

The Hoyt City Council met in special session on March 19, 2025.

Present were Mayor Bob Bell, council members Leonard Allen, Debbie Dreasher, Joe Romans, Larry Valdez and Becky McClane. Also present were Tom Barnes and Kenny Bryan.

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

Kenny Bryan appeared to discuss the bids received from Foley Equipment for the city building generator. The repair bid is \$2,881.98. The cost of a new generator is \$3,016.87 (this does not include installation). If the new generator bid is approved, Kenny Bryan will need to find an electrician to do the install. After discussion, Joe Romans made a motion to approve installing a new generator at the city building and the bid in the amount of \$3016.87 from Foley Equipment. Debbie Dreasher seconded, motion carried.

Kenny Bryan reported the 4H Building in the park had been damaged by winds recently and then completely knocked down by winds again on the previous Friday. An insurance claim has been filed. Bryan discussed the insurance replacement costs and whether the new build needed to have engineer stamped approval. Tom Barnes reported since it would not be a living structure (place where people will be living), it did not need the engineer stamped approval. Bryan discussed the bid process. Becky McClane did have an estimate from Change Hug in the amount of \$11,000 for demo and removal. Bryan will work on getting complete demolition and removal bids for the building.

Joe Romans asked about the status of getting the sand/salt mixture he had discussed with Kenny Bryan previously. Bryan had not yet had a chance to see if the mixture was still available. Debbie Dreasher made a motion to approve purchasing up to \$1,000 for the salt/sand salt mixture if still available. Joe Romans seconded, motion carried.

Tom Barnes with Stumbo Hanson appeared to discuss representing the city as Caleb Hitz has left the firm. Mr. Barnes will not be available on the first Tuesday of the month for court and city meetings. Council is able to move the dates to the third Wednesday of the month to accommodate his schedule. Council discussed the process for doing this. Larry Valdez made a motion to appoint Tom Barnes as the city attorney. Joe Romans seconded, motion carried. Council will still have their regular meeting on April 1st. At that meeting, they can pass the necessary Ordinance to change the meeting dates to the third Wednesday. The May meeting will be May 21, 2025. Clerk discussed the payroll schedule. Mr. Barnes reported payroll can still be processed at the first of the month as normal.

Council discussed the CDBG (community development block grant) contract with the attorney.

Debbie Dreasher made a motion to approve the grant agreement between the Department of Commerce and the City of Hoyt relating to the sidewalk project. Joe Romans seconded, motion carried.

The city clerk had previously sent the council and attorney policies from Sara Waggoner with Governmental Assistance Services that are required for the grant project.

Debbie Dreasher made a motion to approve the Code of Conduct Policy for the City of Hoyt. Larry Valdez seconded, motion carried.

Larry Valdez made a motion to approve the Hoyt, KS Procurement Procedure Policy. Debbie Dreasher seconded, motion carried.

Debbie Dreasher made a motion to approve the Hoyt, KS Official Procedures for Civil Rights Complaints. Joe Romans seconded, motion carried.

Council discussed the bidding procedure for the sidewalk project.

Leonard Allen reported the HUD complaint filed by DeAnna Elikier had been dismissed.

Leonard Allen relayed that the silver police car was at the repair shop for maintenance. There were some repairs needed that Chief of Police Wentling had approved that were over the \$500 expense approval limit. Joe Romans made a motion to ratify the police car repair costs exceeding \$500. Leonard Allen seconded, motion carried.

Council discussed increasing the expense approval cost for Kenny Bryan and Chief of Police. Debbie Dreasher made a motion to increase the expense approval cost for Kenny Bryan and Chief of Police from \$500 to \$1,000. Joe Romans seconded, motion carried.

Council discussed with the attorney the grant money awarded for the sidewalk project. This money will be coded to the General Fund.

Joe Romans and council discussed the proposed engineering contract from SMH Consultants and the comment made by Mr. Kurtz at the Stumbo Hanson firm. Mr. Barnes stated those comments made by Mr. Kurtz could be sent directly to SMH for review. Mr. Barnes noted if those changes could be made council could approve the contract as to form only at the April 1st council meeting. Or, they could attend the May 21st meeting when Mr. Barnes would be present.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Shawna Blackwood
City Clerk