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

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

**Minutes**

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

**MIH Grant**

Corina Cox with Northwest Kansas Planning & Development Commission and Wes Bainter with Bainter Construction entered the meeting. Mayor Zerr made a motion to approve the Moderate-Income Housing Grant Agreement in the amount of $191,046 to retire the special assessments on 5 lots in the Sunrise Addition. Schoendaler seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. The Agreement and the Moderate-Income Housing Grantee List of Contacts were then signed by the Mayor.

**Agreement for Administrative Consulting Services**

Mayor Zerr made a motion to approve the administrative contract not to exceed $1,000.00 with Northwest Kansas Planning & Development Commission. Erwin seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Contract was signed by the Mayor and the City Clerk. Cox and Bainter exited at 8:10 p.m.

**ARPA Funds**

Mayor Zerr made a motion to use the remaining ARPA balance of $178,762.72 as reimbursement for paid City of Hoxie payroll expenses that were incurred after March 3, 2021. Erwin seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Cox and W. Bainter exited at 7:12 p.m.

**EMC Insurance Quote**

Bainter presented the insurance renewal from EMC Insurance to the Commissioners. Bainter was asked to contact Hoxie State Insurance to see about raising the deductible on the commercial property to lower the annual premium.

**Reevaluate Pit Bull Ordinance**

Discussion was held on the pit bull ordinance. Pratt will contact the league regarding emotional support dogs. The Commission will discuss the pit bull ordinance again at the April meeting, as well as the vicious dog ordinance.

**Hoxie Hot Rodders**

Bainter informed the Commission that the Hoxie Hot Rodders were planning this year’s Rod Run for Saturday, June 17, 2023. They are requesting permission to block off Sheridan Ave. during the Rod Run and to have free swimming on that day. They are also planning to have laser tag and a virtual roller coaster at the swimming pool park and asked permission to move the tables out from under the awning. There will also be a street dance on Friday, June 16, 2023, from 8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. and asked to block off Sheridan from Main St. to 11th St. for the dance. Erwin made a motion to approve the Hot Rodders requests. Mayor Zerr seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Armknecht was asked by the Hot Rodders if they could use the city shop parking lot to blow up a car motor during the Rod Run. The car will be on a trailer and most of the oil will be drained. Armknecht will get more information before a decision is made.

**Rod Allmer water leak**

Discussion was held regarding the over usage of water at 909 Valley Ave. due to a water leak. Bainter informed the Commission that the meters were estimated in January, so the leak was not detected, and it had been the City’s policy in the past to credit the customer for the over usage. Mayor Zerr made a motion to credit the account in the amount of $91.23. Schoendaler seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**School Daycare water bill**

Bainter informed the Commission that the school daycare account was never activated so they hadn’t been getting their monthly bill. It was decided to start billing them as of March 1, 2023.

**Chief of Police Business**

Chief Wisinger informed the Commissioners that the cam shaft lifters were out on the Dodge pickup. Repairs were made at Colby Dodge.

**Jeremy Farber pay increase**

Armknecht informed the Commission that Jeremy Farber had been with the city for 6 months. Mayor Zerr made a motion to give Farber a $1.00 per hour pay increase effective April 1, 2023. Erwin seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Armknecht also stated that a couple of the city pickups are needing replaced and he would like to start looking. He also informed the Commission that he priced a potholer. The cost for a new potholer is around $65,000 to $70,000.

**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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Kevin Schoendaler, Water Commissioner