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Mayor Ryff called the October 7th, 2019 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: Gordon Hunnicutt, Carol Lauxman, David Wendt and Fred French. Robin Moniz was absent.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Mayor Ryff said first item is the minutes from the previous meeting. Carol Lauxman made a motion to dispense with the reading of minutes and approve the way they were written; Gordon Hunnicutt seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0.

Appropriation Ordinance: Mayor Ryff said next is appropriation ordinance #1099. Carol Lauxman made a motion to approve appropriation ordinance #1099 Gordon Hunnicutt seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

Police Report: Deputy Williams explained that they had put in a total of 71 hours for the month of September which is more than what is actually contracted. Deputy Williams asked if there were any questions about the report. He said there had been a total of 34 calls. He went on to explain that DARE had been started back up in the schools. He said that him and Deputy Depew had gone to training in Iowa to get certified to teach DARE from kindergarten to twelfth grade, but they concentrate on fifth graders. Deputy Williams asked if there were any other questions Mayor Ryff said there were no other questions, he wanted to thank him for his service. The deputy left.

Mayor Ryff said next he would like the progress report from Wesley with BG Engineering.

New Business: Wesley Weishaar with BG Consultants explained that he thought the water project was going really good, he said they are 69% complete and that is well ahead of schedule. Wesley said that 90% of the public infrastructure is installed which is watermains, valves, hydrants and that kind of stuff. He said he thinks that there is 700-800 feet on the Southwest side of town to get in and they will be done with that. He explained that they had 80 services replaced, he said that it would take a bit of coordination to get them activated and to get the new taps online. Wesley said that over the next couple months there will be less activity in the streets and more in residences yards. He said over all the project is going really well. Wesley said that they pay out for this month is \$186,532.06. He asked if there were any questions. Gordon Hunnicutt made a motion to approve the pay request of \$186,532.06. Carol Lauxman seconded the motion and the motion carried 4-0.

Financial Report: Mayor Ryff said he wanted to take a step back to the Treasurer's report. He explained that Heather was not able to make the meeting tonight. Mayor Ryff asked if there were any questions on the financial statement. Carol Lauxman made a motion to approve the financial statement. Gordon Hunnicutt seconded the motion and it carried 4-0. Mayor Ryff said last month we purchased a CD with money out of the savings account. He explained that it was a 30-Day Jumbo CD, he said he would assume that we would continue leaving it there. Carol Lauxman made a motion to renew the

30-day Jumbo CD, Gordon Hunnicutt seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

New Business: Mayor Ryff said back to new business again, next is resolution draw down. He said this is where the money comes from to pay the bill from J & K Contracting. A discussion among the council and mayor took place. Carol Lauxman made a motion to approve resolution #19-006 in the amount of \$300,000.00 and Gordon Hunnicutt seconded the motion. The vote showed Fred French – Yes, David Wendt -Yes, Carol Lauxman – Yes and Gordon Hunnicutt -Yes 4-0. Mayor Ryff said that there is a bad window on the South side of the Ladies Lounge, it is the window with the air conditioner. Mayor Ryff explained that wooden sill and sash is a rotted out and it has been leaking water whenever we get a rain from the South. He said in front of you is a quote to replace the window from Billy Lininger. The Mayor said that he asked Billy for a quote as a contractor because with the water project there is plenty of work to keep him busy working for the city. Fred French made a motion for Billy to replace the window in the Ladies Lounge, David Wendt seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0. Mayor Ryff said next is a building permit for John and Robin Moniz. Fred French made a motion to approve the building permit and Carol Lauxman seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0. Mayor Ryff said next there is a quote in front of you to remove the old well house on the Southside of town from J & K Contracting. Mayor Ryff explained that the city's equipment would not be able to take the structure down and that is why he asked J & K to give us the quote. Gordon Hunnicutt made a motion to accept the quote from J & K Contracting to remove the old well house on the Southside of town. Carol Lauxman seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0. Mayor Ryff explained that the well house would be removed after the water project is done.

Maintenance Report: Billy said last month was the festival and that he put in a lot of time getting ready for the festival, working on the parks and helping J & K to get the streets straighten up and organized. He said he had started picking up all the old meters, following behind them getting the readings. He said he had been busy getting all the locates for J & K. Billy said that he had been helping to repair a few waterlines, but it had been working out pretty good. He said he had put up No Parking signs at the school. Billy said that he did have to have another tire replaced on the backhoe. Mayor Ryff said that after the first of the year he would like to get some prices for a smaller mower to use up at the Cemetery. He said that he had done some measuring and thought a 42" commercial mower is what he would like to get. A conversation among the Council and Mayor took place, no action was taken.

Clerks Report: Called Phillip McBride to let him know that the Council had approved his building permit. I emailed the vendor that was needing the resolution for the festival a copy of the signed resolution that you all approved. Sent Kim at the Reflector Chronicle the STO/UPCO that was signed and asked her to publish them for us. Preston with Core & Main called and asked about coming to install software on the computer. He came and installed the software for the new meters. Went to Abilene with Larry and attended the FEMA meeting at the courthouse. Most of the information did not apply to the City of

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Hope. Larry asked me to make a list of the residence that have meters inside their home including their address and phone numbers. So, I made the list and we will contact them to remove their meter from inside their homes when it is time. Received an email from Nichole with NCRPC with the approved pay request. I printed it and Larry and I signed it. Then I emailed it onto Dustin with the Commerce Department. Larry had me get a Thank You card and send it to the school to let them know that their help was appreciated. I went to the Kansas Association for Court Management in Salina. They had some good speakers. One of the topics was on Human Trafficking. It was very interesting and informative. Another one of the speakers talked about legalization of marijuana and field sobriety tests. He also talked about the problems that has started in the state of Kansas since all the surrounding states have marijuana legalized in one way or another. It was a good experience. Thank you all for approving me to go!! Mayor Ryff asked that I tell the Council again about the ground event that is happening next week. I explained to the Council that on the 16th of October I would be having a total knee replacement surgery in Salina, I was told that I would be in the hospital for 2-3 days, and the office would be closed until the following Monday or Tuesday depending on how I was feeling. The Council wished me good luck.

Mayors Discussion: Mayor Ryff said he had a couple of items he wanted to go over, that wouldn't take long. First, he said is the budget certificate page. The Mayor said that it had been sent to the county in August, but after reviewing the paperwork some of the information had not been put in the correct column and had caused some of the numbers to be incorrect. The Mayor explained it doesn't change the mil levy or the revenue. But the certificate page needs to be resigned. Mayor Ryff said that there is a maintenance issue in town here, he said there is a culvert problem down by Helen Anderson. He said that the culvert is starting to rust through on the top. Mayor Ryff said it isn't a very big hole, but he wanted the Council to know that when we get down there to repair it, we might have to buy a replacement culvert. Mayor Ryff said another maintenance item happening in the next 30 days is that Billy will be changing out some of the meters not covered under the contract. A discussion between the Council and Mayor took place. Mayor Ryff said that he thinks that J & K will be wrapping things up sometime in January. He said the next step on the water program is the contracting letting for the work on the water tower. The Mayor welcomed Ginger Stewart to the meeting he said that she is running for one of the positions on the city council.

Fred French made a motion to adjourn David Wendt seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

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_____ Larry Ryff, Mayor

Attest:

_____ Joni Rikard, Clerk