***MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 8, 2024***

The Governing Body of the City of Hoxie, Kansas, met in special session on Monday, July 8, 2024, 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 June 10, 2024, were read and approved on a motion made by Erwin and seconded by Schoendaler. Motion carried 3-0.

**Amending the Agenda**

Mayor Zerr made a motion to amend the agenda to include the 2025 Budget review. Erwin seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**Hospital parking lot**

Chad Koster, CEO of the Sheridan County Health Complex entered the meeting to discuss a new parking lot at the hospital. Koster stated that the street parking would be eliminated so they were requesting that 18th Street be turned back into a two-way street. Zerr made a motion to make 18th St a two-way street once the parking lot was completed and approved by the fire department. Erwin seconded the motion. (3-0) Koster exited at 7:07 p.m.

**Options Budget request**

Andrea Cross with Options Domestic and Sexual Violence Services came to the table with a 2025 budget request. Ms. Cross exited at 7:20 p.m. Mayor Zerr made a motion to include a distribution in the amount of $500.00 in the 2025 budget. Erwin seconded the motion. (3-0.)

**Sheridan County Historical Society Budget Request**

Karen Lewis, Roberta Shipley, and Julia Colson representing the Sheridan County Historical Society entered the meeting. Lewis made a request for $1000 in addition to the $10000 budget distribution they already requested. Lewis, Shipley, and Colson exited at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Zerr made a motion to include a distribution in the amount of $11000.00 in the 2025 budget. Schoendaler seconded the motion. (3-0.)

**Employee mandatory age of retirement**

Mayor Zerr made a motion to remove the mandatory age of retirement in the Employee Rules and Regulations. Erwin seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**Pool business**

Lauren Jones, assistant pool manager came to the table to discuss her pay. Schoendaler made a motion to increase her pay to $450 per week. Mayor Zerr seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**School’s request to use the pool**

Miranda Scanlon entered the meeting to ask permission for the school to use the pool for 2 weeks after school starts. The Commission asked that the school pay $1000 to help offset the cost of the chemicals and electricity since the pool would close on August 9th. Scanlon stated that she would check to make sure the school would agree to pay the $1000 and let the city know. Scanlon exited at 8:07 p.m.

**RHID Resolution 1-2024**

There was presented a Resolution entitled:

**A RESOLUTION MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS AS TO THE NEED FOR HOUSING WITHIN THE CITY OF HOXIE, KANSAS AND SETTING FORTH THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF REAL PROPERTY PROPOSED TO BE DESIGNATED AS A REINVESTMENT HOUSING INCENTIVE DISTRICT WITHIN THE CITY.**

Commissioner Schoendaler moved that the Resolution be adopted. The motion was seconded by Mayor Zerr. The Resolution was duly read and considered, and upon being put, the motion for the adoption of the Resolution was carried by the vote of the governing body as follows:

Yea: 3

Nay: 0

The Mayor declared the Resolution duly adopted and the Resolution was then duly numbered Resolution No. 1-2024 and was signed by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk. The Clerk was directed to arrange for the publication of the Resolution one time in the official newspaper of the City.

**Complaint**

Chief Wisinger received a complaint about the trailer house located at the 900 block of Utah. Wisinger stated that he would find out who owned it and look into code violations.

**Police Overtime**

Schoendaler made a motion to pay police overtime at time and one-half based on a 40 hour week and to revise the overtime policy in the Employee Rules and Regulations to reflect that change. Erwin seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**Water meters**

Armknecht informed the Commission that there are several meters around town that quit working and needed replaced. There has been an increase in unaccounted water. Armknecht stated that there are at least 3 meters that aren’t working. Mayor Zerr discussed budgeting $15000 to replace meters, no motion was made. Armknecht also stated that KDHE will come in and help find leaks.

**Storm sirens with battery back-up**

Discussion was held on replacing the tornado sirens with sirens with battery back-ups. Armknecht will get a quote and a map of the coverage.

**2025 Budget**

Bainter presented the proposed 2025 Budget to the Commissioners. Bainter stated that the City would not need to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate which was set at 57.791. The proposed RNR for 2025 is 57.791. Mayor Zerr made a motion to publish the budget as presented. Schoendaler seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. The Budget hearing will be held Monday, August 12, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. during the regular City meeting.

**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

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