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Mayor Ryff called the September 5th, 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: Carol Lauxman, David Wendt, Robin Moniz and Fred French. Gordon Hunnicutt was absent.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Mayor Ryff said that there are two sets of minutes and that he hoped everyone had a chance to read them. Carol Lauxman made a motion to dispense with the reading of minutes of both meetings, the special meeting and the regular city council meeting and approve the way they were written; Robin Moniz seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Ryff said that I had done a good job of putting the agenda together, but he was going to do some skipping around to get some people on the road so they can get home. So next he would like to hear the police report.

Police Report: The deputy asked if there were any questions about the report. Mayor Ryff asked how many hours had been put in. The deputy responded and said 74 hours. Mayor Ryff said if there are 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 nicely, he said they are 47% complete and that is well ahead of schedule. Wesley said if you drive around, you'll notice that there isn't any really long trenches and they have been able to bore a lot, which they had planned to do. So, it is working out well for them. He said water main construction North of 4th Avenue is complete. Sixty services have been replaced including the school and residences along 4th Avenue and Poplar Street. Wesley said as far as he knew there hadn't been any big issues, he said there were a couple of small hick-ups. He said that is to be expected with a project of this size. He explained that he did have a pay application in the amount of \$195,588.61. He asked if anyone had any questions. Wesley said if not, he had a requested action item of the council, that is to approve pay out number three in the amount of \$195,588.61. Carol Lauxman made a motion to approve pay application number three to J & K Contracting in the amount of \$195,588.61. Fred French seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0. Wesley said he appreciated the Council's time and to have a good weekend and he left. Mayor Ryff said in front of you since we just finished talking about the water project, there is a resolution for a draw down. A discussion took place among the Council, Mayor and Treasurer. Carol Lauxman made a motion to authorize Draw Down Resolution 19-005 in the amount of \$300,000.00 for the Hope City Water Project, Robin Moniz seconded the motion. A verbal vote showed Fred French – Yes, Robin Moniz – Yes, David Wendt – Yes, Carol Lauxman – Yes. Gordon Hunnicutt was absent. The motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Ryff said he was going to take a step back and go back to the original agenda.

Appropriation Ordinance: Mayor Ryff said total expenditures for the month was \$22,520.38. He asked if the Council had any questions, he said he would give some highlights from the list and he did. Carol Lauxman made a motion to accept Ordinance 1098 and David Wendt seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

Financial Statement: Mayor Ryff said next is the Treasurers report by Heather Stackley. Heather said there is nothing real exciting, which is always good. She said if you notice in a couple of months the General certificate of deposit will be coming up, she said we had done a 7 month on that one. Heather said there had been some discussions about moving some money into the savings. Mayor Ryff said he wanted to talk about that once the report was approved. Carol Lauxman made a motion to approve the Financial Statement for August 2019. Robin Moniz seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0. The Mayor explained if you look at the back of the financial report it shows the savings account. He said there are two different amounts. Under general there is \$67,829.55 and under Water \$55,858.34, which might be needed towards the end of the Water Project, but it is too early to tell. He said the two total \$123,687.89 and it is drawing an interest rate of .03% which is \$2.50 per month. He explained if we would take \$100,000.00 in some kind of a combination out of the savings account and buy according to the rate sheet certificate of deposit from the 30-day jumbo, that would yield 1.760% interest. A lengthy discussion took place between the Treasurer, Council and Mayor. Fred French made a motion to purchase using \$100,000.00 of the saving account money, a 30-day Jumbo CD with 60% of the money coming out of the general and 40% coming out of the water fund. Robin Moniz seconded the motion, the motion carried 4-0.

New Business: Mayor Ryff said next is a Resolution on Cereal Malt Beverage and Liquor. He explained that this was to allow the vendors at the fall festival to sell alcoholic beverages and to consume on the premises. Robin Moniz made a motion to approve Resolution number 19-004, Fred French seconded the motion and the motion carried 4-0. Mayor Ryff said next is ordinances to adopt the Standard Traffic Ordinance and Uniform Public Offense Code for 2019. He said by adopting these books it allows the Sheriff's Department and Municipal Court Judge to do their jobs. Carol Lauxman made a motion to approve ordinance #465 the standard traffic and #466 the uniform public offense code for September 2019. David Wendt seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0. The Mayor said next is building permits, the first one is for John Moniz. After looking over the permit, Fred French made a motion approve John and Robin Moniz's building permit, David Wendt seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0. The next building permit is for Phillip and Melanie McBride. Mayor Ryff said it is kind of a two-part building permit. He said that the first part is finishing building a chain link fence and the second part is an addition on the Southside of their home. The Council reviewed the permit, Fred French made a motion to approve the building of the fence, Robin Moniz seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0. David Wendt made

a motion to approve the addition to his house, Carol Lauxman seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

Mayors Discussion: The Mayor said he was contacted by the school and had to go to the Principals office. He was asked about some students participating with the City, to help to get ready for the Heritage Fall Festival. He explained that they planned to send 12-14 kids, half would work with Billy and the other half would work with John. Mayor Ryff said one group would work down 2nd Avenue and the other group would work on Main Street. He said he planned to go to the gas station and get ice and water and put it in a cooler for the kids while they are working. The Mayor said he just wanted to let the Council know what was going on, and so if you see a bunch of kids on Main Street or 2nd Avenue you will know what the deal is. A short discussion among the Council and Mayor took place about the School getting more involved in the Fall Festival, everyone thought it was a great idea. Mayor Ryff said moving on that there had been some talk about cleaning up some properties. He explained that there was one property in the process of getting cleaned-up. He said it has been a slow process. Also, he said we had written a letter on another property in August. He said he will be following up on it, because we need to make a stand somewhere. He said he felt like it was a good one to start with to get our feet wet and move on. Mayor Ryff said he was going to see if we could get anywhere with Municipal Court first before going ahead with condemnation. He said in the next few months if anyone is driving around and see some properties that need work, write them down and give them to me. He said he would like to start doing one a month, alternating between yards and house's, until we get some sort of progress. He said we have to start somewhere. A conversation between the Mayor and Council took place.

Maintenance Report: Billy said it had been a real busy month, he had been doing a lot of mowing trying to keep the weeds back. He said in between he had been working with J & K on locates and mishaps when they run into something. He said that they only had to shut the town down one-time last month. Billy said he had been spraying weeds and cleaning. He said he had done a little bit of prep work last month for the Fall Festival. He said they had painted the crosswalks at the school. He had delivered some rock too. Billy said mostly he had been doing a lot of locates for J & K and weed eating and mowing. He said he also had done the first meter read with the new meters.

Clerks Report:

Sent Kim Maguire an email asking her to publish the budget summary. She emailed back and said she would get it in the newspaper on Thursday. Nichole McDaniel from North Central Regional Planning Commission called and explained that she got held up at the office and would be late for the pre-monitoring meeting. She was coming to get all the information organized for Linda with the commerce department. Since she was going to be late, I ran up to the cemetery and marked the grave for the Manspeaker's. I got back to the office and we started putting the binder together for Linda, she is the one that keeps track of the CDBG grant monies. I took more easement pictures so we can compare before and after pictures once the Water Project is complete.

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Wrote more tickets for horse's and yard nuisance. Called and talked to the sheriff's department. I explained that we had two tickets needing to be served. I emailed Dustin CBDG program specialist the payment request I had received from Nichole. Sent Brad Anderson with K-Dot a request to close K-4 for the parade during the Fall Festival. I text the Council to remind them of the Budget Hearing. Had the hearing for the 2020 budget. I sent the 2020 Budget workbook to the County. Typed up a resolution to allow for Cereal Malt Beverages and Liquor to be consumed during the Fall Festival. We had the monitoring meeting with Linda with the commerce department. Sent Brandi at Dickinson County the special assessments for all the mowing the city had done, she will be assessing it to their property taxes.

Mayor Ryff said he had a couple of more comments. He said that on September 11th at the Dickinson County Court House there is a FEMA Meeting to review the Flood Plain plans. He said that he would be attending and would possibly ask me to attend as well, then next month we will report to you all about it. He said he wanted me to contact anyone that filed to be on the City Council and invite them to attend next months meeting. He explained that way they can follow along with us and see what it is all about.

I said that I wanted the Council to know that I would be gone a few days next month. I explained that I would be having a total knee replacement on the 16th and that I would be back hopefully sometime the next week. The Council wished me well.

Fred French motioned to adjourn and Robin Moniz seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

_____ Larry Ryff, Mayor

Attest:

_____ Joni Rikard, City Clerk