***MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 13, 2024***

The Governing Body of the City of Hoxie, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, May 13, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the City Office. Present were:

Darrick Zerr, Mayor

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. Guest present was Jordan Riley.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the regular meeting of April 8, 2024, were read and approved on a motion made by Schoendaler and seconded by Mayor Zerr. Motion carried 2-0.

**Sheridan County EMS**

Jordan Riley, Sheridan County EMS Director, was present to introduce himself and to distribute the 2023 Annual Report. He also updated the Commission on training provided by the EMS and new equipment that they were able to purchase since he took over as director.

**Reinvestment Housing Investment District**

Pratt discussed the RHID project. Mayor Zerr made a motion, seconded by Schoendaler, to contact Gilmore and Bell to inquire about hiring them to help with the paperwork to get the RHID application started for Sunrise 1 and 2, but not Sunrise 2 expansion. (2-0).

**Equity Bank ITM Kiosk**

Jay Schroeder with Hutton joined the meeting via telephone to discuss plans for an ITM Kiosk for Equity Bank. The kiosk would be located on the empty lot at the corner of Main Street and Trail Ave. Mr. Schroeder asked permission to knock out the curb on Trail for the kiosk entrance and exit. Permission was granted to proceed with the project.

**Annual Reorganization**

Schoendaler 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. (2-0).

**Scout House**

Bainter stated that she was contacted by Jennifer Carder to see if the American Legion could use the Scout House once a month free of charge to have their meetings. The Commission agreed to allow them to use the Scout House free of charge for 2 months, then the charge would be $25.00 per meeting thereafter.

**Request for signage**

Chief Wisinger informed the Commission that he had a couple of requests to put up “children at play” signs at the 700 block of 17th St. It was decided that the city will not put up a “children at play” sign. Concerns about trucks missing the turn to go to the hospital loading dock was discussed. Wisinger stated that the trucks would then go down 17th St. and try to make a u-turn and he was concerned that they would get hung up in the ditch at 18th St. and Trail. Wisinger and Armknecht will figure out signage for the hospital loading dock.

**Spray planes**

Wisinger also received a complaint about spray planes flying over residential areas with a concern about the chemicals from the plane. There is nothing in the Ordinance regarding spray planes flying over residential areas. Pratt stated that the State has regulations regarding that.

**Mosquitoes**

Armknecht was contacted by Sheriff Carver to see if the city would spray for mosquitoes in Menlo. The Commission agreed to quote them a price to include the spray, labor, and mileage.

**Handicap parking at 600 Main Street**

Armknecht received a request to fix the curb and handicap parking at 600 Main St. This will be tabled until the June meeting to give Mayor Zerr a chance to look and see what condition it is in.

**Yardwaste pickup**

Discussion was held regarding yard waste pick up on Wednesdays. No decisions were made at this time.

**Light Pole**

Armknecht informed the Commission that he had been contacted by Chad Zimmerman with Midwest Energy regarding the streetlight at 14th St and King. The property owner didn’t want the streetlight in their yard anymore and requested that it be relocated or removed. It was decided that the streetlight will not be relocated and cannot be removed because it’s at an intersection.

**Well #5**

Discussion was held regarding the water sample at Well 5 that tested high for nitrates. The second sample came back extremely low. The city will request to have another sample done.

**Ford Truck**

Repairs on the Ford Truck were discussed.

**Pool business**

Armknecht also informed the Commission that the main pump at the pool was leaking. The pump is currently being repaired but the pool may not open on May 27th as planned. The city will purchase whistles, umbrellas, tubes, and hip packs for the pool. These items will be paid out of the Pool Project fund.

**Adjournment**

With no further business, Schoendaler made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Zerr seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Janet Bainter, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

City Clerk Darrick Zerr, Mayor

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Kevin Schoendaler, Water Commissioner