

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 12, 2021

The Governing Body of the City of Hoxie, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, July 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. Guests present were Justin Armknecht, City Superintendent in training and Ty Stewart, legal intern at Eland & Pratt, LLC.

Minutes

The minutes of the regular meeting of June 14, 2021, were read and approved on a motion made by Schoendaler and seconded by Erwin. Motion carried 3-0.

Police Overtime

Paul Wisinger entered the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Wisinger questioned the overtime policy for the Police Department.

Executive Session

At 7:05 p.m. on a motion made by Mayor Zerr and a second by Schoendaler, the Commissioners entered into executive session for a period of 20 minutes to discuss matters related to non-elected personnel. Present were the board, Ken Eland, and Paul Wisinger. The board exited at 7:25 p.m. with no motions being made.

Wisinger exited the meeting.

Executive Session

At 7:25 p.m. on a motion made by Mayor Zerr and a second by Schoendaler, the Commissioners entered into executive session for a period of 10 minutes to discuss matters related to non-elected personnel. Present were the board and Ken Eland. The board exited at 7:35 p.m. with no motions being made.

Pit Bull Ordinance

Dana Knudsen and Dana Hess entered the meeting at 7:38 p.m. Knudsen informed the Commissioners that she had a petition with 42 signatures in favor of lifting the pit bull ban. The Commissioners once again invited public input regarding whether the ban should be lifted or not. Knudsen asked if this issue could be put on the General Election ballot in November. Ken stated that he will look into it. Knudsen and Hess exited at 7:45 p.m.

Hoxie Golf Board

Jason Weimer and Meghan Weis entered the meeting at 7:53 p.m. Discussion was held on the water rights at the Golf Course. Weimer and Weis also informed the Commissioners that the golf board reduced the membership fee from \$495.00 per year to \$360.00 per year in hopes of increasing their membership and talked about the Cheat-M Up and the other golf tournaments that have been held this summer. Weimer and Weis exited at 8:15p.m.

2022 Budget

Bainter discussed the 2022 Budget with the Commissioners. Zerr made a motion to increase the Revenue Neutral Rate to 66. Erwin seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. The RNR hearing and the Budget hearing will be set for September 13, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at the City Office.

ARPA Funds

Bainter informed the Commissioners that the City received the first half of the American Rescue Plan Act Funds in the amount of \$90,492.99.

Pool closing

It was decided that the City has no other choice than to close the pool from July 28-August 1 due to lack of lifeguards during that time. The pool will close for the summer season on August 10th.

Scout House carpet

Bainter informed the Commissioners that the Scout House carpet needed to be cleaned. The Commissioners decided that the Hoxie Hotrodders should be responsible for paying for the cleaning since the stains were made when they used the Scout House for the Rod Run.

Police car

Chief Boese informed the Commissioners that he needs to order 2 new tires for the Charger and mentioned that it is also having transmission problems. Chief Boese will take it to Hoxie Ag to have it checked out.

Dump truck

Washburn informed the Commissioners that the dump truck blew a fuse inside the injector module. The Truck Clinic is trying to find the short.

Curb & Guttering

Bainter was instructed to include \$15,000 in the 2022 Budget General fund for Curb & Guttering.

Flash Alert Solar Stop Signs

Washburn advised the Commission that the City does not have the authority to put a stop sign at the K-23 & Hwy 24 intersection because it is a State Highway. The City would have to make a request to KDOT to put in the illuminated stop signs and the State would have to do a study before they could give the City permission to replace the old stop signs with the illuminated signs. It was decided to not pursue replacing the stop signs at this time.

Wayfinder signs

Mike O’Dell is still trying to get prices for additional wayfinder signs.

Biomist

Washburn stated that 5 gal of biomist was given to the City of Selden which costs \$390.00. The Commission decided to not charge the City of Selden for the biomist.

Washburn, Boese and Armknecht exited at 9:00 p.m.

Police Overtime

Discussion was held on Police Overtime pay. Bainter will check to see what the OT policy is for other City’s with 5 or less officers. This matter was tabled until the August City meeting.

Warrants

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

Adjournment

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

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