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Mayor Ryff called the October 1st, 2018 regular council meeting to order at 7:00pm and led the council in the pledge of allegiance. Mayor Larry Ryff asked me to do roll call, it showed the following present: David Wendt, Fred French and Robin Moniz. Carol Lauxman came in late and Gordon Hunnicutt was absent.

Previous Meeting Minutes: David Wendt motioned to dispense with reading of the previous minutes and approve the way they were written, Fred French seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

Appropriation Ordinance: The Council reviewed the Appropriation Ordinance. Mayor Ryff said he would entertain a motion to accept the Appropriation Ordinance#1087 and Robin Moniz seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

Financial Statement: Mayor Ryff said next on the agenda is the financial statement, he said that Heather was unable to attend but if there were any questions they could ask him or me. David Wendt made a motion to approve the financial statement and Fred French seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0. Mayor Ryff said he would like for the Council to take a look at the Special Project Account behind the Financial Statement he said there is a \$4,514.78 check to the State Treasurers office and that it was the interest on the \$200,000.00 Temp Note that was renewed.

Police Report: Deputy Mark Longbine apologized for coming in late he explained he had received a report of a van all over the road and had went to investigate the situation. After passing out the monthly report he said it looked like there was mostly traffic stops and business checks. Deputy Longbine said that they had also been down for the Fall Festival. Mayor Ryff said he appreciated them being here for the Fall Festival and asked him to relay a thank you to himself and all the other officers that helped out. The Deputy asked if there were any concerns that you want to address too us. Mayor Ryff said that he was concerned about all the j and u turns between the Post Office and the bank. Deputy Longbine said he would pass that along to the rest of the department. The Council thanked the Deputy and he left.

Visitors: Thaniel Monaco

New Business: Mayor Ryff said that there was a building permit from Danielle and James Andrew to build a fence along their property. He said that he had visited with James and he couldn't see any problems with where they are planning on putting the fence. Carol Lauxman made a motion to approve the

building permit. Robin Moniz seconded the motion and it carried 4-0. Next under new business was Thaniel Monaco with BG Consultants & Engineering. Thaniel said what he'd like to start out with is they were having a problem with the railroad getting a permit. He said there is conflicting information and they are working extensively trying to get that situation resolved. Thaniel handed out copies of maps that showed the lay out of the project. He explained how to read the maps showing the new valves, fire hydrants and lines. He talked about a plan to change the location of water mains coming in from the Northside of town and the benefits of that change. After an extensive discussion Thaniel continued, he said he would like to have a meeting to finalize the plans around the 19th of this month so that he can submit the plans to KDHE by the end of the month. He said it will matter on KDHE's review, but he said realistically the bidding will probably start in January. He said they were still planning to start construction late February or early March. Thaniel continued and said the next big thing are easements. He said that they had started with 42 easements but had narrowed it down to 20. He said on the map they are color coded showing the location and to the right are the names for each one. He said that there are 2 that could be problems and that he had already contacted the city attorney and discussed it with him. He explained that they have the legal descriptions ready to send to the attorney and to us. Thaniel said that generally they are looking at a 10-foot permanent easement. He said that there will be a packet of information for each one that will have an aerial map included to show what exactly they are looking for. He said he'll be working with Nichole on the easements. Thaniel explained that there is a process that we'll go through. He said that they have to go through what is called a Uniform Relocation Act and we must follow that process. He said it is a national standard that is attached to our funding. Effectively what we need to do is send them a brochure and a cover letter. The brochure explains to them their rights regarding this, then give them the opportunity to review it. Then we give them the information and show them the map to show them what we are looking to do. He explained that included in the packet is a donation letter, it will state that they received the information and understand their rights. Under that will be a box where they can donate the easement or check no I want to be compensated. He said generally donations are the process. He said that process is led by Nichole because it is attached to the CBDG grant money. Thaniel said he expects to get the packets of information to me by the end of the week for all the easements. He said it would be best to get it out to them sooner then later to give them time to review the information and then if they have any question on the technical side Thaniel would plan to come down to answer those questions. He said we would be able to gage feed-back pretty quickly from people's questions,

concerns and what additional information they may need. Thaniel said that's when I could get with him and Nichole to figure out when to have them come to answer their questions. A lengthy conversation took place among the Council, Mayor and Thaniel. Thaniel said that he would expect to get the information to us by the end of the week or the first of next week. He said he would talk to Nichole and Brian, so we can start moving forward with the easements. Mayor Ryff thanked Thaniel and he left.

Old Business: Mayor Ryff said next is the water contract proposal from the city of Herington. The mayor explained that we had received a contract from Herington via email and then received another email saying to disregard the attached contract. Mayor Ryff explained there were several things that he had concerns about to the Council, a brief discussion took place. Mayor Ryff said he thought the subject should be tabled until we received a final proposal from Herington. The Council agreed.

Maintenance Report: Billy said he cleaned up after the Festival. He worked on some of the benches in the park also. He said he started filling in some of the potholes around town. He said there had been a lot of mowing. Billy said he repaired some of the flag poles too. He said he mainly mowed even out at the burn pit and lagoon. Billy said he had done some backfilling on park and on Broadway and Poplar as well.

Clerks Report: Billy brought me the rest of the information I needed to finish filling out the lead and copper report for the KDHE and then I sent to them. Called EMS to explain that we needed them to stay after the football game for the Glow Run. Sent a Copy of the STO and UPCO ordinances to the newspaper to have them published. Larry came in and we went to the bank to get the paperwork notarized for the renewal of the Temporary Note, we signed the rest of the paperwork, stamped with the city's seal and put them in the mail the next day. A monument company out of Wichita called wanting to set a headstone. Spent 2+ hours locating bricks to mark for the headstone. Went to the City's website and updated the Council members and meeting minutes. Larry came in and we called and talked to Brenda Wildman (interim city manager for Herington) about the water contract. Brenda explained that it was on their agenda and that their attorney was going to email a copy to Brian Bina. Two days later I received an email from Brian with a draft of the water contract. I printed a copy of the contract for Larry to look over. We discussed several parts of the contract. Larry had me contact the department of agriculture to find out about our water rights. I called and spoke to Kaw Valley Engineering about what we needed to do to get Barry Lorson's property

surveyed for the City to take ownership of that property. After he reviewed the previous survey he advised that he would need a copy of the current deed of the property and they could write a legal description to send to the City Attorney.

Mayors Discussion: Mayor Ryff said that Jan Krause had come in and asked if it would be ok to close the street North of the Annex for their kids wedding reception Saturday between 11am to 3pm. She also wanted to rope off some of the parking in front of the Annex for horse and carriage rides. Mayor Ryff said he thought it would be ok but that he wanted to check with the Council. There were no objections from the Council so Mayor Ryff asked me to call Jan Tuesday morning to let her know.

Carol Lauxman made a motion to adjourn and David Wendt seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

_____ Larry Ryff, Mayor

Attest:

_____ Joni Rikard, Clerk