

The Hoyt City Council met in regular session on April 15, 2026

Present were Mayor Robert Bell and council members Leonard Allen, Debbie Dreasher and Rebecca McClane. Council members Larry Valdez and Joe Romans were absent. Also present were city attorney Tom Barnes, Chief of Police Adam Schafer, Brian Foster (BG Consultants), Dan Sullivan (BG Consultants) and Kenny Bryan.

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

Council was previously provided minutes from the March 18, 2026 regular meeting. Leonard Allen made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 18, 2026 regular meeting. Debbie Dreasher seconded, motion carried.

Dan Sullivan and Brian Foster provide an update on the water line replacement (copper/lead) project. The next steps include getting temporary easements for the necessary properties. The attorney and Western Consultants will assist in this process. Kenny Bryan and the engineering firm will meet to discuss the plans for the replacement project.

Kenny Bryan discussed a bid received from RJ Construction for filling cracks and overlay of the city building parking lot and community building parking lot. The quoted cost for the city building parking lot was \$2,300 and the cost for the community building parking lot was \$4,000. Council discussed only doing the city building parking lot at this time. Debbie Dreasher made a motion to approve the cost of \$2,300 from RJ Construction to overlay and fill cracks for the city building parking lot. Leonard Allen seconded, motion carried.

Kenny Bryan provided a quote from Schulte Supply for purchasing additional radio read meters. The cost is \$310/meter. Bryan would like to purchase an additional 25-50 depending on funds. The city clerk will check with the accountant on the amount the city would be able to purchase at this time.

Kenny Bryan discussed hiring summer help for upkeep at the park and has a candidate interested in the position. Debbie Dreasher made a motion to hire Kennedy Bryan at \$20/hr for no more than 20 hours per month from May through August. Leonard Allen seconded, motion carried.

City clerk discussed that she had been contacted by a property owner about donating a gazebo on their property to the City. After discussion with council and Kenny Bryan, the council decided to decline the donation of the gazebo.

It was noted a fence permit for 107 W Second Street was approved by Paul Crawford.

City attorney reported an update on the easements needed for the sidewalk project.

It was reported the spring cleanup event was successful. The remaining dumpsters should be removed this week.

In old business, the city clerk noted she had reached out to two surveyors to get estimated costs on establishing a south property line from the elementary school parking lot for possible annexation of school property into the city discussed previously. The clerk has not received cost information at the time of the meeting. Chief Schafer at this time noted Joe Romans had met with Superintendent Davis regarding the annexation proposal. Instead of involving a surveyor to create a new property line, the city could extend west of the existing property line further south to the west existing property line. Romans can provide more information at the next meeting.

City clerk reported she had received a cost of \$4,900 from ATC Accounting for 2025 audit services. Debbie Dreasher made a motion to approve ATC Accounting providing audit services for 2025 in the amount of \$4,900. Rebecca McClane seconded, motion carried.

City clerk stated she had been contacted by John Coleman asking about the status of his proposed senior living housing project on Eighth Street. The council noted the ball was in his court. They recommended that he follow up with Paul Crawford regarding the setbacks for parking, etc for his project. If those are sufficient, the next step would be to move forward with rezoning the property.

City clerk discussed providing cell phones for the animal control officer, court clerk and possibly maintenance, as the plan costs decrease with additional lines. Debbie Dreasher made a motion to approve a phone for up to three employees. Leonard Allen seconded, motion carried.

City clerk discussed the donation request letter received from the Fire Department for the annual Firework Celebration held on July 3. Clerk will discuss with accountant first on what amount the city could donate.

Chief of Police Adam Schafer provided the monthly police report. It was noted the one of PBT had been repaired for \$270. The other one is now also now malfunctioning. Schafer will be sending that one in for repair. Schafer reported Officer Williams had attended the police academy in Hutchinson for two weeks and that is now completed. Schafer discussed a possible parking option to help alleviate the parking concerns previously discussed relating to parking for Haymakers Bar & Grill customers. Schafer discussed the police activity for the month.

Debbie Dreasher had nothing additional to report on parks. There was nothing to report on sewer, streets or water.

Debbie Dreasher made a motion to pay bills. Rebecca McClane seconded, motion carried.

Debbie Dreasher made a motion to adjourn. Rebecca McClane seconded, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Shawna Blackwood
City Clerk