

The Hoyt City Council met in regular session on April 4, 2023.

Present were Mayor Bob Bell, council members Leonard Allen, Larry Valdez and Becky McClane. Council members Justin Faulkner and Joe Romans were absent. Also present were city clerk Shawna Blackwood, Nikki Bell, Bob Ehrhart, city attorney Lee Hendricks and Chief of Police Dan Wentling.

Mayor Robert Bell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Council was previously provided minutes from the regular meeting held on March 7, 2023. Larry Valdez made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 7, 2023 regular meeting. Leonard Allen seconded, motion carried.

Nikki Bell appeared before the council to discuss the Farmers Market to be held at Hoyt City Park. They plan to have the market again on Sunday evenings from 4pm-7pm. It is set to run from June-September. There were no issues.

Bob Ehrhart appeared to discuss multiple matters. He provided a summary of the recent KRWA conference. He does have his water operator hours up to date. At the conference, the importance of the lead and copper inventory was discussed at length. Information is due to KDHE by October 2024. He discussed the current issues at the pump stations and the current maintenance contract with Lee Matthews. The city is meeting with a different company to discuss their prices and services. Ehrhart discussed the work done by Ehrhart Excavating last month. An update was also provided on the fence around the lagoon.

Council discussed the building permit that had been submitted for 608 Central. The drawing submitted was reviewed by Paul Crawford and Kenny Bryan and it did not meet the setback requirements for the utility easement. Council member Valdez had met with the property owner and they discussed moving the project over enough so that it would meet the setback requirements. Leonard Allen made a motion to approve the permit upon receipt of the corrected sketch showing the revised setbacks. Larry Valdez seconded, motion carried.

Becky McClane discussed her recent conversation with Jackson County Recycling regarding the recycling trailer. It was reported they are close to removing the trailer for Hoyt because there is a continuous amount of personal trash and non acceptable items.

Larry Valdez asked for a clarification regarding needing a permit for non permanent structures. The definition of permanent structure was discussed.

Valdez discussed the UTV renewal process. It is not necessary to re-inspect every year. The \$25 renewal fee and updated insurance is necessary every year.

Council discussed the changes to the insurance policy. It was confirmed the two tornado sirens are covered by the County's policy. As such, council agreed to remove that coverage from the policy. Council discussed the cost to have Pride of Hoyt on the policy. The cost is \$75/year. Leonard Allen made a motion to donate \$75 to Pride of Hoyt for insurance for this year. Larry Valdez seconded, motion carried. The replacement costs for the community building for the policy are still pending.

Council discussed the upcoming spring cleanup date on April 22. There will be four dumpsters and the Hazardous Waste Trailer will be there from 8am-11am.

The city clerk presented the monthly financial report from the accountant. The clerk provided an updated on the new utility billing software.

Chief of Police Dan Wentling provided the monthly police report.

Becky McClane discussed having girl scouts help with park projects.

An estimate from Bettis Asphalt was presented for 8th street. Leonard Allen made a motion to accept the Bettis bid in the amount of \$45,358.55 using the remainder of the Special Highway Fund (\$41,836) and the remaining amount from the Capital Improvement Fund. Larry Valdez seconded, motion carried.

Becky McClane reported a street light out on Eighth Street. If the tag number from the pole is provided, this can be submitted to Evergy for replacement.

Larry Valdez provided an updated on sewer repairs and the estimated costs for the multiple sewer repairs.

Leonard Allen provided an updated on the community building.

Clerk discussed with council how the remaining state ARPA funds will be spent. Council discussed using the funds for street repair, if allowed. The clerk will discuss this with the accountant.

Mayor Bell will review areas that need street repair.

Leonard Allen made a motion to pay bills. Larry Valdez seconded, motion carried.

Leonard Allen made a motion to adjourn. Becky McClane seconded, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Shawna Blackwood
City Clerk