

RNR Hearing

September 5, 2023

The Hoyt City Council met for the Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing on September 5, 2023.

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

Mayor Robert Bell called the hearing to order at 7:01 p.m. There were no public comments and no council discussion.

Joe Romans made a motion to close the RNR hearing. Larry Valdez seconded, motion carried.

Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing closed at 7:02 p.m.

Shawna Blackwood
City Clerk

Budget Hearing

September 5, 2023

The Hoyt City Council met for the 2024 Budget Hearing on September 5, 2023.

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

Mayor Robert Bell called the hearing to order at 7:03 p.m. There were no public comments and no council discussion. Justin Faulkner made a motion to close the budget hearing. Larry Valdez seconded, motion carried.

Budget Hearing closed at 7:04 p.m.

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City Clerk

Regular Meeting

September 5, 2023

The Hoyt City Council met in regular session September 5, 2023.

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

Mayor Bell called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

It was noted there was no public comment on the RNR Hearing or Budget Hearing.

Joe Romans made a motion to approve the 2024 Budget. Larry Valdez seconded. A Roll Call Vote was done to approve the 2024 Budget. Governing body members Leonard Allen voted yes, Larry Valdez voted yes, Joe Romans voted yes, Becky McClane voted yes and Justin Faulkner voted yes.

Council was previously provided minutes from the August 1, 2023 council meeting. Justin Faulkner made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 1, 2023 council meeting. Joe Romans seconded, motion carried.

Kenny Bryan appeared to provide an update on sewer pumps. It was reported the pump on Eighth Street is having issues. A company will be coming this week to evaluate the problem. Pumps on Holt Circle are working.

Bryan reported he is flooding the water tower due to low chlorine levels. He believes this is due to the recent high temperatures. He will continue flooding until the level is at the recommended level. Bryan reported a KDHE representative was coming for the city's water inspection tomorrow.

Bryan reported he had another company bid the mini split for the garage. The previous bid submitted by Kaw Area Electric was \$6,748. The current bid includes two different options: Bosch mini split in the amount of \$4,833 and Mitsubishi mini split in the amount of \$5,241. Bryan noted an electrician was contacted and would be installing the necessary electrical work for the garage system soon. Bryan hopes to start work on the insulation for the garage next week.

Bryan reported the grapple for the tractor had been ordered from Hoffman's Welding. It was noted it may be 6-8 weeks before it could be completed and installed.

Bryan reported an update on the golf cart. It worked well at the tractor pull but possibly got overheated after using it during the really hot weather on Pride of Hoyt Days. It stopped

working on his way to the water tower, but it did start again the next day and is currently at the city shop.

Bryan reported the tractor pull went really well. Pride of Hoyt Days attendance numbers were down because of the extreme heat.

The city clerk reported a permit application for a garage and deck had been approved by Paul Crawford for 402 Annetta Ave. The work on the deck has started.

Leonard Allen discussed have a contract for the large events at the park. He provided a draft agreement for the city attorney to review. The agreement would set out guidelines for individuals or groups that put on large events at the park. Hendricks will review and make his recommendations for next month.

To follow up on the question from last month regarding the low amount of the special highway fund, it was noted the budget went down so much because the City spent all the money in that fund in 2023. So, there is not the cash available in that fund for a larger budget. The only revenue source for that fund is the special highway tax. The budget is going to be limited to that revenue source unless funds are carried forward from year to year.

Joe Romans discussed the email that was sent regarding the SEED grant. It was noted we would not be eligible since it was only for counties under 5,000 in population.

The city attorney provided an update on the Neighborhood Revitalization Act. After discussion and questions, Joe Romans made a motion to allow the Mayor to sign the interlocal agreement. Justin Faulkner seconded, motion carried.

Mayor Bell asked about the status of returning the second set of lead and copper questionnaires. The clerk can put together numbers on those who returned the questionnaires for next month.

Joe Romans discussed the status of the income survey for grant purposes. The update from last month was there were 25 homes left to respond. There has been no new update since that time. The attorney will touch base with Mr. Nordstrom with Governmental Assistance Services to get an update.

Leonard Allen discussed the request from Hoyt resident Suzanne Rawlings to proclaim September 8th as Lissencephaly Awareness Day. Larry Valdez made a motion to make September 8th Lissencephaly Awareness Day. Joe Romans seconded, motion carried.

Council again discussed the bids for the systems for the garage. Joe Romans made a motion to approve the bid in the amount of \$5,241 for the Mitsubishi mini split. Justin Faulkner seconded, motion carried.

The city attorney had nothing additional to report.

The city clerk presented the monthly financial report from the accountant.

The clerk discussed a question to plant an additional memorial tree in the park. Council approved the request and asked that the person coordinate planting of the tree with Kenny Bryan. The clerk also asked for an update on the procedure if the memorial trees dies as it was noted at least two of the trees previously planted had died. Council asked to get an inventory of the trees and approximate costs for replacing those trees and could discuss further next month.

The clerk asked for permission to be gone from next month's meeting. Council approved and the city attorney said he can take the meeting minutes.

Mayor discussed the Pride of Hoyt event and the parade.

Chief of Police Dan Wentling gave the monthly police report. Wentling noted no issues with the tractor pull or Pride of Hoyt.

Becky McClane had nothing additional to report on parks.

Joe Romans noted with the special highway fund depleted street projects are currently on hold.

Justin Faulkner asked for an update on the estimate for the repair the basketball court. It was reported Kenny Bryan has not received a call back yet regarding getting an estimate.

A status update for the community building was provided.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Shawna Blackwood
City Clerk