***MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 13, 2023***

The Governing Body of the City of Hoxie, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, February 13, 2023, 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

Harry Joe Pratt, City Attorney

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Darrick Zerr at 6:00 p.m. Guests present were Viktorija Briggs and Rachel Farber with the Sheridan Sentinel.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the regular meeting of January 9, 2023, were read and approved on a motion made by Erwin and a second by Schoendaler. Motion carried 3-0.

**Hitchin’ Post curb and gutter**

Jay Lewis was present to discuss the curb and guttering at the Hitchin’ Post. Jay expressed that the sidewalk and parking lot were in bad shape and a danger to his customers, and he would like to tear out and replace the parking lot and sidewalk. Armknecht priced the concrete with Campbell Concrete. The total came to $2,114.00 plus reinforcement for the parking lot and $1,132.50 for the sidewalk plus labor which would be billed from Campbell Concrete directly to the Hitchin’ Post. The city will tear out the parking lot and the sidewalk and will not be responsible for any damage to the building caused from tearing out the sidewalk and then will replace the curb and gutter. Armknecht will contact Campbell Concrete. Lewis exited at 6:10 p.m.

**Trail Project**

Viktorija Briggs and Rachel Farber distributed information and discussed plans for a Trail Project. They asked for permission to start at the walking park. The cost would be covered by grants and donations and there would be no cost to the city. The Commission agreed to write a letter of support and to allow them to start it at the walking park.

**Hoxie Recreation 2023 Budget Distribution**

Bainter informed the Commission that the City budgeted $10,000 in 2023 to give to the Rec. $5,000 out of General and $5,000 out of the Special Parks fund. The Commission agreed to take the shortfall out of General if the Special Parks fund was low.

**Summer Help**

The Commission was informed that Macalee White agreed to return as Pool manager and Lauren Jones as assistant manager for the summer of 2023. The city will begin advertising for lifeguards. The city will also advertise for a General Laborer position to replace Chuck Eberle who will retire April 1, 2023.

**Hoxie Housing Authority Board**

On a motion by Mayor Zerr and a second by Schoendaler, Dalene Babcock, Kirk Baker, and Leanna Sloan were reappointed to the Hoxie Housing Authority Board. Motion carried 3-0.

**Handicapped parking on Main Street**

Chief Wisinger discussed handicapped parking on Main St. He stated that he’s having an issue with one individual that parallel parks in the angle parking. It was decided that Wisinger will talk to the individual and let them know that they cannot parallel park in the angle parking on Main St.

**Police pickup**

Wisinger informed the Commission that the pickup has a severe noise in the motor. It was taken to Colby Dodge to be looked at. The decals on the Charger are starting to peel off. Rachel and Viktorija stated that the Sheridan Sentinel could make the decals. Wisinger was asked to wait until they knew what was wrong with the pickup before thinking about replacing the decals on the Charger.

**Hoxie Golf Board**

Jason Weimer and Spencer Rose entered the meeting at 6:40 p.m. to request the $10,000 that the city budgeted for the Golf Course. Weimer informed the Commission that they gave the groundskeeper a much-deserved raise. He stated that he is getting off the board and the new board president is Jake Moss and Spencer Rose is the vice president. Mayor Zerr made a motion, seconded by Erwin to give the Golf Club $10,000.00. Motion carried 3-0. Weimer and Rose exited at 6:50 p.m.

**Snow removal**

Discussion was held regarding snow removal. Bainter will post an ad to residents requesting that when removing snow off of your property, please keep it on your own property and do not pile it on your neighbor’s property or around gas meters.

**Pool repairs**

Armknecht informed the Commission that there are 2 grates on the family slide at the pool that are cracked and broke and need replaced. The cost to replace the grates is $1495.00 each. One diving board step needs replaced at $120.00, the nozzles that squirt the water out around the edge of pool and in the zero entry need replaced at $626.50, one of the chlorine sensors is cracked and needs replaced at $279.50, the cost to replace the other chlorine sensor is $225.00. The total cost for all repairs comes to $4,241.00. Mayor Zerr made a motion to approve all the purchases and to take the money out of the Pool Project fund. Schoendaler seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**City-Wide Spring Clean-up**

Armknecht will contact the County to approve the City-Wide Spring Clean for March 27-29.

**B & H Paving quote**

A quote from B & H Paving for the chip seal project was distributed. The quote was for approximately 147, 808 square yards @ $1.795 per square yard for a total of $265,315.16. The chip sealing would be done in June, 2023, after the car show. Schoendaler made a motion to accept the B & H Paving quote. Mayor Zerr seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**Water Main Break**

Armknecht discussed the water leak on Main St. He informed the Commission that the water main is 102 years old and would like to start looking into replacing that water main. Armknecht will talk to KDHE and Kansas Rural Water to see if there are any grants out there for replacing a water main.

**Executive Session**

At 7:10 p.m. on a motion made by Mayor Zerr and a second by Erwin, the Commissioners entered into executive session for a period of 20 minutes to discuss matters related to non-elected personnel. Present were the board, Bainter, Armknecht, and Wisinger. The board exited at 7:25 p.m. with no motions being made.

**Warrants**

The warrants and overtime for the month of January 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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