***MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 10, 2023***

The Governing Body of the City of Hoxie, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, April 10, 2023, 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

Harry Joe Pratt, City Attorney

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Darrick Zerr at 6:55 p.m. Guest present was Viktorija Briggs with the Sheridan Sentinel.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the regular meeting of March 13, 2023, were read and approved on a motion made by Erwin and seconded by Schoendaler. Motion carried 3-0.

**Budget request**

Don Rivera with the Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center was present to make a budget request for 2024. He informed the Commission that they were able to provide help to 17 children in Sheridan County in 2022 and explained some of the benefits of the mobile unit throughout the 34 Counties that they serve. He thanked the City for their past support and exited the meeting at 7:01 p.m.. Mayor Zerr made a motion to include a distribution in the amount of $1000.00 from the 2024 budget. Schoendaler seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**Pit bull and vicious dog ordinances**

Tabled until the May, 2023 meeting.

**Hoxie Housing PILOT**

A request by Cheryl Pedigo of the Hoxie Housing Authority to waive the 2023 PILOT (Payment In Lieu of Taxes) was reviewed. Erwin made a motion to waive the 2023 PILOT. Mayor Zerr seconded the motion. (3-0).

**No parking sign**

Kody and Kelsey Epp entered the meeting to request that “no parking” signs be put up by their fence on the south side of Royal Ave. between 17th St. and 18th St. Epp explained that the MRI truck and delivery trucks have a hard time making the corner when there is a vehicle parked by the stop sign and it also hinders visibility at the stop sign on the one-way street coming off of 18th and if the ambulance is rushing to the hospital, it could be hard for people to see it coming and cause an accident. The commission agreed to put up no parking signs on the south side of Royal Ave. They exited at 7:29 p.m.

**Police business**

Chief Wisinger discussed having his calls transferred to the Sheriff’s office so that dispatch would have all the information in their computer and it would be logged in. Bainter will check with Nex-Tech to see if the city’s phone system is capable of transferring calls.

**General Laborer Interviews**

Beau Mishler entered the meeting at 7:39 p.m. to be interviewed for the General Laborer position. Mishler exited the meeting at 8:04 p.m. Mayor Zerr made a motion to hire Beau Mishler at $20.00 per hour with a possible $1.00 per hour increase after a 6 month evaluation. Schoendaler seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Armknecht contacted Mishler by phone. Mishler accepted the position and will begin employment on May 22, 2023.

**Mower bid**

Armknecht informed the Commission that the new riding mower was in at B.T.I. The price for a new John Deere mower with trade in is $12,578.85 which was discussed and approved at the September 12, 2022 meeting.

**Hot Rodders request**

Armknecht informed the Commission that the Hot Rodders asked permission to have the street dance on Friday, June 16, 2023 until 1:00 a.m. Pursuant to Ordinance 432, all open air dances shall terminate by midnight therefore their request was denied. Permission was granted to use the city shop parking lot to blow up a car motor during the rod run on Saturday, June 17, 2023.

**Dumpsters**

Armknecht stated that he didn’t have any more dumpsters on hand. He presented a quote from Downing Sales and Service for $4348.00 for 6 dumpsters. Mayor Zerr made a motion to purchase the dumpsters. Erwin seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**East school flashing light**

Discussion was held on moving the east school light further east. Armknecht informed the Commission that the state would have to do a traffic survey before it could be moved. No decision was made.

**Sheridan Ave. repairs**

Armknecht was asked to repair Sheridan Ave. out by the golf course. Armknecht will dig out around the holes and fill it with millings and sand temporarily until Sheridan Ave. is paved next fall.

**Juneteenth**

Armknecht asked the Commissioners about adding Juneteenth to the holidays observed by the City since it is considered a federal holiday. No decision was made.

**Adjournment**

With no further business, Mayor Zerr made a motion to adjourn. Erwin 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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