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

The Governing Body of the City of Hoxie, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, July 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 7:00 p.m. Guests present were Jared Tremblay with Flint Hills Metropolitan Planning Organization, Viktorija Briggs with the Sheridan Sentinel, Kelly and Deb Isom and Monica Reuber.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the regular meeting of June 12, 2023, were read and approved on a motion made by Schoendaler and seconded by Erwin. Motion carried 3-0.

**Active Transportation Plan**

Jared Tremblay with Flint Hills Metropolitan Planning Organization came to the table to present information regarding grant funding for an active transportation plan. Mr. Tremblay explained that KDHE pays FHMPO to do the planning for the City of Hoxie. The planning is necessary to get any state or federal funding. The city then decides whether we want to construct any of those projects. Should the city decide to construct any of the projects, it would be an 80/20 split. There is no cost to the city for the planning. ATP must be completed and adopted by the City and sent to KDOT in Nov/Dec 2023. KDOT will have a call for projects in February 2024. Construction will be done in 2025. Tremblay, Briggs, and Reuber exited at 7:04 p.m.

**Midwest Energy Franchise fees**

James Wright with Midwest Energy entered the meeting at 7:04 p.m. to discuss renewing the franchise fees for a 20-year term. Mayor Zerr made a motion to adopt Ordinance 733, relating to electric franchise and Ordinance 734, relating to natural gas franchise. Schoendaler seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Wright exited at 7:10 p.m.

**Citizen concerns**

Discussion was held regarding safety concerns at the construction sites at Sunrise Addition. Concerns included open basements, rebar sticking up out of the ground, water sitting in the basements and kids could fall in and possibly drown. Weeds, including bind weed was also discussed. Mayor Zerr will discuss these issues with Wes Bainter to see if he could put up orange fences around the construction sites.

**Ordinance 732**

Mayor Zerr made a motion to adopt Ordinance 732, an ordinance relating to the keeping, registration, confining, vaccination and destruction of dogs and cats as well as defining a vicious animal. Schoendaler seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**MIH Recapture agreement**

Mayor Zerr made a motion to adopt the MIH Recapture Agreement which states that anyone who purchases one of the homes built on the lots that have received MIH funding must sign a recapture agreement saying they have to live there for five years and the agreement is null and void.  However, if they sell the home, they will have to pay back a prorated amount of any profit made on the sale. Schoendaler seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**Trash Exemption**

Bainter presented an application for Trash Exemption at 1542 Oak to the Commissioners. Erwin made the motion to approve the exemption. Schoendaler seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**Sheridan County Historical Society Budget Request**

Mayor Zerr made a motion to include $10000.00 in the 2024 Budget for the Historical Society. Erwin seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**Junk Vehicles and Equipment**

Discussion was held regarding junk vehicles and equipment sitting around town. Chief Wisinger will get a list of names and addresses to the clerk to send letters. Wisinger exited at 7:44 p.m.

**Manhole repairs**

Mayor Zerr made a motion, seconded by Erwin to hire Johnson Service Company to repair the 3 manholes at the quoted price of $9,475.00 to be paid out of the Sewer Maintenance fund. Motion carried 3-0.

**Water rate increase**

Armknecht discussed an increase in water rates as recommended by KDHE. The Commission was not in favor of raising rates at this time.

**Bainter Construction bill**

Discussion was held on a bill received from Bainter Construction for the sewer line at the daycare. It was previously agreed to that the city is not responsible for paying for the sewer line. Mayor Zerr will discuss the bill with Wes Bainter.

**Fireworks at Tennis Courts and Pool Park**

Discussion was held concerning damage to the pool park from fireworks.

**Lights at Kiddie Park Bathroom**

Armknecht informed the commission that someone got shocked turning on the light in one of the bathrooms at the James L. Johnson Memorial Park and that the lights need rewired.

**Warrants**

The warrants and overtime for the month of June 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.

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

City Clerk Darrick Zerr, Mayor

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Jim Erwin, Street Commissioner

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Kevin Schoendaler, Water Commissioner

***MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF JULY 18, 2023***

The Governing Body of the City of Hoxie, Kansas, met in special session on Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. at the City Office. Present were:

Darrick Zerr, Mayor

Kevin Schoendaler, Water Commissioner

Janet Bainter, City Clerk

Justin Armknecht, City Superintendent

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Zerr at 8:30 a.m.

**2024 Budget**

Bainter presented the proposed 2024 Budget to the Commissioners. Bainter stated that the City would not need to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate which was set at 61.623 and the proposed RNR for 2024 is 61.558. Mayor Zerr made a motion to publish the budget as presented. Schoendaler seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0. The Budget hearing will be held Monday, August 14th at 7:00 p.m. during the regular City meeting.

With no further business, Mayor Zerr made a motion to adjourn. Schoendaler seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

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

City Clerk Darrick Zerr, Mayor

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Kevin Schoendaler, Water Commissioner