

## ***MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 12, 2021***

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

Darrick Zerr, Mayor  
Kevin Schoendaler, Water Commissioner  
Janet Bainter, City Clerk  
Fred Washburn, City Superintendent  
Ken Eland, City Attorney

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

### **Minutes**

The minutes of the regular meeting of September 13, 2021 were read and approved on a motion made by Schoendaler and a second by Mayor Zerr. Motion carried 2-0.

### **After school program**

Bainter informed the Commission that she had been contacted by Jodi Rogers, Rec Director, about an afterschool program that they were working out the details on that would be on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Rogers indicated that they may need a place separate from the Rec Center for kids to go to do their homework from 3:30 to around 4:30 on those days. Rogers asked if the Scout House would be an option. Students would be supervised by at least one adult and possibly a Jr. High or High School student. The Commissioners stated that they would be fine with it as long as it didn't interfere with Scouts.

### **DSNWK Letter of Support**

Mayor Zerr signed a letter of support addressed to DSNWK.

### **Donation request from Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center**

The Commissioners read a donation request letter from Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center stating that they lost \$177,000 in funding and were asking that the City consider donating \$10,000 using ARPA funds.

### **Ordinance 727**

Ordinance 727 authorizing Sunday sales of alcoholic liquor and cereal malt beverages in the original package within the City of Hoxie between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. was presented and signed by the Mayor and the Clerk.

Jim Erwin entered at 7:15 p.m.

Kelsey Epp and Breanna Brown with the Sheridan County Child Care Committee entered the meeting. Epp explained that the Sheridan County Child Care Committee along with the Sheridan County Community Foundation is working to help determine and address the current childcare needs in our county. This committee will explore options to develop childcare options under a non-profit organization, such as the school, city, county, hospital, that can create attractive staff positions and have access to grant support. She also stated that a large percentage of people in Hoxie and Sheridan County are having to quit their jobs or turn down jobs because they can't find daycare. The committee was looking for whatever help the City could provide; in kind donations, utility write-off, city owned property to put a building on, etc...

Epp and Brown exited at 7:44 p.m.

**Fire Hydrant**

Fred informed the Commissioners the fire hydrant at the corner of 17<sup>th</sup> St. and Pine Ave. wasn't working. Parts for the hydrant would cost \$2660.00 but the cost to replace the fire hydrant is \$2400.00. Mayor Zerr made a motion, seconded by Erwin to purchase a new fire hydrant using ARPA funds if eligible and to consider purchasing an extra fire hydrant. Motion carried 3-0. Bainter will check eligibility.

**COVID pay**

It was reiterated that employees will receive pay if they are quarantined because of COVID. After the quarantine time is up, the employee must use sick leave.

**Warrants**

The warrants and overtime for the month of September 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

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Darrick Zerr, Mayor

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Jim Erwin, Street Commissioner

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Kevin Schoendaler, Water Commissioner