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Mayor Ryff called the October 5th, 2020 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, Ginger Stewart, and Gordon Hunnicutt. David Wendt was absent.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Mayor Ryff said the first item is the minutes from the previous meeting, he said that there are actually two sets of minutes, one from the regular meeting and one from the special meeting. Gordon Hunnicutt made a motion to accept the minutes from Hope city council meeting 9/8/2020 and the Hope city special meeting 9/15/2020 as written; Robin Moniz seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0.

Appropriation Ordinance: Mayor Ryff said next is appropriation ordinance #1111. Gordon Hunnicutt made a motion to accept appropriation ordinance #1111 as written, Robin Moniz seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

Financial Statement: Mayor Ryff said let's take a look at the financial report. He said if anyone has any questions please say so. Robin Moniz made a motion to accept the financial statement, Gordon Hunnicutt seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

Police Report: Mayor Ryff said next, he was going to have the Sheriff's report. The Deputy said he thought that everyone knew him but for those who don't He said he is Deputy Chris Cease. He said there had been 73.75 hours for the month of September, and a total of 22 calls. Deputy Cease said it looks like mainly business calls and traffic stops. The Mayor thanked the officer for taking care of the City. The Council thanked the deputy and he left.

New Business: Mayor Ryff said are the items under new business, the first one is a building permit for Phillip McBride, he said basically it is an addition to the barn or shed. Gordon Hunnicutt made a motion to approve building permit application for Phillip McBride. Robin Moniz seconded the motion and it carried 4-0. The Mayor said the next item of business is a sewer rate increase. The Mayor explained that there had not been a sewer rate increase since 2008, the Mayor, Council, and me, had a conversation about the sewer rates. Gordon Hunnicutt made a motion to approve Ordinance #471 Amending Sewer Rates, Robin Moniz seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Old Business: Mayor Ryff said starting the old business, the USDA Rural Development loan closing went well. He said that it was on the 28th of September. He said that the bank had been paid off and the City has been financed by USDA Rural Development with an interest rate at 1.5%. Mayor Ryff explained that due to the fact that the City has borrowed federal money, the City will have to be doing an audit. He said as of right now we are still in the process of retaining someone to do the audit. The Mayor explained that I had contacted an auditor in Council Grove named Cindy Jensen. I told the Council that she was the auditor for the City of Enterprise. Mayor Ryff said

that it would be next months meeting before we get the information to pass onto them. The Mayor said moving on, next will be the Department Reports.

Maintenance Report: The Mayor said Pat is getting along fine, we ordered him a new water tester and a Tapper, it is like a holesaw so you can drill into the plastic pipe, he said it is a device that will keep you from losing a bunch of water while working on the waterlines. Mayor Ryff explained that the water tester was for the chlorine test he does every day. He said when Bret Beye was over, he suggested getting the tester we got for him. The Mayor said as far as the maintenance side of things they are going well. He said we are making headway. They have put down two loads of black top, he said there is more to do but, it will probably be tabled until the April or May timeframe. He said there is approximately 10 water meters to put in yet and then everyone will have an electronic reader, and we will be totally revamped on the meter reading side. He said most of the work that needs to be done is down by Gordon Hunnicutt's. Mayor Ryff said in the next couple of weeks they will be getting a couple of loads of rock in. There is one section of sewer lines to be cleaned, and that is scheduled to happen on November 16th and 17th, he said there is an issue out at the lagoons, it is a minor issue. Pat talked to Mayer the sewer cleaning company, and while the company is here, they will clean out the line that goes to the center lagoons as well as the east lagoon while they are in town. The Mayor said that is all he had on the maintenance side.

Clerks Report: I made a phone call to Gerald Dittman to let him know that his building permit had been approved. I printed the Ordinance's adopted by the Council and had Larry sign them. I scanned them and sent them to the City's official newspaper to have them published. We received an email from Linda Hunsicker with the commerce department with a letter attached saying she had completed the final monitoring of the water project to allow us to have the grant hearing on September the 15th. I emailed our Bond Counsel Robert Perry to let him know, he explained that he would drop off the paperwork for the bonds on the 14th and pick them up on the 15th. I texted the council about the special meeting to adopt the Bond Ordinance and Resolution. We had the special meeting, the Council adopted the Bond Ordinance and Resolution, the next morning Larry and I signed all the paperwork for Robert Perry. Then I contacted the paper to have the Ordinance published as soon as possible. Chelsea emailed with several documents attached to do with the closing of our bonds. The email explained requirements that the City would have to provide to proceed with the closing on Monday the 28th of September. Larry and I discussed the items on the email. I printed the documents that required Larry and my signatures. I had to also write checks for any outstanding invoices and send copies onto Chelsea. I went online to make sure the money from USDA had been deposited, then I called the bank to get the total amount of the draw down note that the city owed. I also called Robert Perry our Bond Counsel to find out who to talk to about the original Bond, I called the State Treasurers and got the information to wire the Bond payment. Then I went to the bank

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with the check and the information to wire the payment directly to the State Treasurer Department. Mayor Ryff said if there were no questions he would move onto the Mayor's Discussion.

Mayor's Discussion: The Mayor said he didn't have a whole lot, he said at one time there was a plan to have a movie up at the soccer field for Halloween. He said he had heard it had been canceled. He said that because of covid and the county restrictions they decided not to take a chance on it getting canceled. He said another item he wanted to let them know that Dickinson County is having a free clean up, it will be from October 19th – 23rd.

Gordon Hunnicutt made a motion to adjourn, Fred French seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

Larry Ryff, Mayor

Attest:

Joni Rikard, Clerk