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Mayor Ryff called the September 13th, 2023 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. Mayor Ryff said we do have a quorum.

Mayor Ryff opened the Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing, He asked the Council if they had any questions and allowed for comments. Nobody had any comments. Daniel Schwindt made a motion to adopt Resolution 23-001, Robin Moniz seconded the motion. Mayor Ryff did a roll call vote, it showed Fred French – yes, Robin Moniz – yes, and Daniel Schwindt -yes the motion carried 3-0. Mayor Ryff opened the budget hearing for 2024, he asked if there were any comments or if the Council had any questions. There were no questions or comments. Fred French made a motion to adopt the 2024 Budget, Daniel Schwindt seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed Daniel Schwindt – yes, Robin Moniz – yes, and Fred French -yes, the motion carried 3-0. The Mayor said that would close the 2024 budget hearing.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Mayor Ryff said the next item of business is the minutes from the previous meeting. Daniel Schwindt made a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting and approve them as written. Fred French seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

Treasurers Report: The Mayor said next is the Financial Statement with Heather. Heather said there was a large payment to the state for our bond payment and that we finally used the money up in the special water account. The Mayor asked if that account was closed, Heather explained that it was, and she said she had removed it from the report. Mayor Ryff asked if there were any questions about the financial statement. He said if there were no questions, he would like to have everyone look at the rate sheet that I had passed out. The Mayor explained that CD # 14970 is a monthly CD and the current interest rate is 1.46% and it will mature on the 14th of the month. He said he would like for the Council to consider putting it in an eleven-month CD with an interest rate of 4.47%. There was a conversation between the Council and Mayor. Fred French made a motion to switch the CD # 14970 into an eleven-month CD at 4.47%. Daniel Schwindt seconded the motion and it carried 3-0. Daniel Schwindt made a motion to accept the financial statement for August 2023, Robin Moniz seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Appropriation Ordinance: Mayor Ryff said next is appropriation ordinance #1146. Fred French made a motion to accept appropriation ordinance #1146, Robin Moniz seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0. The Mayor said now we will move into new business.

New Business: Mayor Ryff said, it is kinda old business, but it is now in printed form of a resolution. He said resolution 23-002 is for when we were trying to get the boundaries defined for the city limits of Hope. He said when you adopt this resolution it will make the boundaries that are written

permanent. Mayor Ryff said it is not that you cannot change them, they can be changed, but it would take some legal action to change them. He reminded the Council that earlier in the year we were working with Dickinson County Economic Development trying to get some paperwork in place for a program to help get some funds for some possible construction. Fred French made a motion to adopt resolution 23-002, Daniel Schwindt seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Mayor said moving on there is nothing under old business, or standing & special committee reports.

Mayor's Discussion: Under Mayor's discussion he said we already discussed the CD. He said the other item to discuss was about the digital sign. He explained that it had kinda been put on hold. He said that we have a request into Evergy. He said once they let us know where the light meter will be, we can figure out how much cable we need to get and have Chad figure it up. He said either Tri-County Telephone or Hope Plumbing will dig it in the electric cable for the sign. The Mayor said that I had a meeting with the committee that was appointed by the developmental group that has determined what the advertising rates will be. He said the City will be doing the book work and collecting for the use of it. The City and School Principal will be putting the information on the sign. Mayor Ryff said another item of business he would like to bring up is, we have actually discussed and approved a radar speed limit signs. He said that we have to work with KDOT on where we can actually set them. He said that he had been looking as he travelled around the area and noticed one that was on a trailer and wondered what the council's thoughts were about one that could be mobile. There was a conversation between the Mayor and Council. They decided to stick with the original idea. Robin Moniz brought up a question about if there would be a crosswalk for the new location of the library or if they would just cross at the flashing light and walk down to the library? There was a discussion about it between the Council and Mayor. No action was taken.

Clerks Update: Sent Brad Anderson with KDOT a letter in an email, requesting highway 4 be shut down for 30-40 minutes for the annual Heritage Festival parade. Called Mike Welsh with M & K Trash about getting an extra dumpster for the festival. I also called Evergy about getting the meter in the pole for the food trucks. I went to the developmental meeting to discuss the location of the new digital sign. Dan Coup explained that the sign company wanted to get the base of the sign ready to go. It was also decided that Dan, Adam, and I would be on the sign committee. It was also discussed when the library would be moving to their new building. Joe Hirsch said that they were going to work on putting some more lighting in the museum. Typed up the special assessments and emailed them to the county. I typed up quit claim deeds for the properties that Larry had bought and sold to the city. Went to Abilene with Larry to the courthouse to a meeting about a new 911 active alert system. I registered the city truck while we were there and also went to the register of deeds with the quit claim deeds to get that done too. Then I had a sign committee meeting to

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discuss the cost of using the sign and who would be putting the information on the sign and how long to leave the messages/information on the sign.

Robin Moniz asked when the library was planning to move to their new location. The Mayor explained that we were waiting for the repairs to be finished and the deed paperwork. He said he knows that the roof was done, and he thought they were supposed to be working on the siding, He said that the agreement was that the hail damage had to be done, and he had not seen any siding work done yet. The Mayor said as far as the vacant lots go the city has paid him for them so the city definitely owns the property. The City has gotten insurance on them, and the deeds have been registered at the register of deeds office at the courthouse. He said the next step on that is getting ahold of a town or a city that is doing something similar to what we have anticipated, to see what type of an agreement they have with interested parties. He said that will be the next step on those properties, to come up with an agreement. Mayor Ryff said one other thing on the to-do list is to get the house taken down that is West of the Mini Park. There was a short conversation about that property between the Council and Mayor. No action was taken.

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

_____ Larry Ryff, Mayor

Attested

_____ Joni Rikard, Clerk