

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 12, 2021

The Governing Body of the City of Hoxie, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, April 12, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at the City Office. Present were:

Darrick Zerr, Mayor
Jim Erwin, Street Commissioner
Kevin Schoendaler, Water Commissioner
Janet Bainter, City Clerk
Fred Washburn, City Superintendent
Brenton Boese, Chief of Police
Ken Eland, City Attorney

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Darrick Zerr at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

The minutes of the regular meeting of March 8, 2021 were read and approved on a motion made by Erwin and seconded by Schoendaler. Motion carried 3-0.

Executive Session

At 7:00 p.m. on a motion made by Mayor Zerr and a second by Erwin, the Commissioners entered into executive session for a period of 15 minutes to discuss matters related to non-elected personnel. Present were the board, Janet Bainter, Fred Washburn, Ken Eland, Brenton Boese, Brian King, William Lyons, and Scott Cooper. The board exited at 7:15 p.m. with no motions being made.

Library Board

On a motion by Erwin and a second by Mayor Zerr, Dana Knudsen was appointed to the Sheridan County Library Board. Motion carried 3-0.

Assistant Pool Manager & Lifeguards

Mayor Zerr made a motion to hire Lilly Schamberger as assistant manager at a salary of \$375.00 per week. Schoendaler seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Mayor Zerr made a motion to pay new lifeguards \$7.25 per hr and to give returning guards a \$.25 per hour pay increase. Schoendaler seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Hoxie Housing PILOT

A request by Cheryl Pedigo of the Hoxie Housing Authority to waive the 2021 PILOT (Payment In Lieu of Taxes) was reviewed. Mayor Zerr made a motion to waive the 2021 PILOT. Schoendaler seconded the motion. (3-0).

Collection Fees

Mayor Zerr made a motion to amend the Ordinance to include that collection fees through the Kansas Setoff Program or other Collection Agencies shall be passed on to the customer. Erwin seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Proclamation of Fair Housing

On a motion by Mayor Zerr and a second by Schoendaler, the board signed the Proclamation of Fair Housing, declaring April "Fair Housing Month". Motion carried 3-0.

IT Support

Bainter reviewed bids from CK Technologies and Nex-Tech for IT support with the board and informed them that she was still waiting on a bid from Tech Junkies. Bainter asked that once the bid from Tech Junkies was received if she could go ahead and hire the company with the lowest bid. Mayor Zerr made a motion to allow Bainter to hire the company with the lowest bid, seconded by Erwin. Motion carried 3-0.

SCHC Letters of Support

Mayor Zerr signed 2 project letters of support addressed to Sheridan County Health Complex for the Pyxis Medstation Upgrade and the Acute Wing Remodel Project.

On Call Time

Chief Boese discussed On Call Time for the police. Mayor Zerr instructed Bainter to look into budgeting ¼ hrly pay of on call time when preparing the 2022 budget.

Millings

Washburn discussed with the Commissioners the extra millings that the City has from the Runway Reconstruction Project. Washburn said he would like to put down another layer on all the dirt roads and some alleys. Washburn was instructed to give the rest to the County if they want them and if not to sell them as a lot to a Contractor.

Scout House Leak

Washburn informed the Commissioners that the basement on the west side of the Scout House would leak when there was a hard rain. Since the property to the west of the Scout House is owned by Terry Feldt, the Commissioners suggested that Washburn talk to Feldt about moving the vehicles on the east side of his property so the City can get in there and cut a groove so the water will run off.

Speed limit on Sheridan

Discussion was held regarding the speed limit on Sheridan Ave. coming into town from the east by the Golf Course. The excessive speed coming off the dirt road onto the asphalt road was tearing up the asphalt. Mayor Zerr made a motion to reduce the speed limit from 35 mph to 25 mph to try to slow people down. The City police and the Sheriff’s Dept will watch that area for speeders. Erwin seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Midwest Energy street light bill

Midwest Energy informed the City that they replaced the bulbs in some of street lights with LED bulbs. They advised that the LED bulbs would cost a little more. It was decided to leave the LED bulbs that were already replaced but if they needed to change out any more bulbs to stay with the old style bulbs.

Sewer at 900 Walnut

Discussion was held on the sewer at 900 Walnut. Mayor Zerr signed the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Hoxie and Sheridan County as it pertains to inspection, complaints and enforcement of sanitary standards within the city limits through the Northwest Kansas Local Environment Protection Group (NWLEPG) which Sheridan County is a member of. NWLEPG will have jurisdiction as far as KDHE but the City of Hoxie has home rule.

Property Clean-up

Bainter presented a property clean-up letter for 1031 Royal Ave. The letter was signed by the Mayor.

Adjournment

With no further business, Mayor Zerr made a motion to adjourn. Schoendaler seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Janet Bainter,
City Clerk

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