***MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 8, 2023***

A quorum was not present; therefore, the meeting was rescheduled to Monday, May 15, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Janet Bainter,

City Clerk

***MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 15, 2023 (rescheduled from May 8, 2023)***

The Governing Body of the City of Hoxie, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, May 15, 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 the regular meeting of April 10, 2023, were read and approved on a motion made by Erwin and seconded by Schoendaler. Motion carried 3-0.

**Eagle Scout Project**

Elyssa, Ed, and Bev Rucker with BSA Troop 161 entered the meeting. Elyssa was present to get approval on a monarch butterfly waystation for her Eagle Scout Project. Elyssa informed the Commission that she would do all the fundraising for the project and do all the maintenance and upkeep on it until it’s established then the Trail Park Committee will take over. She was asking to use a 150 square foot lot on the east side of the walking park and would put a split rail fence around it. Elyssa stated that the project would be done by mid to late July and would cost $500-$600. Mayor Zerr signed off and approved the project. Ruckers exited at 7:02 p.m.

**Vicious dog Ordinance**

Tony Haffner was present to discuss the vicious dog ordinance. He presented ordinances from area towns regarding vicious dogs. It was decided to leave the pit bull ban in place. Pratt will make changes to the current ordinance regarding vicious dogs to be approved at the June meeting. Haffner exited at 7:45 p.m.

**Annual Reorganization**

Erwin made a motion to reappoint Janet Bainter as City Clerk, Kandi Washburn as City Treasurer, Paul Wisinger as Chief of Police, Harry Joe Pratt as City Attorney and Jim Erwin as President of the Board to act in the absence of the Mayor. The *Sheridan Sentinel* was namedthe official city newspaper and The First State Bank, Hoxie, Kansas, Equity Bank of Hoxie, Kansas and the Outdoor Bank, Hoxie, Kansas, were named as the official City banks. Mayor Zerr seconded the motion. (3-0).

**Library Board**

On a motion by Erwin and a second by Schoendaler, Miranda Scanlon and Kevin Lager were reappointed to the Sheridan County Library Board. Motion carried 3-0.

**Midwest Energy Franchise Agreement**

Bainter was contacted by Midwest Energy regarding the franchise agreement between the City and Midwest Energy. The electric and natural gas franchise agreement between Midwest Energy and the City is on a 20-year term and due to expire in June of 2026. After reviewing their workload for the next few years, it was realized that Midwest Energy has an abundance of franchise agreements to complete in 2026 therefore they were requesting that the City renew their franchise agreement in 2023. Mayor Zerr made a motion to renew the Franchise agreement with Midwest Energy early and to keep the franchise fee at 4%. Schoendaler seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Pratt will draft a new Ordinance.

**Lifeguard pay**

Mayor Zerr made a motion to pay new guards $8.00 per hour, Andre Vaughn and Regina Baldwin $8.50 per hour, Kane Epp $9.00 per hour and Emily Diercks $10.50 per hour. Schoendaler seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**Juneteenth holiday**

Mayor Zerr made a motion to name Juneteenth as a paid holiday. Schoendaler seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. The city office and shop will be closed on June 19th.

**Summer Laborer application**

Mayor Zerr made a motion to allow Armknecht to hire Isaac and Connor Diercks as summer laborers at a pay of $12.00 per hour if he felt that he would need the extra help. Erwin seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**Tornado Siren**

Armknecht informed the Commission that the tornado siren by the County shop and the one in Wheatridge Addition didn’t come on during the last tornado warning. Armknecht will get a price for a new siren to put in Sunrise Addition to include in the 2024 budget and check to see if there’s any grants available for a new siren.

**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