

The Hoyt City Council met in regular session on August 20, 2025.

Present were Mayor Robert Bell, council members Joe Romans, Larry Valdez, Rebecca McClane, Debbie Dreasher and Leonard Allen. Also present were Brian Foster with BG Consultants, city attorney Tom Barnes and Chief of Police Adam Schafer.

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

Council was previously provided minutes from the July 16, 2025 meeting. Joe Romans made a motion to approve the July 16, 2025 minutes as presented. Larry Valdez seconded, motion carried.

Brian Foster with BG Consultants appeared before the council to discuss the proposed design contract relating to the water line replacements identified during the copper lead line inventory process required by KDHE. Council discussed the process and timeline of the project. It was noted the loan agreement from KDHE has not been approved by the council yet. After discussion, Joe Romans made a motion to approve the design agreement from BG Consultants contingent on legal review and loan approval from KDHE. Larry Valdez seconded, motion carried. After review of the contract, city attorney was in agreement with the council approving the contract. City clerk presented the loan documents from KDHE relating to this project. City attorney read the Ordinance relating to loan approval. Joe Romans made a motion to approve as read Ordinance 372 Authorizing the Execution of a Loan Agreement between KDHE and the City of Hoyt for the Purpose of Financing a Water Supply Project. Larry Valdez seconded, motion carried. Council discussed the source of revenue for repayment of such loan. This can be discussed further with the accountant when the time comes.

Clerk noted a permit for a demolishing an old garage and building a new garage at 116 W Second had been presented and approved by Paul Crawford.

Rebecca McClane discussed the county road department wanting an agreement in writing regarding maintenance on Eastern/S Road. The agreement would reflect the city will maintain the road from the intersection of 1st and Eastern/S Road north to Burnett Street and the county will maintain the road from the same intersection south. The city attorney will draft a memorandum of understanding for review to reflect this agreement. .

Debbie Dreasher discussed the status of the fire hydrant replacement bid discussed last month. Joe Romans presented a bid from Ehrhart Excavating for replacement of the hydrant and moving the hydrant across the street in the amount of \$11,105 at Fifth and Eastern. The prior agreement made between the city and the fire board was that the city would replace the first hydrant on the list of needed replacements and the city and fire board would split the cost of the remaining hydrants. As this cost also involves moving the hydrant, this would need to be revisited with the fire board to see if they are in agreement with splitting this additional cost before making a decision on the bid from Ehrhart Excavating.

It was noted the roof at the 4H building in the park has been installed and the building is finished.

Joe Romans also stated he had discussed with Hoffman's the status of the flag pole in the park discussed at a prior meeting and they were not aware of the project. As such, Romans asked for a bid for installation of a flag pole at the park. Romans also discussed the information he had received regarding military equipment display in the park.

Relating to a motion made at last month's meeting relating to transferring funds to a CD, the city clerk asked for confirmation on what account the money should be transferred from, the main operating account or the money market account. Debbie Dreasher made a motion to transfer the funds from the money market account to a 6 month CD. Larry Valdez seconded, motion carried.

Joe Romans presented information on the animal control training program. He found a 20 hour online course for new animal control officers. Council discussed at length the animal control officer position, including wage, necessity, vehicle options and equipment. After discussion, Debbie Dreasher made a motion to advertise for an animal control position offering at this time \$12.50/hr at an average of 20 hours per month. Leonard Allen seconded, motion carried.

City attorney noted the documents for approval of the KDHE loan were marked and ready to go. After gathering the appropriate signatures, the approved documents can be sent to KDHE.

City clerk discussed a request by RVHS Boosters to use the community building for a fundraiser event similar to last year. The event will be February 7, 2026. Larry Valdez made a motion to allow the RVHS Boosters to use the building on February 7, 2026 at no cost. Rebecca McClane seconded, motion carried.

City clerk presented advertising options from RVHS Yearbook staff. Debbie Dreasher made a motion to approve a \$50 ad for the RVHS Yearbook. Larry Valdez seconded, motion carried.

City clerk presented the pre-buy contract from Prairie Band Propane. Debbie Dreasher made a motion to approve prepaying for 2500 gallons at a cost of \$1.63/gallon. Joe Romans seconded, motion carried.

City clerk noted the audit process has started for 2023 and 2024. Mayor Bell can sign the engagement letters as the council previously approved ATC Accounting doing the audit work for 2023 and 2024.

Mayor Bell noted the tractor pull event went smoothly and there were no issues. It was noted there was not a beer garden as the request for a permit was not made in time to receive the necessary license from the state.

Chief Adam Schafer provided the monthly police report. Schafer started off by thanking the mayor for donation of the file cabinets for the police office and evidence room. Schafer noted he had attended the National Night Out in Jackson County and it was a positive experience. Leonard Allen stated the Chief had spoke with him about the school expanding their property boundaries, some of which are now outside city limits. As such, the city may want to look at annexing that portion so Hoyt PD has jurisdiction when needed. Debbie Dreasher will discuss this with the superintendent.

Debbie Dreasher discussed still wanting to speak with the high school ag teacher about having students help with park projects and maintenance. Dreasher also stated she had heard from Sharon Gabriel who used to volunteer at the park about the bathrooms needing repainted. This can be done at a future date. Council discussed other possible park projects for students.

There was nothing additional to report on streets. There was nothing to report on sewer or water. Larry Valdez reported he had checked the community building today and everything looked good.

Joe Romans made a motion to pay bills. Debbie Dreasher 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