***MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 10, 2024***

The Governing Body of the City of Hoxie, Kansas, met in special session on Monday, June 10, 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 May 13, 2024, were read and approved on a motion made by Schoendaler and seconded by Mayor Zerr. Motion carried 3-0.

**Sheridan County Community Foundation**

Karl Pratt entered the meeting. Pratt informed the Commission that the Hansen Foundation and the Patterson Foundation are going together to make a $60,000 staffing grant available to all the area community foundations to hire full time foundation directors. Karl stated that this would be an opportunity for him to go to work full-time for the foundation. The grant applications would be available this year. If approved Karl would transition from the city’s payroll to GNWKCF payroll on September 1, 2024. The foundation would then like to create a part time Program Officer position for Economic Development for about 20 hours per week. Karl requested an increase in funds for 2025 from $26,000 to $30,000 for the Community Foundation. No decision was made on the budget request. Karl also discussed the childcare duplexes. He stated that it should be done around the end of June, but they are still trying to find providers. Pratt exited at 7:23 p.m.

**Shared employee with the City of Selden**

Discussion was held on a request from the City of Selden to possibly hire an employee that Hoxie and Selden could share. The Commission agreed that they would consider it.

**Storage container at Catholic Church**

Mayor Zerr made a motion to allow the Catholic Church to put a storage container behind the church. Schoendaler seconded the motion. (3-0)

**Failure-to-File Form**

A Failure-to-File Form was approved and signed by Mayor Zerr to extend the deadline for the EMMA Annual Report for the city’s FY 2023 audit until August 30, 2024, to allow time for the audit to be completed. Schoendaler seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**Hot Rodders request**

The Hoxie Hot Rodders asked permission to have a street dance on Sheridan Ave. between Main St. and 11th St. on Friday, June 14, 2024, from 9:00 p.m. until 12:00 p.m. Permission was granted.

**Special Event Permit**

Erwin made a motion, seconded by Schoendaler, to approve a special event permit for Derrick and Justine Wade for alcohol sales on private property during the Rod Run. Motion carried 3-0.

**Sparky’s Fireworks**

Permission was given for Sparky’s Fireworks to sell fireworks at the fairgrounds again this year. Bainter confirmed that Bieker provided proof of liability insurance.

**Complaint**

Chief Wisinger discussed a complaint he received about junk in the alley behind 1432 Royal Ave. Chief Wisinger stated that there wasn’t anything blocking the alley and it was kept fairly organized but he would keep an eye on it.

**Tornado sirens**

Chief Wisinger stated that on June 7th rotation was spotted south of town and Sheriff Carver called for the tornado sirens to be sounded off in Hoxie. None of the sirens went off because there was no power in Hoxie due to the hailstorm. The City will look into back-up generators for the sirens or purchasing a new siren.

**General Laborer position**

Mayor Zerr made a motion to hire Dajuen Chapman at $18.00 per hour. Erwin seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**City Superintendent business**

Armknecht discussed the damage from the June 7th hailstorm. He informed the Commission that he lost power at the main lift station and the generator didn’t take over. Vitus’ Service Center was called to repair it and will diagnose why the generator didn’t take over. The main circulating pump quit working at the pool. Meyer Electric was called to repair it. Skylights were busted out in the pool house by the hail. Armknecht suggested eliminating the skylights when the redoing the roof. The library roof is also leaking.

**RHID Funding Agreement**

Pratt presented the Funding Agreement for the RHID project. The Funding Agreement states that the Developer shall establish a fund in the initial amount of $10,000 to be paid to the City for legal fees as well as any publication costs and other miscellaneous expenses. The Funding Agreement was approved and signed by Mayor Zerr. Motion was seconded by Schoendaler. (3-0).

**Executive Session**

At 8:25 p.m. on a motion made by Mayor Zerr and a second by Erwin, the Commissioners entered into executive session for a period of 15 minutes to discuss matters related to non-elected personnel. Present were the board, Bainter, and Wisinger. The board exited at 8:40 p.m. with no motions being made.

**Warrants**

The warrants and overtime for the month of May 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.

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City Clerk Darrick Zerr, Mayor

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Jim Erwin, Street Commissioner

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