

The Hoyt City Council met in regular session on June 18, 2025.

Present were council members Joe Romans, Larry Valdez, Rebecca McClane and Leonard Allen. Mayor Robert Bell and council member Debbie Dreasher were absent. Also present were Kenny Bryan, Bob Ehrhart, Dwayne Hug, Joe Sessel, city attorney Tom Barnes, Jeremy Andrews, Dan Wentling and Chief of Police Adam Schafer.

Council member Leonard Allen will be acting president of the council for this meeting.

Acting Council President Leonard Allen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Council was previously provided minutes from the May 21, 2025 meeting. Larry Valdez made a motion to approve the May 21, 2025 minutes. Joe Romans seconded, motion carried.

Joe Sessel appeared to discuss his interest in having a tiny home development, possibly in Hoyt city limits. Council and attorney discussed zoning regulations. Mr. Sessel has no location yet for the development, just wanted to get thoughts and answer any questions from council at this time. Kenny Bryan mentioned the only area that would likely be large enough for the project did not have utilities at this time. Council asked Mr. Sessel to return when he has a location and a proposal for the project.

Dwayne Hug appeared to discuss the large tractor pull event on August 1, 2025. Hug is asking for permission to have the event which will be the same as last year's event. Council was in agreement with having the event in the park again on this date. Hug is looking to do a beer tent again but does not have that finalized yet. Hug asked if the council would contribute half toward the cost of the portable toilets. Joe Romans made a motion to contribute 50% toward the cost of portable toilets for the event at a cost not to exceed \$375. Larry Valdez seconded, motion carried.

Kenny Bryan appeared to discuss recent sewer line breaks and needed repairs. It was discovered a sewer service line had been hit during boring by a contractor for the fiber being placed by Cox Communications at 601 Eastern. The area had been videoed and the break was discovered. The break was repaired by Ehrhart Excavating. The break may have caused backup which has caused damage to the home at this address. The damage has been turned into the homeowner's insurance company. The at fault party is still under investigation. The cost of the sewer service line repair and the videoing by Ehrhart Excavating has been paid and will be submitted for reimbursement. Bob Ehrhart discussed having a list of all subcontractors that do work in the city and keeping a record of dates of water or sewer line breaks and repairs. After the incident at 601 Eastern Avenue, Kenny Bryan had other sewer lines videoed and found a break at 105 W Second. Bryan had asked Ehrhart Excavating to submit a bid for this repair. The cost of this repair is \$6,469, the cost of asphalt patching is \$5,500. Joe Romans made a motion to approve the cost submitted by Ehrhart Excavating for the repair and asphalt patching for this address at a cost not to exceed \$12,000. Larry Valdez seconded, motion carried. Kenny Bryan discussed patching needed in other areas of town after water line repairs. Council discussed holding off on

the patching at 105 W Second and doing all the patching at once. In addition to the break at 105 W Second, Ehrhart discussed the cracks in sewer lines found at 105 W Third and 104 W Third (this was also discussed at the May meeting). Council still intends on monitoring these areas before making any decisions on repair.

Joe Romans said he would do research on technology for locating utility lines.

Council and attorney discussed the status of 104 Highland Avenue. The steps necessary to condemn dangerous and unsafe structures was discussed. Attorney Tom Barnes stated his firm ordered an informational title report for this address and discussed those findings. A report of Public Officer had been submitted regarding the property. The next step is to pass a Resolution setting the matter for hearing asking for the owners to appear to discuss why the structure should not be condemned and ordered repaired or demolished. The hearing in this regard will be August 20, 2025 at 6:45 p.m. Mr. Barnes read the Resolution that will need to be passed setting the matter for hearing. Joe Romans made a motion to pass Resolution 2025-1 Regarding the Condition of Property at 104 Highland Avenue and Scheduling Hearing Relating to Such Property. Larry Valdez seconded, motion carried.

Rebecca McClane asked about the donation amount for Pride of Hoyt. This will be discussed with the accountant at next month's meeting.

It was noted Hoffman Brother's Welding has began work on the new building structure at the park.

Council discussed the ordinance relating to changing the speed limit around the curve at 4<sup>th</sup> and Eastern Avenue to 20 mph. Joe Romans made a motion to approve Ordinance 369 changing the speed limit to 20 mph around the curve at Fourth Street and Eastern Avenue with an amendment to include 825 feet for the distance on the westbound lane and southbound lane in Section 1. Larry Valdez seconded, motion carried.

City clerk discussed a request by the property owner at 506 HWY 214 to waive sewer charges due to a faulty sprinkler system. The clerk stated the amount over the average sewer charges was \$68.57 for this customer. Joe Romans made a motion to waive \$68.57 from the sewer charges for the customer at this address on his recent water bill. Larry Valdez seconded, motion carried.

Clerk presented the monthly financial report from the accountant.

Clerk presented bid from ATC Accounting Services to perform the 2023 and 2024 audits. The 2023 cost is \$4,600; the 2024 cost is \$4,900. Larry Valdez made a motion to approve the bid from ATC Accounting to perform the 2023 and 2024 audits for Hoyt. Joe Romans seconded, motion carried.

Chief of Police Adam Schafer gave the monthly police report. Council member Rebecca McClane asked if the officers could note the time they arrive and leave on their time sheets with the hours. There was no new update relating to the new car.

There was nothing to report on parks. There was nothing additional to report on streets or sewer. Larry Valdez stated had inspected the community building and noted one of the fridges and the deep freezer needed to be defrosted and cleaned.

There was nothing to report on water.

Leonard Allen made a motion to enter executive session for non elected personnel discussion for fifteen minutes to include the city clerk, city attorney, Chief Schafer and Dan Wentling. Joe Romans seconded, motion carried.

Council exited executive session.

Joe Romans made a motion that the code enforcement officer and court clerk for Hoyt will be a salaried position in the amount of \$20,000/year and the Chief of Police position as a patrolling Chief will be salaried in the amount of \$32,967/year. Dan Wentling will be the code enforcement officer and court clerk and Adam Schafer is the Chief of Police.

Joe Romans made a motion to pay bills. Rebecca McClane seconded, motion carried.

Joe Romans made a motion to adjourn. Rebecca McClane seconded, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Shawna Blackwood  
City Clerk