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Mayor Ryff called the September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 regular council meeting to order at 7:00pm and led the council in the pledge of alliance. Mayor Larry Ryff asked me to do roll call, it showed the following present: Gordon Hunnicutt, Carol Lauxman, David Wendt, Fred French and Robin Moniz.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Carol Lauxman motioned to suspend the reading of the previous minutes and approve the way they were written, Gordon Hunnicutt seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

Appropriation Ordinance: The Council reviewed the Appropriation Ordinance. Carol Lauxman made a motion to approve the Appropriation Ordinance#1086 and Gordon Hunnicutt seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

Financial Statement: Mayor Ryff said next on the agenda is the financial statement with Heather Stackley. He said that Heather was unable to attend but if there were any questions he would have me talk to Heather and we would get it figured out. Carol Lauxman made a motion to approve the financial statement and David Wendt seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

Police Report: Deputy Steve Davis explained that there were 18 calls last month and they put in 66.75 hours in at the City of Hope. He said there had been no big issues. Deputy Davis said just in case you heard sirens this afternoon there had been a fatality out on K-4. The deputy said that the accident occurred between Rain Rd and Sage Rd on Highway 4. He said that he thought the weather might have played a part as well as the condition on the tires of the vehicle. Deputy Davis said that as far as the Festival goes that there would be extra officers on hand on the North and South ends of town during the parade, then they would be in and out through out the day and into the evening. The Council and Mayor thanked the Deputy and he left.

New Business: Scott Schlesener street light, Mayor Ryff explained that Scott had turned in a building permit and had built a very nice building as well as made improvements to the existing building on the property. The Mayor said that there is a city street light down by his property has a very low hanging line that runs across his property, he said Mr. Schlesener would like the light taken out. He said that he really didn't see that the light actually helps anyone being at the end of a dead-end road, but it was up to the Council to decide if it was ok to have Westar remove it. After a discussion among the Council and Mayor Gordon Hunnicutt made a motion to have the street light by Mr. Schlesener's property removed by Westar. Carol Lauxman seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0. Mayor Ryff said next Fred French had submitted a building

permit to build a RV park Northwest of the Endzone. Mr. French explained the diagram to the Council. After a brief discussion Carol Lauxman made a motion to approve the building permit, Robin Moniz seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0. Mayor Ryff explained that every year the state puts out an updated Standard Traffic Ordinance and Uniform Public Offense Code. He said this is what the Sheriffs Department uses to give tickets, Judge in Municipal Court uses for sentencing. The Mayor said that there were copies of two new Ordinance to adopt them in the packets and that is what they are all about. Carol Lauxman made a motion to adopt Ordinance 461 and 462. Gordon Hunnicutt seconded that motion and motion carried 5-0.

Old Business: Mayor Ryff said moving into old business he brought up this idea a couple of times, he said it says park property but actually, it is Barry Lorson's property. He said that there is a map in the Council binders that shows the property. He said when Barry Lorson bought the property he had offered part of it to the city. Mayor Ryff explained that the Hope Developmental Group is wanting to put a disc golf course in the park and would like to use part of the property that Mr. Lorson owns. The group would like the city to accept that property so that they can develop a disc golf course. Mayor Ryff said that he had discussed it with the City Attorney, he said it was possible to survey the property to the center creek bed. So, we would have to have the property surveyed and have the attorney write up an agreement to move forward, and that would be at the city's expense. A discussion took place and Gordon Hunnicutt made a motion to move forward to accept the property from Barry Lorson. David Wendt seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0. Next item of old business was the Temporary Note Resolution and Agreement between Issuer and Agent. Mayor Ryff said that is was basically a renewal of the \$200,000 Temporary Note at the bank and that we are planning to pay the interest from that Note from the Special Water Project Account. He explained that throughout the project we will continue to accumulate bonds to pay the contractors and engineers until the project has been completed. Once the work has been accepted by BG Consultants and Engineers, NCRPC and Rural Development. The USDA Rural Development will come in and buy all the bonds then finish the loan process with us. Mayor Ryff said while he was discussing what to do with the \$200,000 Note Dan Coup suggested renewing the Note for two years and make it a callable note so when the project is done it can be settled then instead of having to wait. So, he said this is going to be a two-year callable note in the amount of \$200,000. Gordon Hunnicutt made a motion to accept the agreement between the Issuer and Agent. Fred French seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0. Carol Lauxman motioned to approve the

Resolution for renewal of the Temporary Note and Gordon Hunnicutt seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Mayors Discussion: Mayor Ryff said that there is a problem with the 4-way caution light. He said that he had spoke with Chad Lorson and as soon as Chad has the time he is planning on checking the light out. He said that the light is still under warranty but until Chad takes a look at it we not sure what the problem is. He said the main thing is to get things ready for the up coming Fall Festival. Mayor Ryff said that there are several projects to get done before then.

Maintenance Report: Billy said he had been doing a lot of weed-eating and mowing since we got rain finally. He said that there had been 3 water leaks last month. He said that Larry, Fred and John were there to help, and that Brett Bye had come and helped out with the one on Broadway and Poplar. He said that he really appreciated the extra help. Billy said he had been staying busy getting things ready for the Fall Festival between the rain trying to do as much as he can. He said it looked like he would be really busy Friday.

Clerks Report: Went to the bank and cashed the Sewer CD and I put it in the Special 22-month CD. While I was at the bank I found out that the General CD did not mature until 2022 so, I didn't do anything with it. I did update the software to show the interest that was earned on the CD. I typed up some mow your yard letters, got the certified tags ready and put them in the mail. Made a couple of phone calls about a yard that was not mowed completely. Billy came in and told me that the 4-way light had a light burnt out and asked me if I could order a new light, so he could get it replaced. I contacted Dennis with Stanion where we had ordered the light and Dennis said he would need to look up the part number and would let me know the cost. He emailed me the price of the lamp and let me know that the light is still under warranty and asked if we would like for them to send it in. I told him that I would check with the Mayor and get back with him after a decision was made. Larry asked me to contact Mr. Perry about the \$200,000. Temp Note that would be due October 1st to see what steps we would need to do to extend the note. Mr. Perry had several questions when I spoke with him. I told him I would speak to the Mayor and have Larry give him a call. Larry called him then went and spoke to Dan Coup at the bank about extending the bond. Dan was receptive of the idea, he suggested a 2-year term as well as a callable bond. Dan said the interest rate would be 2.29-2.3 %. He said he would contact Mr. Perry to get the process started. We had the Budget Hearing on Monday the 20<sup>th</sup>. We had no objections from the public. The next day I sent the Budget to the County along with the

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signed certificate and affidavit of publication. Typed up the information letter and the amounts for the special assessments to send to the county so they can be put on the property taxes for non-compliance of our #3-Article weeds.

Gordon Hunnicutt made a motion to adjourn and Carol Lauxman seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

\_\_\_\_\_ Larry Ryff, Mayor

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_ Joni Rikard, Clerk