

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Bruce Armstrong at 7:00 p.m. in the Haysville Municipal Building, 200 West Grand Avenue.

Roll was taken by Recording Secretary Ginger Cullen: Kessler here, Walters here, Rardin here, Ewert here, Benner here, Parton here, Crum here, Thompson here.

Invocation was given by Pastor John Meadows of the Christian Chapel Foursquare Church.

Mayor Bruce Armstrong led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Before moving on in the Agenda, Mayor Bruce Armstrong stated social distancing was being observed in the meeting, and encouraged anyone present who felt more comfortable wearing a mask to do so.

Under Presentation and Approval of Minutes, Mayor Bruce Armstrong presented for approval the Minutes of June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020.

Motion by Parton – Second by Rardin

I'll make a motion we accept the minutes of June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020.

Kessler yea, Walters yea, Rardin yea, Ewert abstain, Benner yea, Parton yea, Crum yea, Thompson yea.

Motion declared carried.

Under Citizens to be Heard, Mayor Bruce Armstrong advised there were no citizens wishing to speak who signed up in advance, but those citizens present who wished to speak would have the opportunity later in the meeting.

There were no Licenses or Bonds for Approval.

There were no Ordinances or Resolutions.

Under Notices and Communications, Mayor Bruce Armstrong called for Governing Body Announcements. Councilperson Steve Crum advised planning guidelines for the next school year is currently underway, and parents should have more information by August 1<sup>st</sup>. He also discussed the meal program from USD 261, advising breakfast and lunch are being served Monday through Thursday at Nelson Elementary, Haysville Middle School, and Campus High School. He discussed library information and gave details about the 40<sup>th</sup> annual citywide garage sale, as well as updates for Haysville Healthy Habits. Mayor Armstrong reviewed upcoming events at the Senior Center, how seniors can receive farmers market vouchers and advised that paperless commodities distribution would again occur.

Under Notices and Communications, Mayor Bruce Armstrong a Communication with River Forest 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition HOA Regarding Traffic Calming, an Email from Cox Communications Regarding COVID-19 Update, and an Email from Cox Communications Regarding Network Contract Negotiations.

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There was no Old Business.

Under Other Business, Mayor Bruce Armstrong introduced Presentation of 2021 Proposed Budget. Chief Administrative Officer Will Black gave an overview of the proposed 2021 budget, advising the mill levy was scheduled to be reduced by .641 mills. He reviewed mill levy composition and the City's valuation impact on the mill rate. Black reviewed sales tax collection figures, and advised those monthly revenues have held steady. He stated 50% of revenue would be allocated to streets, with 40% for recreation and 10% for parks. He advised the 2021 budget proposed re-funding a Public Works Coordinator position that is currently unfilled. He discussed employee pay increases, advising a satisfactory review related step increase would be given in 2020, and a Cost of Living Adjustment was planned to occur in 2021. Black spoke regarding debt service, anticipated capital expenditures, and he recommended increasing the 2021 targeted reserve carryover from \$300,000.00 to \$500,000.00. Black reviewed upcoming steps in the budget process and stood for questions from Council. Councilperson Janet Parton asked about a big jump in personnel services for the City Clerk's department. Black advised that since approximately 2008, a portion of payroll for utility-related City Clerk staff had been paid from the water and wastewater funds, but the City is in a position to move that payroll expense back to the Clerk's department. Councilperson Steve Crum stated he would ask line item-specific questions at another time, but did inquire about increased budgets for contractual services, specifically citing the Police Department and the Senior Center. Black advised the Senior Center and other Administrative Services functions had some changes relating to how they were budgeted, with minimal increase to the budget's actual bottom line. Crum went on to discuss having teleservices re-bid every three years. Black advised the ten year history for those services has shown a marked decrease that he was satisfied with, but staff could look to re-bid every few years. Councilperson Russ Kessler asked for details relating to the targeted reserve, and whether there was a limit on the dollar amount allowed in the reserve. Black advised that the goal is to not spend from the reserve at all, with the intent that the funds would be there in the event of catastrophic need. Black went on to advise that an ideal amount of a reserve fund would be five percent of the annual operating budget. When there were no more questions from Council, Mayor Armstrong advised that Councilpersons could contact Black individually if they had questions later.

Under Other Business, Mayor Bruce Armstrong introduced Consideration of Shelter at Dorner Park. Mayor Armstrong began by saying an anonymous donor approached the City looking to contribute \$20,000.00 toward the construction of a large park shelter at Dorner Park that could accommodate 100 people. Deputy Administrative Officer Georgie Carter went on to review details of desired amenities and bids received, and requested authorization to contract with Fry & Associates for construction of the shelter, at a cost of \$78,107.00 to be paid from the sales tax park fund. Councilperson Steve Crum asked for clarification on the amount requested, and Mayor Armstrong advised the City would pay the full amount for construction, and would then deposit the donated funds.

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Motion by Crum – Second by Benner

I'll make a motion that we approve the contract with Fry & Associates for the purchase and installation of the shelter, total of the project not to exceed \$78,107.00

Kessler yea, Walters yea, Rardin yea, Ewert yea, Benner yea, Parton yea, Crum yea, Thompson yea.

Motion declared carried.

Under Other Business, Mayor Bruce Armstrong introduced Consideration of Proposed Projects. Mayor Armstrong advised that the recent sale of five acres in the industrial complex and the old Activity Center, combined with proceeds from an insurance claim presented the City with a windfall which would provide funds for completion of a few projects without affecting the Capital Improvements budget. Public Works Director Tony Martinez reviewed the proposed projects, which included the installation of antique lighting on north and south Meridian, construction of a Veterans Memorial near the Haysville Community Library, the addition of a five foot sidewalk on west 71<sup>st</sup> Street to Haysville West Middle School, and concrete work in Dorner Park in preparation for additional amenities. Martinez advised three bids were obtained for the proposed projects, and asked for authorization to spend up to \$348,886.70 for the projects. Martinez stated the total amount of the property sales and insurance proceeds was \$349,224.30 and stood for questions from Council. Councilperson Russ Kessler thought he remembered previous discussion about the school district splitting the cost of the proposed sidewalk from Meridian to Haysville West Middle School, and after discussion, it was determined that he may have been thinking of a street widening project that occurred when the Haysville High School complex was built on the south side of 71<sup>st</sup> Street, which USD 261 did help to pay for at the time. Kessler went on to discuss the Veteran's Memorial, asking if the members of Haysville's VFW Post #6957 had been consulted about the plan. Mayor Armstrong stated that the last time he met with representatives from the VFW, he requested ideas of what they may like to see in a memorial, and they never presented anything to him. He advised that the only thing he's heard from the VFW was in reference to the City's initial proposal to place the memorial on Main Street near the Vickers Station. He advised that they did not want the memorial in that location, so the City explored other locations. He advised that the Historic Committee and the Park Board have both given authorization to have the memorial built in this alternate location. Mayor Armstrong advised that once approved, the plan would be shared with the VFW. He went on to say that the original design called for Veterans names to be engraved on bricks and used as a pathway, but the new design calls for names to be on a wall instead. Councilperson Steve Crum asked if consideration had been given to moving the existing memorial from Riggs Park to this area as well. Mayor Armstrong stated he had considered that, but believed moving the large, heavy piece of granite was too risky, and therefore it will remain where it is. Crum stated that he agreed with using the sales proceeds to improve other areas of town, and urged Mayor Armstrong to consider adding a light to the walking path between Rex Elementary and St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, as well as a light on the path to the Chris Elsen Memorial Skate Park, as both places were currently insufficiently lighted. Mayor Armstrong advised that lights in those two areas could probably be added using another funding mechanism.

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Motion by Parton – Second by Rardin

If there's no other questions, I'd like to make a motion we accept the list of improvements for no more than \$348,886.70 from the proceeds of the five acres, HAC, and insurance fund.

Kessler yea, Walters yea, Rardin yea, Ewert yea, Benner yea, Parton yea, Crum yea, Thompson yea.

Motion declared carried.

Under Other Business, Mayor Bruce Armstrong introduced Consideration of Bids for Dewatering Facility. Public Works Director Tony Martinez reviewed details of the request and requested authorization to work with ConCo Construction for the construction of the dewatering facility in the amount of \$927,854.28. He advised this budgeted item would be paid from the wastewater budget.

Motion by Parton – Second by Ewert

I make a motion we accept the bid from ConCo Construction for \$927,854.28 for the dewatering facility.

Kessler yea, Walters yea, Rardin yea, Ewert yea, Benner yea, Parton yea, Crum yea, Thompson yea.

Motion declared carried.

Under Other Business, Mayor Bruce Armstrong introduced Consideration of the Final Plat of the Southern Star Addition to Sedgwick County, Kansas. Mayor Armstrong advised that although the area in question does not fall within Haysville city limits, Haysville Planning Commission was able to review the request because it falls within Haysville's area of influence. Councilperson Steve Crum asked for clarification on wording of the Planning Commission's motion to accept the plat as it relates to the spacing required between access points of the property. Deputy Administrative Officer Georgie Carter advised that the specific wording of the motion was requested by Sedgwick County's engineers. Additional discussion occurred regarding the reason for the plat, location, and easement requests received by property owners in the general vicinity.

Motion by Crum – Second by Rardin

I'll go ahead and make a motion that we approve the Final Plate of the Southern Star Addition to Sedgwick County as presented.

Kessler yea, Walters yea, Rardin yea, Ewert yea, Benner yea, Parton yea, Crum yea, Thompson yea.

Motion declared carried.

Mayor Armstrong asked for Department Reports, advising that Chief Administrative Officer Will Black would be reporting on behalf of all departments in order to reduce the number of people moving about the room.

Chief Administrative Officer Will Black advised there were no announcements from the Administrative Services department. On behalf of City Clerk Janie Cox, Black advised of election news including deadlines for registering to vote and when early voting would

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commence. On behalf of Police Chief Jeff Whitfield, Black advised the visiting officer was Master Police Officer Justin Hehnke. Before Black continued, Mayor Armstrong circled back to the City Clerk's department in order to advise that for the General Election, the Sedgwick County Election Office would be placing a sealed ballot box at City Hall where voters could drop off their ballots if they chose. Black went on to advise that the Police Department's annual National Night Out event would be cancelled. Announcements on behalf of Recreation Director Rob Arneson included the cancellation of a scheduled performance by the Wichita Children's Theatre, as well as the cancellation of July's scheduled "Dive-in Movie Night" at the pool.

There were no Appointments.

Under Off Agenda Citizens to be Heard, Mayor Bruce Armstrong called for **Suzy Sutton of 349 W. Kay Avenue** to speak regarding the River Forest Home Owners Association. Ms. Sutton advised she would withdraw her request to speak as another off agenda citizen was present to speak about the same issue. Mayor Armstrong called for the next citizen to be heard, advising he was here to discuss traffic calming measures in River Forest. **Neal Hockersmith, 410 Baughman** spoke regarding speeding on Karla Avenue within the addition. He stated his appreciation for efforts made by the City to reduce speeding in the area which included increased police presence in the area, the installation of speed limit signage and the addition of the area to Haysville's radar trailer rotation schedule. He went on to say that although these measures improved the situation greatly, concerns still remain due to the growing number of children in the area. He advised that the City and homeowners in the area seem to disagree about the severity of the speeding, and explained the requests that was made in a letter sent to the city. He advised he is requesting that a recording device be put in place for some period of time to collect quantifiable data about traffic patterns in the addition. Mayor Armstrong advised that the radar trailer, which shows drivers both their current rate of speed and the actual speed limit in the area, does already collect that data. Mr. Hockersmith stated that the radar trailer may collect data, but it also has an effect on a driver's behaviors and is thereby not an accurate means of measurement under usual conditions. Mayor Armstrong asked Mr. Hockersmith if he intended for all neighborhoods in Haysville to utilize the same traffic counting measures, to which Mr. Hockersmith answered in the negative. Mayor Armstrong asked why he thought this measure should be taken only in his neighborhood, to which Mr. Hockersmith replied that he could only speak to and request solutions for conditions in his neighborhood. Mayor Armstrong stated that the City has several Home Owners Associations, and this has not been requested by any of them. Mr. Hockersmith supposed that other areas may not have the same issues. Multiple Councilpersons advised that speeding is an issue in many areas of town, and Mr. Hockersmith asked if the City had data pertaining to the severity of the problem. Mayor Armstrong answered in the negative and advised that the radar trailer is moved throughout different neighborhoods to deter speeding. Mayor Armstrong then asked for clarification from Mr. Hockersmith about whether he was speaking to Council as a representative of the River Forest Home Owners Association, or if Ms. Sutton was an HOA representative. Mayor Armstrong advised the City has received letters from different residents purported to be speaking for the River Forest HOA, but the letters are unsigned. Mayor Armstrong asked for the names of

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people authorized to speak on the HOA's behalf. Mr. Hockersmith advised that members of the HOA were in agreement that all communications should come from the HOA in the form of letters, and that he was here to speak on behalf of HOA president Wade Buller and also as a concerned citizen. Mayor Armstrong asked if there were any questions from Council and when there were none, he thanked Mr. Hockersmith for his time.

There was no Executive Session.

Under Bills to be Paid, Mayor Bruce Armstrong presented the Bills to be Paid for the First Half of July.

Motion by Ewert – Second by Walters

I'll make a motion that we pay the first half of July bills.

Kessler yea, Walters yea, Rardin yea, Ewert yea, Benner yea, Parton yea, Crum yea, Thompson yea.

Motion declared carried.

Under Council Items, Mayor Bruce Armstrong asked for Council Concerns. Councilperson Steve Crum asked if an issue he reported regarding traffic lights at 63<sup>rd</sup> Street and Seneca had ever been forwarded to the county. Public Works Director Tony Martinez advised the county has been notified twice. Councilperson Bob Rardin advised that he visited Plagens Carpenter Sports Complex for a softball tournament, and he was concerned about the condition of restrooms and overflowing trashcans. Mayor Armstrong advised that the complex was leased by the City of Wichita in order to hold a softball tournament, and they agreed to be responsible for cleanup. Discussion occurred regarding Haysville sharing facilities with other organizations, and how those organizations affect Haysville's reputation when they leave City facilities in such conditions. Recreation Director Rob Arneson advised City staff cleaned up the mess the next day, and advised the City of Wichita would receive a bill for the cleanup.

Under Council Items, Mayor Armstrong advised a Council Action Request for 100 S. Ward Parkway was received and the property would be abated after notice was published in the newspaper.

Mayor Bruce Armstrong presented for approval Adjournment.

Motion by Kessler – Second by Ewert

Mayor and Council, I make a motion we adjourn tonight's meeting.

Kessler yea, Walters yea, Rardin yea, Ewert yea, Benner yea, Parton yea, Crum yea, Thompson yea.

Motion declared carried.

The Regular Council Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Janie Cox, City Clerk