

The Hoyt City Council met in regular session on July 2, 2024.

Present were Mayor Bob Bell, council members Leonard Allen, Joe Romans, Larry Valdez, Becky McClane and Debbie Dreasher. Also present were city accountant Matt Deutsch, Kadyn Pugh, Amy Klotz, Dwayne Hug, Chance Hug and Chief of Police Dan Wentling.

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

Council was previously provided minutes from the June 4, 2024 council meeting for review. Joe Romans made a motion to accept the minutes from the June 4, 2024 council meeting. Larry Valdez seconded, motion carried.

Dwayne and Chance Hug appeared to provide an update on the large tractor pull event on August 2, 2024. The event will be held at the city park to begin at 7 pm. It was noted Haymakers was available to provide a beer garden at the event. Becky McClane discussed making an exception for that day for unregistered UTVs in town. Becky McClane made a motion to allow untagged UTVs to drive in Hoyt from noon to midnight on August 2, 2024. Joe Romans seconded, motion carried. Leonard Allen made a motion to allow beer gardens at each end of the event during event hours at the park on August 2, 2024. Joe Romans seconded, motion carried. Mayor Bell asked about additional vendors for the event. Those interested should reach out to Dwayne or Chance Hug. After discussing estimated pricing, Larry Valdez made a motion add an additional dumpster for the August 2, 2024 event, similar to the one already at the community building. Joe Romans seconded, motion carried.

Kadyn Pugh appeared to provide an update the floor project at the community building he is doing for his Eagle Scout project. He has met with Kenny Bryan regarding the project and Bryan is good with moving forward. The community building will be blocked off the weekend of August 31st for the first round of the project and also the weekend of October 19, 2024 to finish the project.

Amy Klotz with Pride of Hoyt appeared to discuss the event. The event will be the weekend of August 24, 2024 this year. Klotz anticipates it will be similar to the last year's event. Any interested vendors can contact her or reach out via their Facebook page. The city will provide portable restrooms, insurance and trash containers for the event. Council discussed UTVs for this event. After discussion, Leonard Allen made a motion to exempt Pride of Hoyt organizers from the UTV rules on August 24, 2024. Debbie Dreasher seconded, motion carried. Kenny Bryan will be asked to check on the sand for the sand volleyball tournament. Klotz asked about a donation for the event. After discussion, Leonard Allen made a motion to donate \$2,000 to Pride of Hoyt for the event. Larry Valdez seconded, motion carried. Klotz completed and submitted the event permit application for the event.

Matt Deutsch presented the monthly financial report and presented a draft 2025 budget for discussion. Accountant discussed remaining expenses for 2024. Council discussed the prepayment on the sewer loan. Deutsch noted it would be better to budget the prepayment for 2025. Council discussed providing notice to the Jackson County clerk the city may exceed the RNR. Leonard Allen made a motion to approve a Resolution and give notice to the county clerk the city may exceed the RNR. Joe Romans seconded, motion carried.

The clerk reported the fence permit for 301 Central Avenue had been approved by Paul Crawford.

Becky McClane discussed looking into asphalt washing out at the corner of Fifth and Highland. The area started having issues after a water line repair in the area.

Leonard Allen made a motion to enter executive session for five minutes for security discussion pursuant to the security of public body or agency exemption to include the city clerk and Chief of Police. Joe Romans seconded, motion carried.

Council exited executive session.

City clerk relayed a question regarding opening the community building during excessive heat for those that do not have air conditioning. Council stated it would only be open for this purpose if it a declared excessive heat warning was in place.

Mayor Bell asked for clarification on serving on the city council. To serve on the council, you must be a resident of the city. Owning a business in the city but living outside of city limits does qualify you to serve on the city council.

Mayor Bell asked for clarification on why the city building is closed. It was noted the building is not closed to the public, but open by appointment only.

Chief of Police Dan Wentling gave the monthly police report. No issues were reported. Wentling noted the additional officer position has still not been filled and approximately four additional people have registered their UTV.

Debbie Dreasher reported on parks. Dreasher plans to get in touch with Kenny Bryan on what needs done and will reach out to the Ag students/teacher at the high school for help and ideas once she begins work back at the school.

Joe Romans reported on streets. The consensus was to let the special highway fund build up again and then start looking at larger street repair projects. Romans also reported the animal control officer (Kiely) had reported alleys needing repair work as her car bottoms out when she is doing animal patrol in those areas. The city clerk reported this had been reported to Kenny Bryan. He is waiting on additional gravel before additional areas can be repaired. Romans noted he will meet with Kiely again and Kenny Bryan to make sure everything has been addressed.

Larry Valdez reported on sewer. It was noted the sewer ponds had been hayed per the request approved by the council at a previous meeting. Also, Kenny Bryan had burned one of the brush piles by the ponds and there were currently no issues with the sewer pumps.

Becky McClane reported on water. Approximately 20 of the new meters have been installed. The clerk is still working with the billing software company to get those accounts properly set up so training with the meter company can be done.

City clerk reported needing to update the franchise agreement with Evergy. Leonard Allen read through the details of the proposed franchise Ordinance. Larry Valdez made a motion to approve Ordinance 363 granting Evergy an electric franchise. Joe Romans seconded, motion carried.

Council discussed the work done at the curve at 4th and Eastern. Guard rails were recently installed. Any additional work on the north side will be on hold until the fall.

Becky McClane made a motion to pay bills. Larry Valdez seconded, motion carried.

Debbie Dreasher made a motion to adjourn. Joe Romans seconded, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Shawna Blackwood
City Clerk