

The Hoyt City Council met in special session to continue their regular meeting from May 20, 2026.

Present were Mayor Robert Bell and council members Debbie Dreasher, Larry Valdez, Joe Romans and Rebecca McClane. Council member Leonard Allen was absent. Also present were city attorney Tom Barnes, Todd Anderson (SMH Consultants), Garrett Nordstrom with Western Consultants, Matt Deutsch (city accountant), Laurie Moody and Kenny Bryan.

Mayor Robert Bell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Laurie Moody appeared to discuss the easement documents she received relating to the sidewalk project. There was some changes needed as it did not include both her properties. Tom Barnes worked with her to make the necessary changes and she will get those signed and returned.

Joe Romans noted he had the legal descriptions needed for annexation of the school property discussed at the last meeting.

Romans reported he had delivered and/or mailed all the easement packets to the necessary property owners.

Garrett Nordstrom discussed with the council the lower bid received on the sidewalk project and the financing information he had received. After the grants funds, he discussed with the council asking for \$125,000 (includes a cushion) for their share of the costs for the sidewalk project. He had reached out to Denison State Bank and to move forward with this they asked for loan placement through General Obligation (GO) Bonds. This will necessitate using a bond attorney to complete this process. Nordstrom provided terms from the bank of \$16,000/year for a ten year loan, \$12,000/year for a 12 year loan or \$9,500/year for a 20 year loan. Matt Deutsch discussed options with the council. Council discussed the best option at this point would be the 20 year loan. Deutsch stated council will need to tighten other expenses and will likely need to increase the mill levy to cover this additional payment.

Debbie Dreasher made a motion to approve financing of up to \$125,000 through Denison State Bank with placement through GO Bonds with interest not to exceed 5% conditioned upon bond approval. Joe Romans seconded, motion carried. Nordstrom stated he will follow up with Denison State Bank and reach out to bond counsel to get the process started.

Debbie Dreasher made a motion to approve the base bid of \$659,102 from Inline Construction for the sidewalk project. Joe Romans seconded, motion carried.

Council discussed the costs of a bond attorney. It was estimated the cost will be approximately \$7,500.

City clerk stated she has not heard anything further about the beer garden for the tractor pull on July 31, 2026. Paperwork will need to be submitted to the state to proceed with this so the event organizer will need to get moving on this very soon.

Council discussed with Deutsch needing to start the budget process. The accountant can provide a rough draft of the budget for review once the budget information from the county clerk is received.

Debbie Dreasher relayed a discussion with Fire Chief Andrews regarding finding someone that could potentially repair (instead of replace) the fire hydrants discussed previously. He will work on getting additional information to present to the council.

Larry Valdez made a motion to adjourn. Joe Romans seconded, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Shawna Blackwood
City Clerk