

The Hoyt City Council met in regular session August 1, 2023.

Present were Mayor Robert Bell, council members Leonard Allen, Joe Romans, Justin Faulkner, Larry Valdez and Becky McClane. Also present were Kyle Sipe, Kenny Bryan, city attorney Lee Hendricks, city clerk Shawna Blackwood and Chief of Police Dan Wentling.

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

Council was previously provided minutes from the July 11, 2023 council meeting. Joe Romans made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 11, 2023 council meeting. Leonard Allen seconded, motion carried.

Kyle Sipe appeared to discuss a waiver of sewer fees due to filling a pool. Becky McClane made a motion to waive sewer fees above his average amount from filling the pool on the next water bill. Larry Valdez seconded, motion carried.

There were no permits or public concerns.

Kenny Bryan reported the pumps were in at Holt Circle. Bryan had asked Lee Matthews for return of the old pumps. It was reported they did have them in storage and would return them. There was discussion of looking for a different contractor for the sewer pumps. Leonard Allen made a motion to allow Kenny Bryan to contact a new contractor for sewer pump maintenance once everything is tied up with the current provider. Joe Romans seconded, motion carried.

Kenny Bryan discussed making calls to get a bid for repair of the basketball court but he has not received a return call yet. Larry Valdez discussed wanting to extend the sidewalk a little further from the shelter house to the basketball court. Bryan can add that to the bid for the basketball court.

Kenny Bryan discussed the bid that was received for the heating/cooling system for the garage. The bid received was from Kaw Valley in the amount of \$6,748. Bryan stated additional electrical work would need to be done to accommodate the system. Bryan can work on getting an additional bid for the garage system. Bryan stated he can begin insulating the area if council approves. The estimated cost for OSB and insulation for the garage is approximately \$2,200. Joe Romans made a motion to approve a cost of \$2,500 for Kenny Bryan to move forward with OSB and insulation for the garage. Leonard Allen seconded, motion carried.

Kenny Bryan discussed the Foley contract for maintenance on the generators. The contract is for three years at a cost of \$3,188.29 per year. Larry Valdez made a motion to accept the contract renewal for Foley Equipment for the generators at the cost presented. Joe Romans seconded, motion carried.

Larry Valdez discussed getting a golf cart for Kenny Bryan to use for reading meter readings. The one he has been using was borrowed and needed to be returned. Valdez looked into costs and found one for \$6,500. Becky McClane stated she knows of someone selling a used one and could check on the condition and price. Joe Romans stated he could also look at the government website and see if he could find any listed for sale.

Joe Romans provided an update on the income survey for grant purposes. It was reported Governmental Assistance Service (GAS) is almost done with the survey. They do everything possible to get a 100% response rate and there are still approximately 25 homes left to contact. They are hoping to get those last ones complete and be wrapped up next month.

Leonard Allen discussed the flyer that was put on social media for the large tractor pull on August 18 noting a charge for bring coolers to the event. It was reported alcohol is prohibited on city property. After discussion, Leonard Allen made a motion to pass a resolution to make an exception to the city code to allow beer in the park on August 18, 2023 from 5pm to 11pm. Drinking in vehicles is not permitted. Larry Valdez seconded, motion carried.

Mayor and council discussed the parade for Pride of Hoyt. Leonard Allen made a motion to provide \$75 for the mayor to hand out candy for the parade. Joe Romans seconded, motion carried.

Lee Hendricks discussed the ordinance for increasing the trash rate to keep up with the rate increase from Waste Management. Larry Valdez made a motion to approve Ordinance 358 increasing the trash rates to \$14.80 (regular rate), \$14.30 (senior rate) and \$7.15 (additional tote rate). Joe Romans seconded, motion carried.

The city attorney provided an update on changes to the Neighborhood Revitalization Act. He will have an interlocal agreement to present at the next meeting.

The city clerk presented the monthly financial report. The final draft of the budget was also presented for review to approve for publishing the notice of hearing. There were questions regarding why the special highway fund budget was so much lower than previous years. The clerk will discuss with the city accountant before publishing the notice and can schedule a special meeting if need be. Council discussed building up the sewer reserve fund for the sewer dredging that will likely be necessary in ten years. It was recommended to have the accountant come to a meeting in the near future to discuss this option.

Leonard Allen discussed the prepay contract for propane from Prairie Band Propane. Larry Valdez made a motion to approve prepaying for 2,300 gallons at the cost presented of \$1.49/gallon for a total cost of \$3,427. Joe Romans seconded, motion carried.

Mayor discussed the Pride of Hoyt event and the parade.

Chief of Police Dan Wentling gave the monthly police report. Wentling noted he will have officers on duty for the tractor pull events and Pride of Hoyt.

Becky McClane provided an update on parks.

Joe Romans had nothing to report on streets. There was nothing to report on water. It was reported the community building had been checked recently and there were no concerns.

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Joe Romans made a motion to pay bills. Justin Faulkner seconded, motion carried.

Leonard Allen made a motion to go into executive session for ten minutes to discuss non elected personnel to include the city attorney, Chief of Police, city clerk, council and mayor. Joe Romans seconded, motion carried.

Council returned from executive session. Leonard Allen discussed pay rates for police officers. Leonard Allen made a motion to change the City's pay rate for new part time officers to \$24/hr, for mid level part time officers to \$25/hr, for senior part time officers to \$27/hour and the Chief of Police salary to \$21,600/year. Joe Romans seconded, motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Shawna Blackwood
City Clerk