

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

The Governing Body of the City of Hoxie, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, September 13, 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

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Darrick Zerr at 6:45 p.m. Guests present were Justin Armknecht and Logan Smith with the Bureau of Environmental Field Services.

2020 Audit

Jim Myers, CPA with James V. Myers, Chartered joined the meeting via telephone at 6:45 p.m. to present the 2020 Audit report to the Commission. Mr. Myers informed the Commissioners that a Federal Audit was required again this year due to the federal funding that was awarded to the City for the Wastewater Systems Improvements project, as well as the regular audit. Mr. Myers stated that there were no statute or budget violations. Schoendaler made a motion to accept the audit report as presented and to accept the audit proposal from James V. Myers, Chartered for the audit years ending December 31, 2021, December 31, 2022, and December 31, 2023. Fees, including expenses, not to exceed \$9,300.00 each year. Mayor Zerr seconded the motion. (3-0) Myers ended the phone call at 7:00 p.m. The audit proposal was signed by the Mayor and the Clerk.

Minutes

The minutes of the regular meeting of August 9, 2021 and the minutes of the August 17, 2021 special meeting were read and approved on a motion made by Mayor Zerr and a second by Schoendaler. Motion carried 3-0.

Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing

At 7:00 p.m., the hearing for the 2022 Revenue Neutral Rate was opened by Mayor Zerr. Zerr made a motion, seconded by Erwin, to adopt Resolution 3-2021, a Resolution to exceed the RNR. (3-0) At 7:05 p.m., with no input from the public, the hearing was closed by Mayor Zerr.

Budget Hearing

At 7:05 p.m., the hearing for the 2022 budget was opened by Mayor Zerr. At 7:10 p.m., with no input from the public, the hearing was closed by Mayor Zerr. Mayor Zerr made a motion to approve the 2022 Budget as published. Schoendaler seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Drinking Water Protection Report

Logan Smith with the Bureau of Environmental Field Services came to the table to present the Drinking Water Protection Report. Mr. Smith explained that the Drinking Water Protection (DWP) Program is a voluntary, non-regulated source water program at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) designed to assist small, mostly rural communities with nitrate contamination in the water supply. Nitrates are addressed in these communities through various Best Management Practices (BMPs), whether that be agricultural or through infrastructure. Smith went on to explain that what they are wanting from Hoxie is a commitment to form a local leadership team. Smith agreed to put together a Drinking Water Protection Plan and to compare samples from KDHE, the lab used by GSI, and a 3rd lab. Mr. Smith exited at 7:40 p.m.

Resolution 4-2021

Mayor Zerr made a motion to adopt Resolution 4-2021, a resolution regarding a request for proposal for Kansas Moderate Income Housing funds to be submitted to the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation through the State Housing Trust Fund. Schoendaler seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

GAAP Waiver

On a motion by Erwin and a second by Schoendaler, the Board approved Resolution 5-2021 exempting the City of Hoxie from GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles) for the year ending December 31, 2021. (3/0).

Ordinance 725

Erwin made a motion to pass Ordinance 725 adopting the Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas Cities, 2021 edition. Schoendaler seconded the motion. (3-0)

Ordinance 726

Erwin made a motion to pass Ordinance 726 adopting the Uniform Public Offense Code for Kansas Cities, 2021 edition. Schoendaler seconded the motion. (3-0)

Swimming Pool expenses and receipts

Bainter presented the expenses and receipts report for the swimming pool for the 2021 season showing a net loss of \$23,866.20 for the year.

Kansas Liquor Law amendments

Bainter informed the Commission that amendments to Kansas Liquor Laws authorizes Sunday sales for Retail Liquor Stores and Cereal Malt Beverage Retailers to begin as early as 9:00 a.m. in cities or counties where Sunday sales have been authorized. Mayor Zerr made a motion to expand Sunday sales. Schoendaler seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Bainter will contact Ken Eland to revise Ordinance 604.

Executive Session

At 7:55 p.m. on a motion made by Erwin and a second by Mayor Zerr, 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, and Brenton Boese. The board exited at 8:10 p.m. with no motions being made.

Chief of Police business

Chief Boese informed the Commission that he was going to order Halloween treat bags and treats to hand out to the Grade School kids for Halloween.

City Superintendent business

Washburn informed the Commission that the water fountain at the Scout House needed a new cooling unit. He indicated that a new cooling unit would cost around \$500.00. Washburn was told to go ahead and order a new one. Washburn also informed the Commission that the trash truck had hit Schamberger's quonset south of town and that it would cost \$133.50 to have Meyer Electric fix the electrical issues caused by the accident. The Commission agreed that the City should pay for the repairs.

Warrants

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

Adjournment

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

Janet Bainter,
City Clerk

Darrick Zerr, Mayor

Jim Erwin, Street Commissioner

Kevin Schoendaler, Water Commissioner