***MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 11, 2024***

The Governing Body of the City of Hoxie, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, March 11, 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 February 12, 2024, were read and approved on a motion made by Schoendaler and seconded by Erwin. Motion carried 3-0.

**Cemetery endowment fund**

Karl Pratt entered the meeting. Pratt informed the Commission that he had received anonymous donations in the amount of $10,000 to establish a Hoxie Cemetery endowment fund for maintenance at the cemetery. There is also the opportunity for other donors to add to the fund. Pratt stated that the city would be eligible to request $518.55 to be pulled out of that fund this year and brought into our operating budget. The city would need to submit a copy of the minutes and a donor request form to Pratt to access the funds. Pratt also mentioned that he is working with a local business owner on a CDBG Commercial rehabilitation project. Pratt exited at 7:05 p.m.

**Hoxie Housing Authority**

A request by the Hoxie Housing Authority to waive the 2024 PILOT (Payment In Lieu of Taxes) was reviewed. Mayor Zerr made a motion to waive the 2024 PILOT. Erwin seconded the motion. (3-0). Mayor Zerr made a motion to approve the Resolution presented by the Hoxie Housing Authority regarding Board of Director appointments. Erwin seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**ICI Insurance Quote**

Bainter presented a quote in the amount of $13,947 annually for Workers’ Compensation coverage from ICI Insurance. Mayor Zerr made a motion to accept the proposal for Workers' Compensation coverage through ICI Insurance. Schoendaler seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**BCBS Cancer Plan/Hospital Indemnity Plan**

Erwin made a motion, seconded by Schoendaler, to add a Cancer and Hospital Indemnity Plan through Blue Cross and Blue Shield as a benefit for city employees. The premium for current employees would be $114.16 per month. Motion carried 3-0.

**WKCAC Budget request**

Mayor Zerr made a motion to include $1000.00 in the 2025 budget for Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center. Erwin seconded the motion. (3-0)

**Chief of Police Business**

Chief Wisinger informed the Commissioners that he would be attending training in Hays March 19-21, 2024.

**Part time help**

Armknecht informed the Commission that Chuck Eberle agreed to help out for a few weeks while he is shorthanded. It was agreed to continue paying Chuck the same hourly wage that he was getting before he retired.

**City-Wide Clean-up**

Armknecht stated that he had contacted the County regarding Spring clean-up. The clean-up has been scheduled for April 1-3. The county also offered to send a couple of their employees around to pick up paint and chemicals during the clean-up.

**Summer help**

Mayor Zerr made a motion to pay new lifeguards $9.00/hr., second year guards $9.50/hr., and any guards over 2 years $10.50/hr. Pay for summer laborers will be $12.50/hr. Schoendaler seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**Hoxie Feedyard trash service**

Hoxie Feedyard contacted the city about trash pickup. The city agreed to add Hoxie Feedyard to their trash route for once-a-week pickup and charge them accordingly. Permission was granted to order 3 yd dumpsters to resell to Hoxie Feedyard.

**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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