

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 16, 2022

The Governing Body of the City of Hoxie, Kansas, met in regular session on Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at the City Office. Present were:

Darrick Zerr, Mayor
Jim Erwin, Street Commissioner
Kevin Schoendaler, Water Commissioner
Janet Bainter, City Clerk
Justin Armknecht, City Superintendent
Paul Wisinger, Chief of Police
Ken Eland, City Attorney

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Darrick Zerr at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes

The minutes of the regular meeting of January 10, 2022, and the minutes of the January 18, February 1, and February 2, 2022, special meetings were read and approved on a motion made by Erwin and a second by Schoendaler. Motion carried 3-0.

City Insurance

Curtis Zerr with ICI Insurance was present to discuss insurance quotes with the Commission. Mr. Zerr exited at 6:35 p.m.

Childcare Needs Committee

Karl Pratt, Kelsey Epp, and Bev Rucker entered the meeting at 6:35 p.m. to discuss two potential childcare projects. With the USD #412 Sponsored Childcare Program Pratt explained that the local Childcare Needs Committee will assist the Hoxie School District with the development of its own licensed daycare business to address the childcare needs of its existing and potential workforce and the Hoxie community at large. He informed the Commission that the committee has begun work on preparing fundraising details including grant applications, in particular the Dane G. Hansen Foundation, to acquire a modular unit through their childcare expansion and grant programs. They are hoping to have it ready to go by August, 2022 for the first day of school. The second project is the Sheridan County Community Foundation Childcare Duplex Project. For this project SCCF intends to build a new duplex in the Sunrise Addition. The duplex could provide two individual units for two licenses daycare providers to house their childcare businesses. The SCCF would maintain ownership of the properties and intends to raise funds to cover all projected expenses. The childcare committee asked that the City waive the fee for the water and sewer hook-ups and to write letters of support for both projects. The Commission agreed to waive the hook-up fees and to have Bainter prepare letters of support. Pratt, Epp and Rucker exited at 7:04 p.m.

NWKP&DC ARPA Administrative Contract

Erwin made a motion, seconded by Schoendaler, to approve the ARPA administrative contract with Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission. Motion carried 3-0.

BASE Application

Bainter explained that the City was working on an application for a BASE grant. BASE (Building a Stronger Economy) is a new grant opportunity to help support infrastructure development and advance economic development opportunities across Kansas. Mayor Zerr made a motion to submit an application for the BASE grant. The motion was seconded by Schoendaler. Motion carried 3-0. Zerr signed a Sexual Harassment policy needed for the grant application. Bainter will prepare a letter of support to be signed by the Mayor.

GAAP Waiver

On a motion by Erwin and a second by Schoendaler, the Board approved Resolution 1-2022 exempting the City of Hoxie from GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles) for the year ending December 31, 2022. (3/0).

Hoxie Hot Rodders

Bainter informed the Commission that the Hoxie Hot Rodders were planning this year’s Rod Run for Saturday, June 18, 2022. They are requesting permission to block off Sheridan Ave. during the Rod Run and to have free swimming on that day. They are also planning a virtual roller coaster at the swimming pool park and asked permission to block off 13th St. and 14th St. from Sheridan to Trail and to move the tables out from under the awning. There will also be a street dance on Friday, June 17, 2022 from 8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. and asked to block off Sheridan from Main St. to 11th St. for the dance. Erwin made a motion to approve the Hot Rodders requests. Mayor Zerr seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Hoxie Housing Authority Board

On a motion by Erwin and a second by Mayor Zerr, David Leopold was reappointed to the Hoxie Housing Authority Board. Motion carried 3-0.

KDHE Drinking Water Protection Plan

Discussion was held regarding the Drinking Water Protection Plan with KDHE. The Commission agreed that the City didn’t need a Drinking Water Protection Plan at this time. Bainter will notify Logan Smith with KDHE.

Chief of Police business

Chief Wisinger discussed purchasing a new radar, laptop mounts and installing digi-ticket. He informed the Commissioners that the radar in the Dodge pickup quit working. A new radar from Stalker Radar would cost \$1595.00. He also priced laptop mounts and said he could purchase them online for \$325.00 and have the City guys install them. The cost to install digi-ticket would cost approximately \$1500.00. Erwin made a motion to approve all the purchases. Schoendaler seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Chief Wisinger exited at 7:17 p.m.

De Minimis Impact to Buffalo Bill Park

Armknrecht presented a letter he had prepared for the State verifying that the highway 23 project will not have an adverse effect on Buffalo Bill Park. The letter was signed by Mayor Zerr.

Stop sign at US-24 & K-23

Armknrecht informed the Commissioners that the State would be putting flashing lights on the stop signs at the intersection of US-24 & K-23 and would be eliminating the flashing light within 90 days.

Mower bid

A bid for a new John Deere mower from B.T.I. was presented to the Commission. Mayor Zerr made a motion to purchase the new mower for \$9860.63 with trade. Erwin seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

City-Wide Spring Clean-up

Armknrecht informed the Commission that the Spring Clean-Up has been scheduled for the April 4th, 5th, & 6th. The County has agreed to take all trash excluding tires free of charge during that time. A notice will be put in the Hoxie Times and the Sheridan Sentinel and flyers will be printed up and hung up around town.

Power tools purchase

Armknrecht stated that they were needing new power tools. He will get some prices and bring a list of things he needs to the next meeting.

Adjournment

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

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