

Mayor Ryff called the September 5th, 2017 regular council meeting to order at 7:00pm and Mayor Ryff led the council in the pledge of alliance. Mayor Larry Ryff asked for roll call, it showed the following present: Jared Morgan, Carol Lauxman, David Wendt and David VanHook. Gordon Hunnicutt was absent.

Carol Lauxman asked if Jared had been at the previous meeting and said Gordon Hunnicutt had left early the Mayor said that he had left around 8:15 that night. Carol Lauxman made a motion to dispense with reading the previous meeting minutes and approve the way they were written with the fore mentioned adjustment. David Vanhook seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

Appropriation Ordinance: The Council reviewed the Appropriation Ordinance. Jared Morgan moved to approve the Appropriation Ordinance#1074 and Carol Lauxman seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0.

Financial Statement: Heather was unable to attend. Mayor Ryff said I would try to answer any question and if I couldn't I would get ahold of Heather to get the answers. Carol Lauxman said that she knows that Heather had been working on the statement but we are still showing negative in the trash. She asked what we needed to do to correct that. Mayor Ryff said that I needed to talk with Heather and see what our opinions are. He said we can continue the topic next month. Carol Lauxman made a motion to approve the financial statement and Jared Morgan seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

Sheriff's Report: No deputy showed up. Mayor Ryff assumed it was because of the holiday schedule.

Visitors: No Visitors

New Business: Mayor Ryff explained that in the Council's binders that there was a letter from Dan Emig. Mayor Ryff explained Dan was out of town and was unable to attend the meeting so he had written a letter to the Council about closing the streets that run through his property. Mayor Ryff said in the past the expense for closing streets is the property owner's responsibility. David Wendt asked the Mayor why Dan wanted the streets closed. Mayor Ryff said he had not been able to visit with Dan in detail as to why but suspected it had something to do with him selling the property. A very lengthy discussion took place. Jared Morgan made a motion to table the discussion until next month. Carol Lauxman seconded the motion and the motion carried 4-0. Mayor Ryff said that I needed to call Mr. Emig and ask him to attend the September meeting.

New Business: Mayor Ryff said that there had been a couple of request made to use the Ladies Lounge. Debbie Linder had asked about using the Ladies Lounge one day a month to offer a nail trimming service for the residents 65 years old and older. Also, Ryan Harrison had asked if he could use the Lounge's restroom since his new building does not currently have restroom facilities. A discussion among the Council took place, Jared Morgan made a motion for me to give Debbie other options to like the American Legion, the Hymans and the Annex and explain that we are not able to allow her to run a business out of the lounge. Also, to let Ryan Harrison know that that is not what the building is for. Carol Lauxman seconded to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

Old Business: Mayor Ryff said that they had look at studied and talked about a new Nuisance Ordinance for the last 6 months or better. A brief discussion between the Mayor and the Council took place. Jared Morgan moved to adopt the purposed Nuisance Articles, David Wendt seconded the motion. It passed 4-0. Mayor Ryff said for me to let Brian Bina know that the Council adopted it.

Next the Mayor explained there was a new contract between the Dickinson County Fire District # 2 and The City of Hope he said that both had come up with this contract and it was agreeable to both. Jared Morgan made a motion for Larry to sign the contract on behalf of the city. Carol Lauxman seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

Sewer rates was the next item of business. The Mayor asked if anyone had a chance to look it over or had any comments about it. The Mayor asked if the Council wanted to take any action on the sewer rates. Jared asked if we had done any work to see what the sewer expense are. Mayor Ryff said that would be something for me to do. Jared said he thought a good place to start was to figure out what we are spending on the sewer expenses, compared to what we are collecting. Carol Lauxman made a motion to table the discussion on sewer rate until next month after they review the expenditures. David Wendt seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Maintenance Report: Billy said things had been a little hectic. He explained that the Exmark had been down a couple of times with a belt problem and pulley problems. He said that he was still have some problems with it but was babying it until after the festival. He plans to take it back to Manhattan to have them goes through it and figure out what is causing the problem. Billy said he had also been doing pot hole repair. He had also put two stop signs up, put the new banners on Main street and painted the curbs. He checked the lights down

by the stage in the park to make sure they were working for the festival. Billy explained that HD supply is sponsoring a training class next month in McPherson that he would like to attend. Billy said he would like to try to be ready in May 2018 to attend a 3-day course to get his Operator Certification. David Wendt motioned to approve Billy to attend the free training class in McPherson next month and Carol Lauxman seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0. Mayor Ryff said one other thing that needed to be brought up and that was the Dodge is going to have to have the heater core fixed before winter. The estimated cost to have it replaced is between five and six hundred dollars.

Clerks Report: I sent the budget to Abilene Reflector to be published. Larry and I signed off on the paperwork that Nichole had left and then I sent it off to her. I went to the bank and cashed out the General Fund CD and put it into a new CD. Then rolled over the Sewer CD. Confirmed the meeting with BG Consultants. I spoke to Brian Bina about the CDBG packet and the two resolutions that the Council had passed and he requested I send a copy of everything to him to review. I contact the Herington City Manager about the importance of a new water contract. I visited with K-Dot about a new crosswalk and what the process was to get things moving along, He explained he would be out of the office and would contact me as soon as he returned. I sent the budget excel workbook to the County Clerk's Office and sent the notice of vote to the Abilene Reflector to be published. We also had a meeting with Nichole McDaniel with NCRPC and Thaniel Monaco with BG Consultants to review the CDBG application and make sure that it was ready to submit at the end of the month.

Mayor Ryff said he would like to go back to old business. He explained that last month on the 6<sup>th</sup> was my anniversary date and a wage review was in order, he said he would entertain a motion to go into executive session. Jared Morgan moved to go into executive session at 8:10pm to discuss my wages. Carol Lauxman seconded the motion and the motion carried 4-0. At 8:35pm David Vanhook motioned to come out of executive session and David Wendt seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0. Jared Morgan made a motioned to raise my wage to \$11.50 per hour and give me one additional day of personal time off. Carol Lauxman seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Ryff said that John Moniz the part time summer help was working out very good. He explained that John shows up on time and is a very good worker. Mayor Ryff said he wanted to keep John on until the asphalt work was finished.

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David Vanhook moved to adjourn the meeting and Carol Lauxman seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0.

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

Attest:

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