

The Hoyt City Council met in regular session on May 2, 2023.

Present were Mayor Bob Bell, council members Leonard Allen, Joe Romans, Justin Faulkner, Larry Valdez and Becky McClane. Also present were city clerk Shawna Blackwood, Dwayne Hug, Keith Hug, Chance Hug, Kenny Bryan, 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 May 2, 2023. Larry Valdez made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 2, 2023 regular meeting. Leonard Allen seconded, motion carried.

Chance, Dwayne and Keith Hug appeared to discuss with the council having a big truck/tractor show at the park on August 18th. This will be a very large show that begins at 7:00 p.m., which will last approximately four hours. They still plan to have their smaller tractor show after Pride of Hoyt on August 19. Council asked for them to provide proof of insurance to the city clerk. There were no issues.

Leonard Allen discussed the letter from the Hoyt Fire Department regarding the annual contribution for fireworks. Council discussed the amount of donation. Leonard Allen made a motion to transfer \$4,000 from ARPA funds to the General Fund. Joe Romans seconded, motion carried. Leonard Allen made a motion to donate \$4,000 from the General Fund to the Hoyt Fire Department for their annual firework show. Justin Faulkner seconded, motion carried.

Larry Valdez made a motion to enter executive session for fifteen minutes under the attorney client exception for contract negotiations to include council, mayor, city clerk, city attorney and Kenny Bryan. Leonard Allen seconded, motion carried.

Kenny Bryan provided an update on the utility connection situation for the building by 101 E Fourth Street. Since it has been many years since the utilities were connected, Bryan recommended treating it as new construction and starting new with the customers paying the meter and connection fees. Bryan and council discussed amending the sewer and water connection fees. The city attorney will provide an amended fee resolution for review next month.

City clerk presented the monthly financial report.

Council discussed with the attorney how the ARPA funds can be used.

Mayor Bell discussed the recent mayor meeting held at the city building. Mayor discussed hiding the orbs for the Jackson County Tourism Council. The orbs will be hidden the end of May, June and July. Mayor Bell reported the spring clean up day went well.

Mayor Bell asked for a motion to appoint the city attorney. Joe Romans made a motion to appoint Lee Hendricks as the city attorney. Justin Faulkner seconded, motion carried.

Leonard Allen made a motion to continue with Shawn Blackwood as the city clerk. Joe Romans seconded, motion carried.

Joe Romans made a motion to continue with Dan Wentling as Chief of Police. Justin Faulkner seconded, motion carried.

Mayor Bell asked for a motion to appoint the *Holton Recorder* as the city newspaper. Joe Romans made a motion to appoint the *Holton Recorder* as the city newspaper. Justin Faulkner seconded, motion carried.

Leonard Allen made a motion to appoint Dennis Reiling as the municipal court judge. Larry Valdez seconded, motion carried.

Leonard Allen made a motion appoint Denison State Bank as the city bank. Justin Faulkner seconded, motion carried.

Joe Romans made a motion to continue with Larry Valdez as Chief of Sewer. Justin Faulkner seconded, motion carried.

Joe Romans made a motion to continue with Becky McClane over the parks. Justin Faulkner seconded, motion carried.

Joe Romans made a motion to continue with Leonard Allen over the police department and as council president. Larry Valdez seconded, motion carried.

Leonard Allen made a motion to continue with Joe Romans over the street department. Larry Valdez seconded, motion carried.

Joe Romans made a motion to continue with Justin Faulkner over the water department. Larry Valdez seconded, motion carried.

Chief of Police Dan Wentling provided the monthly police report. Wentling reported seizure money was used to purchase battery sticks for the hand held radar and is also looking to purchase digital cameras for the officers.

Wentling provided an update on the recent UTV inspections and reported renewals are now due. The next inspection is scheduled for May 11 from 3-5 pm.

Becky McClane reported she's been trying to connect with Felix DeToro to discuss flowers for the city sign at 1st and 214. She would also like to have the girl scouts help with some projects at the park.

Joe Romans asked about the status of the income surveys done by GAS for grant purposes. The clerk will follow up with Garrett Nordstrom.

Justin Faulkner asked about the status of the copper lead questionnaires. It was reported around 65% returned the first round of forms. A second letter will be sent to those that have not responded.

Joe Romans made a motion to pay bills. Leonard Allen seconded, motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Shawna Blackwood
City Clerk