

Mayor Ryff called the October 2nd, 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, David Wendt and David VanHook. Gordon Hunnicutt was absent.

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 4-0.

Appropriation Ordinance: The Council reviewed the Appropriation Ordinance. Carol Lauxman moved to approve the Appropriation Ordinance#1075 and David Wendt seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0.

Financial Statement: Heather Stackley said that she had two reports this meeting, the regular financial report and the special water project account report. Heather explained to Carol Lauxman that her and I had spoken about the trash being in the negative and that she plans to look back to see when that actually occurred and figure out why and then let her know at the next meeting. Heather than asked the council how often they would like to see the special water project report. Carol Lauxman said she thought every month so they can keep up with that account. Heather said that she would do it every month then. Jared Morgan made a motion to approve the financial statement and Carol Lauxman seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

Sheriff's Report: Mayor Ryff asked the Deputy for the police report. The deputy explained that there had been a total of 17 calls with 62.50 total number of hours spent in the City of Hope. The Deputy asked if there were any questions or anything for him to bring back to the office. The Mayor said there was one thing, he would like him to tell everyone thanks for coming down to help out with fall festival. The officer said he would relay the message.

Old Business: Mayor Ryff said Dan Emig request to vacate streets on his property was next on the agenda. He explained the topic had been discussed at the last meeting, but had been tabled because of the questions that had been brought up by some of the Council members. Mayor Ryff said he would let the Council ask Mr. Emig the questions they had. Jared Morgan asked Dan if he was wanting to close the streets to help sell his property. His reply was yes. Carol Lauxman then asked Dan if it was necessary to close the streets. Dan replied that it had been suggested that he have them closed by the realtor. There was a lengthy discussion among the Council and Dan Emig. Jared Morgan said as long as the seller or the buyers are willing to pay for vacating the streets he did not have any problems with it. Jared Morgan then made a

motion to approve the vacating of the streets discussed. David Wendt seconded the motion. Carol Lauxman abstained. The motion carried 3-0.

The Mayor said next under old business is Tracy Schmidt the current board president. Tracy Schmidt explained he was here to represent USD #481 and to discuss the concerns with the ballfield beside the school here in Hope. Mr. Schmidt explained that right now the school carries insurance that covers the ballfield. He said that they are carrying insurance all summer which is driving their cost up and they don't feel that it is right for them to carry insurance for non-school activities. They would like to get a writer of some sort from either the ball association or the City for the non-school activities at the ballfield. Tracy said that what they are hoping is, that we can come up with a solution before next year's ball season. Mayor Ryff explained that he had spoken with the City's insurance agent and was told that they City cannot insurance the ballfield because they have no insurable interest. Many questions, comments and concerns were brought up and discussed. Mr. Schmidt explained that they don't want to cause a hardship on anyone. He said they would like to come up with the most logical and inexpensive solution for the situation. Tracy said that we have several months to come up with the best solution for everyone. He said they would do some investigating on their side and we could as well and get back together and see if we can come up with a solution. Mr. Schmidt and the Mayor agreed that we could get back together in a couple of months to see what each of us have come up with. Mayor Ryff then asked what he could tell us about the bus barn situation. Tracy explained that the insurance company has offered a pretty good settlement for them to rebuild the old bus barn, and have only offered about half as much to build a new building. He said the superintendent is working with an insurance agent to trying to get the issue resolved. He said they are exploring different locations if they decide to put up a new building as well. Another lengthy discuss took place. Then Mayor Ryff said he wanted Mr. Schmidt to know whatever the City can do to help, just let us know. The Mayor thanked him for coming over, Mr. Schmidt thanked the Council and excused himself from the meeting.

Mayor Ryff said next was the sewer rate evaluation. He explained that there were two reports in their notebooks, one for sewer expense and the other for sewer income. Mayor Ryff said in the expense report under the professional account number that Mr. Shippy's payment comes out of will be changed so that it comes out of water. After a discussion, Jared Morgan suggested that we have a committee meeting to discuss the topic. Then Jared Morgan moved to

table the sewer topic until the December meeting, David Vanhook second the motion and the motion passed 4-0.

Standing & Special Committee Reports: Jared Morgan reported that the CDBG grant application was sent for our review on the 27th of September. After a review of the application Larry, Jared and I agreed that parts of the application didn't read very well and parts of it was kind of confusing. So, Jared re-wrote parts of it so it would read better. He explained that it was turned in on Friday the 29th of September. He said that we would not know anything until mid-January 2018. Jared said Thaniel has been busy working on the engineering. Another big thing is that we are in negotiations with the City of Herington to extend and update our water contract. He said that the initial contract that the City of Herington sent us would expose the City of Hope. He explained any kind of infrastructure updates or work done within the city of Herington ties to the municipal water rates. By tying the City of Hope's rates to the municipal rates of the city of Herington means the Hope could also be paying a part of it as well. Jared explained that there was a rate schedule that was put into the contract from 1988 showing the calculations to come up with the rates, he said so it kept things transparent and the City's would pay its proportionate share. Mayor Ryff added that since the contract is for forty years the contract needs to be right. He explained that we had spoken with Mr. Bina and that he had drafted a contract that included a rate schedule, Mr. Bina then forwarded it to the City of Herington's Attorney as well as to the Mr. Patton the Herington's City Manager.

Mayor Discussion: Mayor Ryff said under the FYI section the property at 118 N Main which is owned by Mr. Eric Jayne has fell onto the adjacent property. He explained that we had been in contact with our city attorney about the situation and that Mr. Bina had sent Mr. Jayne (the building's owner) a letter explaining the urgency of the situation. Mr. Bina also informed us that the City's liability was public safety. Mr. Jayne is to be arriving in Hope October 11th to assess the damages. Also under the FYI section there is a Thank You note from Sharon Strickbine for the new stop signs. Mayor Ryff said that he wanted to let the Council know that the maintenance department is having some issues with the Case backhoe. He said that there is a poor or restricted flow of hydraulics in the pump area. He said he would let David Vanhook go into more detail about the situation. David explained that outer hydraulics, which controls the front bucket, rear bucket and also the stabilizers are not working properly, he said that indicates that the pump has gone bad. David said that he was getting a second opinion and that they would use a gauge to

verify the problem. David said that if it is the pump it will cost between \$1200-\$1500. to have the pump rebuilt. Jared Morgan motioned to approve the work and Carol Lauxman seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0. David Vanhook said it would take approximately 2 weeks to get the pump rebuilt. Mayor Ryff explained that Scott Stroda would be on standby if the City needed anything.

Maintenance Report: Billy said he mowed for the festival, and he thought things went pretty well. He received several comments that the park looked really good, he said that was nice to hear. Several potholes got repaired and he said that they used up all the 3" rock. He said that there was a little asphalt left that he is planning to use for some of the smaller potholes. He explained that out at the pumphouse there was a problem with pump number 2. He had Scott Stroda come look at it. Scott figured out it was the head of the pump not working. He said that the pump was down for about 2 weeks, but that it seems to be doing fine now. Scott said that he thought the pump would be warrantied since it was just put in this May.

Mayor Ryff said he wanted to go back because we have a forgetful Mayor and it wasn't written on the actual agenda. He explained that every year there are new STO & UPOC books that the League of Municipalities come out with. These books allow the city to adopt by reference the traffic laws and offense codes for Kansas cities. He said they are what the Municipal Judge uses in court. He explained that an ordinance is required to be passed in order for them to be effective. Carol Lauxman motioned to approve ordinance number 458 and 459. David Wendt seconded the motion and the motion carried 4-0.

Clerks Report: I received a phone a call from Mr. Emig about his street closings. He explained that he wanted to be put on the agenda for next month's meeting to answer questions from the Council. Emailed Nichole pictures, letter from the bank, August financial statement and updated capital improvement list. Received an email from Mr. Patton with a complete water contract. I forwarded the email to Jared and printed a copy for Larry. Also forwarded it to Thaniel, Nichole and Chelsea. Visit with the USD 481 Clerk about renting the northside of the city building to give the school a place to store their school vehicles in. I explained that we would need a letter stating that the school agreed to pay the city \$200 a month and that the agreement would not exceed a year. Contacted Brian Shippy about the retest for the bad quarter test done during the 3rd quarter. Gathered information for the Council to review sewer income and expenses. Arranged a meeting with the City manager of Herington Larry, Jared and myself to negotiate the terms of a new water contract. Did

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some digging in the water contract file to get some more information on the current contract. Searched the internet for the property owner of 118 N Main St. to inform him of the situation. Set up a conference call with Mr. Bina, Jared, Larry and myself. Received new CDBG application and forwarded to Council for comments or suggestion.

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

_____ Larry Ryff, Mayor

Attest:

_____ Joni Rikard, City Clerk