***MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 14, 2023***

The Governing Body of the City of Hoxie, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, August 14, 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

Guest present was Monica Reuber with Sheridan County Public Health.

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

**Minutes**

The minutes of the regular meeting of July 10, 2023, were read and approved on a motion made by Mayor Zerr and a second by Commissioner Schoendaler. Motion carried 3-0.

**Budget Hearing**

The hearing for the 2024 budget was opened by Mayor Zerr. With no input from the public, Commissioner Erwin made a motion to approve the 2024 Budget as published. Schoendaler seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**2022 Audit**

Jim Myers, CPA with James V. Myers, Chartered joined the meeting via telephone at 7:04 p.m. to present the 2022 Audit report to the Commission. Mr. Myer informed the Commissioners that there were no statute or budget violations. Myers ended the phone call at 7:14 p.m. Schoendaler made a motion to accept the audit report as presented. Mayor Zerr seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. The audit proposal was signed by the Mayor and the Clerk.

**Active Transportation Plan**

Monica Reuber with the Sheridan County Public Health office came to the table to present the Active Transportation plan demonstration project for K-23 and Sheridan Ave. that was drawn up by Jared Tremblay with Flint Hills Metropolitan Planning Organization. She explained that the plan would use existing crosswalk markings, flexible delineator pole, state yield to pedestrian signs and temporary paint. FHMPO will provide all materials so there would be no cost to the city. The length of the demonstration project would be 1 - 2 weeks to give time for public input. All Commissioners expressed that they were in favor of the demonstration project. Reuber exited at 7:26 p.m.

**GAAP Waiver**

On a motion by Schoendaler and a second by Erwin, the Board approved Resolution 1-2023 exempting the City of Hoxie from GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles) for the year ending December 31, 2023. (3/0).

**City lots**

The Commission discussed some lots owned by the city on the north end of town. They had been approached by an individual who was interested in buying those lots. After some discussion it was decided that the city was not interested in selling those lots as there is a water main on those lots and you cannot build there.

**Police computer**

Chief Wisinger presented a quote from CK Technology for a new computer for his office in the amount of $1760.00. The computer is needed to do KBI reports, criminal reports, Interpol, etc. Chief Wisinger will call CK Technologies to verify what all is included in the quote. Mayor Zerr made a motion to allow Wisinger to purchase whatever he needs. Erwin seconded the motion. (3-0)

**Wednesday yard waste pickup**

Armknecht discussed issues they were having with the Wednesday yard waste pickup. No changes will be made at this time.

**James L. Johnson Park**

Armknecht discussed electrical issues at the James L. Johnson Park. He also mentioned that there was an issue with the lights for the basketball court and suggested putting in newer lights and eliminating the 2 east poles. Armknecht will check with Vitus Meier regarding these issues.

**Executive Session**

At 8:14 p.m. on a motion made by Mayor Zerr and a second by Erwin, the Commissioners entered into executive session for a period of 10 minutes to discuss matters related to non-elected personnel. Present were the board, Bainter, Armknecht, Pratt, and Wisinger. The board exited at 8:24 p.m. with no motions being made.

**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