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Mayor Ryff called the November 8th, 2023 regular council meeting to order 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: Fred French, Ginger Stewart and Daniel Schwindt. Gordon Hunnicutt and Robin Moniz were absent.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Mayor Ryff said the next item of business is the minutes from the previous meeting. Daniel Schwindt made a motion to accept the minutes as written from October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Ginger Stewart seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

Appropriation Ordinance: Mayor Ryff said next is appropriation ordinance #1147 He said if there are any questions please ask. Fred French made a motion to approve appropriation ordinance #1147, Ginger Stewart seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Mayor Ryff said he wanted to get on with the nights business. He said under visitors he wanted to introduced Zachary Feist he runs a local business around the area. The Mayor said he was going to go ahead with his business which is the building permit under new business. Basically, he is wanting to get approval to tear a house down that belongs to Glenn Morgan. Fred French made a motion to approve the demo permit for 111 N Cedar, Ginger Stewart seconded to motion. The motion passed 3-0. Zach thanked the council and then he left the meeting. The Mayor said moving on with new business.

New Business: Mayor Ryff said we have a CMB renewal for French Enterprises Inc. for The Endzone. Ginger Stewart made a motion to approve the Cereal Malt Beverage License for French Enterprises. Daniel Schwindt seconded the motion and it carried 3-0. The next item of new business is a MOU with the Library. The Mayor said basically we had a meeting here Wednesday, the original MOU he read it and did not like it. So, some of the Library board members and the Librarian came up and we had Fred, Daniel and Robin from the city here and we all sit down and hashed things out and made some changes to the MOU, obviously I typed up an updated MOU and emailed to Nakita the next day. Nakita sent it to the library broad members and to review, then emailed me back saying they had approved it and signed off on it. She said that she would drop off a signed copy of the updated MOU. Mayor Ryff said so, what he was after was to get a motion and getting the MOU approved. Daniel Schwindt made a motion to approve the MOU with the Library, Ginger Stewart seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Mayor said he would sign it before he goes home and then I can give the library a copy of it. There was a short conversation between the Mayor and Council. No action was taken. Mayor Ryff said that he would move back to the financial statement.

Treasurers Report: The mayor said the next item of business is the Treasurer's report. Mayor Ryff asked if there were any questions on the financial statement. There were none. Ginger Stewart made a motion to approve the

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October 1<sup>st</sup> – October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023, treasurers report. Daniel Schwindt seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

Mayor Ryff said the next item of business, Ginger didn't make it last month, but he was wondering how things were going with the Dickinson County Economic Development Group. Ginger said that she hadn't attended the last two meetings. The Mayor asked if she had met the new director Jessica Goodale, Ginger said that she had not met her. Ginger said the last meeting was via zoom. Mayor Ryff said at one time that the developmental group was planning to invite her down to meet her and visit with them. He said that he would like to finish what we had started with Kent Campbell and have the paperwork done with the state, for the RHID Rural Housing Incentive Tax Credits and the NRP Neighborhood Revitalization Plan now that we spent the money to get the legal description of the boundaries of The City of Hope done. There was a conversation between the Mayor and Council, no action was taken.

Mayor's Discussion: The Mayor said that he has very little to discuss or then he had put something in the FYI section of the notebook. He said basically he stopped down in Marion and he went over to the Marion Monument Company, and he visited with them a little bit, and yes, they do straighten monuments. They told him the average cost is \$150.00 - \$300.00 depending on the size of the monument, and they don't want to come out unless they are doing 6 or 7 of them. There was a conversation between the Mayor and Council. There was no action taken.

Clerks Update: I sent the 2024 budget paperwork along with the RNR resolution paperwork to the County Clerk's office. Went over to the bank and got the Jumbo CD paperwork out of the deposit box and had them cash that CD and move it into the special 11-month CD. I called the register of deeds about the City's legal description and asked what all would be required for her to process the resolution and the actual written description. She explained that she would have to have the original papers to process the information. I let Larry know and took the paperwork to Abilene to the register of deeds office. I also contacted KDOT to send the information to the transportation engineer's office, they gave me an email to send it to and I did, then I received an email back saying it was being processed. Larry asked me to reach out to our city attorney Brian Bina and set up a conference call to discuss a possible contract with interested parties wanting to build on the city's properties. We talked with Brian, and he said that he would put something together for us to look over. Called and talked to Sequoyah about adding some account numbers for the digital sign expense and digital sign income. We also added the information for the new special 11-month CD.

Ginger Stewart said that the new sign was extremely bright at night and wondered if there was maybe a night setting and asked if I could check in to

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see if there was. There was a conversation between the Council and the Mayor about the sign. No action was taken.

Fred French made a motion to adjourn, Daniel Schwindt seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

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

Attested:

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