***MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 8, 2022***

The Governing Body of the City of Hoxie, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, August 8, 2022, 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

 Justin Armknecht, City Superintendent

 Ken Eland, City Attorney

Guest present was Viktorija Briggs with the Sheridan Sentinel.

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

**Minutes**

The minutes of the regular meeting of July 11, 2022, and the minutes of the July 22, 2022, special meeting were read and approved on a motion made by Commissioner Erwin and a second by Commissioner Schoendaler. Motion carried 3-0.

**Budget Hearing**

The hearing for the 2023 budget was opened by Mayor Zerr. With no input from the public, Mayor Zerr made a motion to approve the 2023 Budget as published. Schoendaler seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**Nex-Tech franchise fees**

Kaci Davignon with Nex-Tech entered the meeting to discuss the franchise fees paid by Nex-Tech to the City. She requested that the City do away with the video or telephone franchise fees. She explained that many cities were opting out so that the savings could be passed on to the customer. Ms. Davignon exited at 7:16 p.m. Schoendaler made a motion to do away with the cable franchise fees. Mayor Zerr seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Bainter will contact Nex-Tech to let them know the Commissioners decision.

**Water Aerobics**

Jan Leopold, Becky Vickers, Lea Herl, Cindy Schelle and Darlene Schaffer entered the meeting. With the pool closing on August 10th, they were requesting that the Cityau leave the water in the pool for a couple weeks longer so that they could continue with their water aerobics. The Commission explained the cost to keep the pool full of water. The ladies expressed that they wanted to continue with water aerobics even if the heater was turned off. The ladies exited at 7:55 p.m. After further discussion it was decided to shut the heater off on August 13th and to drain the pool on August 26th to allow for 2 more weeks of water aerobics.

**Rural Trash rates**

Erwin made a motion, seconded by Schoendaler, to increase rural trash pickup $4.00 per month for business and residential rural trash pickup. Motion carried 3-0.

**Superintendent business**

Armknecht informed the Commission that he received a quote for concrete on Sheridan from 9th St. to the Catholic Cemetery for $694,835.00. He hasn’t received a quote for asphalt yet. Also discussed was the water leak on Main St. Armknecht informed the Commissioners that he would need to order 6’ grader blades. The last time they ordered 5 sets at around $200.00 per set.

**General Laborer Interviews**

Jeremy Farber entered the meeting at 8:15 p.m. He was interviewed by the board for the General Laborer position. He informed the Commissioners that he wouldn’t be able to start until September 1. Farber exited the meeting at 8:22 p.m. Erwin made a motion to hire Jeremy Farber at $21.00 per hour. Mayor Zerr seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**Warrants**

The warrants and overtime for the month of July 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.

Janet Bainter, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

City Clerk Darrick Zerr, Mayor

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 Jim Erwin, Street Commissioner

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 Kevin Schoendaler, Water Commissioner