***MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 9, 2023***

The Governing Body of the City of Hoxie, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, October 9, 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 September 11, 2023, and the minutes of the September 15, 2023, special meeting were read and approved on a motion made by Schoendaler and a second by Erwin. Motion carried 3-0.

**Radar Signs**

Sheriff Carver entered the meeting to give the Commission an update on the speed radar signs. He informed the Commission that the signs should be delivered on Tuesday, October 10th. Sheriff Carver, Deputy Diercks, Chief Wisinger, and Armknecht went out to see where the best placement would be for the signs. It was decided that the sign on the north end of Main Street would be placed between Pine and Queen, in front of Harry Spresser’s, and the sign on the south end of Main Street would be placed between Walnut and Valley. There is also a rover sign that can be moved to problem areas. The total cost of the 3 signs was $11,997.00. Carver stated that he received a SCCF grant for $3650.00, the City’s contribution is $6,000.00, Pratt Law would contribute $2000.00, and the County’s contribution would be $500.00. Sheriff Carver exited at 7:10 p.m.

**Trash Exemption**

Bainter presented an application for Trash Exemption at 2024 Royal Ave. A and 2024 Royal Ave. B to the Commissioners. Mayor Zerr made the motion to approve the exemptions. Schoendaler seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**Executive Session**

At 7:15 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 7:25 p.m. with no motions being made.

**Superintendent Business**

Armknecht stated that they hit a water line in Sunrise Addition. He didn’t have the 3” couplers on hand to fix it so they got the parts from the City of Oberlin and got it fixed. Armknecht informed the Commission that well #8 is up and running again. He also stated that there are sewer issues again at Main Street Carwash and Carl Dumler had sand coming up in his basement again. Mayor Zerr will discuss the issue with Tom Campbell and remind him that per city Ordinance his pits must be cleaned monthly. The Golf Course is putting in 3 water hydrants to water trees. The bill for the parts came to $975.27. Armknecht asked the Commission if the City would be willing to pay the bill for the parts. It was decided that the City would contribute the labor to help put them in, but would not help pay the Core and Main bill at this time. Armknecht presented a quote from Northern Hydraulics for a hydraulic submersible pump to use to pump out water when there is a water leak. The price for the pump is $2,294.00. Mayor Zerr made a motion to purchase the pump. Schoendaler seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. He also presented a quote from Ditch Witch for $71,677.07 and a quote from Vermeer for $70,250.00 for a potholer. Bainter will look into a Sourcewell membership for a government discount.

**Warrants**

The warrants and overtime for the month of September 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 OCTOBER 16, 2023***

The Governing Body of the City of Hoxie, Kansas, met in special session on Monday, October 16, 2023, at 8:00 a.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

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Darrick Zerr at 8:00 a.m.

**General Laborer position**

Mayor Zerr made a motion to hire Gerardo Villegas at a salary of $20.00 per hour with a possible increase of $1.00 per hour after a 6 month review. Erwin seconded the motion. Motion carried

3-0.

**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