***INUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2022***

The Governing Body of the City of Hoxie, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, September 12, 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

 Paul Wisinger, Chief of Police

 Ken Eland, City Attorney

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Darrick Zerr at 7:00 p.m. Guest present was Viktorija Briggs with the Sheridan Sentinel.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the regular meeting of August 8, 2022, were read and approved on a motion made by Schoendaler and a second by Erwin. Motion carried 3-0.

**MIH Grant**

Corina Cox with NWKP&DC was present via telephone to discuss the Moderate Income Housing Grant application with the Commissioners. Cox informed the Commission that the grant was for $191,046 to pay off the special assessments on 5 lots in the Sunrise Addition. Mayor Zerr made a motion to approve the MIH grant agreement. Erwin seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**Resolution 2-2022**

Mayor Zerr made a motion to adopt Resolution 2-2022, 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.

**Ordinance 729**

Erwin made a motion to pass Ordinance 729 adopting the Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas Cities, 2022 edition. Schoendaler seconded the motion. (3-0)

**Ordinance 730**

Erwin made a motion to pass Ordinance 730 adopting the Uniform Public Offense Code for Kansas Cities, 2022 edition. Mayor Zerr seconded the motion. (3-0)

**CMB License**

A Cereal Malt Beverage application from Jamboree Foods was reviewed. Mayor Zerr made a motion to approve the application. Erwin seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**Swimming Pool expenses and receipts**

Bainter presented the expenses and receipts report for the swimming pool for the 2022 season showing a net loss of $30,394.93 for the year. Armknecht informed the Commission that there was a leak in the outside hydrant under that concrete and that they would need to tear up the concrete to find the leak

**Ordinance 731**

Ordinance 731, an ordinance granting Nex-Tech a non-exclusive franchise to erect, maintain and operate a telecommunications system with the city limits of the City of Hoxie, Kansas, was signed by the Mayor and Clerk.

**Law Enforcement Contract**

Chief Wisinger informed the Commission that Sheriff Carver felt that the Law enforcement contract was going well but would prefer to contract a year at a time so it’s easier for him to figure his budget. The Commission expressed that they would be in agreement with that.

**Grant Opportunities**

Karl Pratt entered the meeting at 7:34 p.m. to discuss a couple of grants he would like to apply for. The Rural Champion grant through the Kansas State Office of Rural Prosperity is a grant where communities can select a project that they would like to work on, they would then determine a “champion”, an individual to spearhead the project. The grant, which would be approximately $20,000,

would provide funding to pay this individual’s part time wages. The Sheridan County Community Foundation discussed doing some pool park improvements with this grant. The City gave their approval for Karl to apply through the City. Karl also discussed the Strategic Economic Expansion and Development (SEED) grant which is a state grant in which communities can apply for up to $50,000 for funding to help with childcare, senior programs, equipment and supplies, beautification, libraries, etc. Karl stated that he has a proposal put together to share with the County Commission at their next meeting to see if they would agree to apply for that grant. Pratt exited at 7:54 p.m.

**Mower bid**

Armknecht informed the Commission that Jason Schippers with B.T.I. contacted him to let him know that he could order mowers now, but there was still no guarantee that he could get one. The price for a new John Deere mower with trade in was $12,578.85. The amount given for the trade-in would be $11,000.00. Mayor Zerr made a motion to purchase the new mower with trade. Schoendaler seconded the motion. Armknecht also mentioned that he’s been having issues with the loader again and would like to see about getting a new loader by 2027. The loader would be 30 years old at that time.

At 8:08 p.m., Sheriff Carver entered the meeting. He wanted to let the Commission know that things were working really well with the law enforcement contract between the County and the City. He also wanted to mention that the Sheriff’s office would be doing stricter enforcement and giving warning on no seatbelts, no turn signals, cracked windshields, etc. Sheriff Carver stated that he would be posting a notice on Facebook. He informed the Commission that K9 Dak had to be retired due to health issues. The County Commission approved the purchase of another K9. Dak will remain with Officer Babcock. Carver exited at 8:18 p.m.

**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.

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City Clerk Darrick Zerr, Mayor

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 Jim Erwin, Street Commissioner

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