

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 14, 2021

The Governing Body of the City of Hoxie, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, June 14, 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. Guest present was Ty Stewart, legal intern at Eland & Pratt, LLC.

Minutes

The minutes of the regular meeting of April 12, 2021, were read and approved on a motion made by Erwin and seconded by Schoendaler. Motion carried 3-0.

Performance Public Hearing

Mayor Zerr opened the Performance Public Hearing for the purpose of evaluating the performance of Grant Agreement Number 20-CV-031 at 7:00 p.m. Corina Cox with Northwest Kansas Planning & Development Commission joined the meeting via telephone. The City of Hoxie received \$173,600 in grant funding; \$123,600 in ED funds of which 10 businesses received funds which helped in retaining 21 jobs, \$35,000 in funds for the meal program, and \$15,000 in administration fees. At 7:04 p.m., with no comments from the public, Mayor Zerr closed the public hearing. Erwin made a motion to approve the close out of Grant 20-CV-031. Schoendaler seconded the motion. (3-0).

Directional signs

Mike O'Dell, president of the Hoxie Rotary Club, was present to discuss the Hansen Foundation Community grant for directional signs along Highways 23 & 24. Mr. O'Dell informed the Commissioners that the grant would only cover the cost of 3 signs and that they would need more grant funding for additional signs. The Commissioners agreed to submit another grant application for the rest of the signs. Mr. O'Dell exited at 7:21 p.m.

Pit Bull Ordinance

Dana Knudsen, Cassie Dougherty, and Dana Hess entered the meeting. Knudsen presented information and statistics regarding the temperament and bite force of Pit Bulls. Knudsen stated that she is head dispatcher for the Sheridan County Sheriff's office and would like to move to town but can't because she has 2 pit bulls and the City has a ban. Her goal is to encourage the City to lift the ban on pit bulls. The Commissioners stated that they would like to hear feedback from residents regarding whether they would like to see the ban lifted or not. Knudsen, Dougherty, and Hess exited at 7:45 p.m.

Audit contract

Bainter presented the audit contract from James V. Myers, Chartered for the audit of the financial statements of the City of Hoxie for the year ending December 31, 2020. The contract stated that the fee for the regular and the single audit will not exceed \$16,800.00. Schoendaler made a motion, seconded by Erwin, to accept the audit contract for the City's annual audit, as well as the single audit. Motion carried 3-0. The contract was then signed by the Mayor.

Hoxie Elks Lodge grant

The Commissioners agreed to write a grant to the Hansen Foundation for new chairs and a new sliding glass door for the Hoxie Elks Lodge.

Physical Therapy at the pool

The Commissioners agreed to allow Becci Baker to use the pool to do physical therapy on patients.

On Call pay for Police

Mayor Zerr made a motion to pay \$2.00 per hour on call pay to police officers when they are on call when the other officer is on vacation. Schoendaler seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Police Business

Chief Boese requested permission to host ARIDE training. Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (A.R.I.D.E) is a training course designed for officers that are highly proficient and active in alcohol impaired driving enforcement. Permission was given to host the training. Boese informed the Commissioners that he had been contacted about attending training to become a Drug Recognition Expert. A DRE is a police officer trained to recognize impairment in drivers under the influence of drugs other than, or in addition to, alcohol. There would be a 2 week course in Salina, then 3 days in Arizona, California or Florida. Chief Boese also asked permission to purchase 2000 rounds of ammo from Boyce Moses for approximately \$650.00. Mayor Zerr made a motion to purchase the ammo. Erwin seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Pay increase

Washburn informed the Commissioners that Scott Cooper passed his CDL test. Mayor Zerr made a motion to give Cooper a \$1.00 per hour pay increase effective July 1, 2021. Schoendaler seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Ordinance 659

Judge Tony Haffner entered the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Discussion was held regarding Ordinance 659 relating to the cutting of weeds and vegetation. Mayor Zerr made a motion to increase the fine for not cutting grass and weeds not to exceed \$100 per day with no maximum. Schoendaler seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Judge Haffner exited at 8:10 p.m.

Roof at the Library

Washburn informed the Commissioners that the roof at the library leaked after a hard rain and plans to divert 2 down spouts to the parking lot and put a 6" drain underground.

Warrants

The warrants and overtime for the month of May were reviewed, approved, and signed by the Commissioners.

Adjournment

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

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