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Jared Morgan motioned to dispense reading the previous meeting minutes and approve them as they were written and Carol Lauxman seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Appropriation Ordinance: The Council reviewed the Appropriation Ordinance. Jared Morgan moved to approve the Appropriation Ordinance#1076 and Gordon Hunnicutt seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

Financial Statement: Heather Stackley was unable to attend the meeting. Mayor Ryff directed the Council to review the statements and if there were any questions he or I would try to answer them. Carol Lauxman said she would wait until the next meeting to see what Heather had found out about the trash being in the negative. Carol Lauxman motioned to approve the financial statement and Gordon Hunnicutt seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. Mayor Ryff then explained that the Sewer Fund CD was maturing on the 10th, he explained that there was a rate sheet on the table in front of them and asked what the Council would like to do with the Fund. After a discussion among the Council, Jared Morgan motioned to cash out the Sewer Fund CD and put it back into a special 9-month term with an interest rate of 1.25 percent. Gordon Hunnicutt seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

Sheriff's Report: Mayor Ryff asked that Deputy Garcia to present the police report. The deputy explained that there had been a total of 9 calls with 75.25 total number of hours spent in the City of Hope. Deputy Garcia explained that we should have noticed an increase in police presence usually before school and or after school. He said the last week of October there had been a push for more seatbelt enforcement. Officer Garcia said that he had dropped off the next years contract and that Sheriff Gareth Hoffman wanted him to let us know that there has been a 3% increase. He said if there were any questions about the contract just to give Sheriff Hoffman a call. Mayor Ryff explained that the contract would be the first item on the agenda at next month's meeting. The Council thanked the officer and he left.

Visitors: No Visitors

New Business: Mayor Ryff said that there had been a building permit submitted by Dan and Mary Beth Myers. Mayor Ryff said the building permit was for a fence. A brief discussion took place among the Council, Jared Morgan moved to approve the permit and Gordon Hunnicutt seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

Old Business: No Old Business

Mayor Discussion: Mayor Ryff explained that the North Central Regional Planning Commission was holding a meeting on the 9th of November, Mayor Ryff said that he was wondering if anyone would be interested in attending the meeting in Beloit. He said specifically he would put it right out front and asked Carol Lauxman if she had time to attend. Carol said she thought it was a different date, she said she would check her schedule, but thought it would be ok. Mayor Ryff said that the meeting was at 9:30am to 2:30pm on the 9th of November, he said it was up to the Council, but he would like for me to go as well. Mayor Ryff said the reason that he was emphasizing that we attend the meeting and had not before is because if we are going to be working with them on housing rehabilitation and a demolition program we should start building a rapport with them. Jared Morgan made a motion for Carol Lauxman and myself to attend the North Central Planning meeting on Thursday in Beloit and pay the mileage. David Wendt seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

Standing & Special Committee Reports: Mayor Ryff said that we are still negotiating a water contract with the City of Herington. Mayor Ryff said that we were waiting to get the election over with, so we will know who will be on their commission and who we will be dealing with.

Maintenance Report: Billy said everyone knows that the backhoe has been down, but we got the pump back, put it back on but are waiting on a fitting so the pump can be pressure tested. They called Ginder Hydraulics to see what the pump tested at after the rebuild, but they said that they were unable to test the pump. Billy explained that they have a gauge, but they needed a flared fitting, so they can test the pump correctly. David Vanhook said just a note on that, it wasn't what they anticipated on the cost of the rebuild. He said that it ended up \$289, he said that the pump wasn't in real terrible shape, there were some part that were worn and torn up but all in all we didn't spend the anticipated amount. Gordon Hunnicutt commented but they weren't finished yet either. David said but at least we didn't pay \$1200 for a pump rebuild and ended up in the same position. Billy said other than that things had been kind of slow and that he had been getting everything winterized and getting ready

for winter. Billy said that he did attend the class last month in McPherson. He said that he thought it was a pretty good class. He explained that on the water side of the class, they had gone over the math and calculations, how much pressures in so many feet from one hydrant to the next hydrant and from the water tower. Jared Morgan asked Billy when his probation time was up, so he could take the certification test. Billy explained that the probation period is up and that he is planning to take the test in May. Jared asked Billy if he has received enough education to take the test. Billy said he felt like he had and he had a book that he got at the last class to help review. He said he thought the book was very helpful. Jared asked Billy if he felt comfortable with everything. Billy said that there were a few things that bothered him. Jared asked what the Council could do to help him prepare him for the test. He said if a question comes up he has been using the book he got and that it also has a video too that he plans to watch. Mayor Ryff said that he needed to keep up on it and that he has all intentions on sending him to take the test in May.

Clerks report: I emailed the legal descriptions of the street closings requested by Mr. Emig to Brian Bina and shared Mr. Emig contact information. I explained to him that the Council had approved the closing and Mr. Emig agreed to take care of any cost. I contacted the City of Solomon about their ballfield and they said the recreation commission took care of the liability insurance. I also talked to the city of Chapman, she explained that the city owned the ballfield and the city takes care of the liability insurance. Lastly, I spoke to Rural Center, the secretary explained that about 50 years ago the property had been donated to the school and gave me contact information for the district office. I called and spoke to a Michelle Sutter, I explained what information I was after. She then contacted her insurance agent and then emailed me his response. He explained that the school does carry liability insurance, however he advised to defer liability by requiring any organization that uses the district's property to carry liability insurance and provide a certificate of liability. I also emailed Nichole Mc Daniel to get the state average sewer rate which is \$26.25 for 5,000 gallons. Submitted all the quarterly payments. Received an email from Chelsea Morris with the USDA about the water contract negotiations with the city of Herington. Her opinion is that the initial contract sent to us by the City Manager would be acceptable to them and that the rate would not qualify the City for grant monies. Brian Bina called and explained that he had spoke to the Herington City Manager and that Mr. Patton said that he had been trying to get the information needed for the formula rate schedule that the City of Hope had requested to be put back in the contract.

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Carol Lauxman made a motion to adjourn and David Wendt seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

_____ Larry Ryff, Mayor

Attest:

_____ Joni Rikard, City Clerk