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Mayor Ryff called the October 12th, 2022 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: Fred French, Robin Moniz and Daniel Schwindt. Gordon Hunnicutt and Ginger Stewart were absent.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Mayor Ryff said the next item of business is the minutes from the previous meeting. Robin Moniz made a motion to accept the minutes as written from September 14th, 2022. Fred French seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

Appropriation Ordinance: Mayor Ryff said next is appropriation ordinance #1135 He said if there are any questions please ask. Daniel Schwindt made a motion to approve appropriation ordinance #1135, Robin Moniz seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Treasurers Report: The mayor said the next item of business is the Treasurer's report. Heather asked how long it normally takes for the COD's to show up on the banks website, there was a conversation about the COD's and I agreed to check with the bank. Mayor Ryff asked if there were any questions, and there weren't any. Fred French made a motion to approve the September 1st – September 30th 2022, Financial Statement. Daniel Schwindt seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

Mayor Ryff said we'll get started on New Business.

New Business: He said we would start off with the building permits. The first one is from Roger Beecham, he is planning to put up an additional 60' fence on his property. Fred French made a motion to approve Roger Beecham's building permit, Robin Moniz seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0. Mayor Ryff said the next building permit is from Mark Sollman, he explained that he had been to Mark's and visited with Mark about the fence that he is planning to put up. There was a conversation about the fence along the alley. Robin Moniz made a motion to approve the building permit for Mark Sollman. Fred French seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0. The next item is County Information and Solid Waste Ordinance. The Mayor said that the county informed M & K Trash Service that the fee at the transfer station was going up. He said typically M & K trash rates come due in December. So, it is forcing him to raise our rates. Mayor Ryff said what you have in front of you is a new Ordinance increasing the trash rates \$2.25. There was a discussion between the Mayor and Council. Daniel Schwindt made a motion to accept Ordinance #480, Fred French seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Mayor Ryff said next is the yearly evaluation for John Moniz. There was a discussion between the Mayor and Council. Fred French made a motion to give John a fifty-cent raise. Robin Moniz seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Mayors Discussion: Mayor Ryff said I am supposed to give you updates. He said the update is that both the houses are down to bare ground. There is a little bit of trash that needs to be picked up then we will wait for a little rain, and he said he would take his spring tooth down and then throw some grass

seed out and hopefully have something to mow next year besides dirt. He said that Justin's bill has a check ready, and he has signed it. It was the exact amount that he gave us the quote for. The next thing that will happen is for me to invoice the property owners, and after that it can be assessed to their taxes. The Mayor said the next item of business is Petha Spivey, it is about the empty lot just South of the bank. He explained that he had talked to her over the phone, the offer was six thousand. He said that there were back taxes due. In order to make sure that the back taxes were paid, he told her that the City would give her a check for six thousand less her half of the back taxes. He said right now there is a problem with her paperwork and until the County accepts the paperwork we are at a standstill. Mayor Ryff said after talking to the County we found out that some of the properties that the City has taken the houses down including the one that is South of the bank will be on the tax sale at the County early next year. There was a discussion between the Council and Mayor. Mayor Ryff said that he would like to go up to the County and have a discussion with the County Attorney about the properties coming up for sale and see what they are planning to do with the properties. The Mayor said the only other thing he had was that he was going to ask Fred French to tell us about the meeting that he had attended this afternoon. He said he just wanted him to give some highlights and so everyone will know what to expect next month. Fred French explained that there is an interest in trying to get some housing opportunities in town, single dwelling homes or maybe some apartments. He said that there is some paperwork that will need to happen before that and that Kent Campbell with the Dickinson County Economic Development Group out of Abilene is planning to come next month and talk with the Council about the process. The Mayor said that they would be sending paperwork prior to the next meeting so the Council can look over it prior to the next meeting. The Council and Mayor had a conversation. No action was taken.

Clerks Update: Sent an email to Kim Maquire at the Abilene Reflector of the Ordinance's that were passed at the meeting. Received a call from USA Bluebook letting us know that they had received the pump that was not working, they asked a couple of questions and said that once they figured out what was wrong, they would let us know. They called back and said that a pin had not been put in right and that they were going to replace it and then send it with Fedex. Went over the paperwork I was gathering for the upcoming KDHE inspection. Retyped the emergency contact page and updated the information for the certified water operator. Called Chemquest to order another chlorine drum to treat the water at the pump house. I received a phone call from Petha Spivey about the offer that we sent for the empty lot. I typed up a quit claim deed to email Petha for the empty lot and let Larry know that she was interested in selling the lot to us. Mike Welsh with M & K Trash called to let me know that he had received a call from the County, he said their fees were going up at the transfer station. He said that he was going to have to increase our rates. He explained that the increase was going to be effective in October 2022. We had the KDHE inspection, Larry, John and me all attended

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the inspection. It seemed as if it went well. We received an email from Tim Halfhide with KDHE that performed the inspection. He was letting us know that the supplemental chlorine that we are adding at the pumphouse could have some negative impacts on the water. They said that the action needed is to hire a KDHE approved engineer. There was a conversation about the follow up letter and the action that KDHE has requested. Mayor Ryff said it is nothing serious, we are chlorinating right now, and we are working on getting it consistent.

The Mayor said that there was an estimate from Hope Plumbing to hook up the hydrant in the park. He asked the Council if they were good with moving forward with the estimate. The Council all agreed to move forward with it.

Fred French made a motion to adjourn Robin Moniz seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

_____ Larry Ryff, Mayor

Attested:

_____ Joni Rikard, Clerk