

**CITY OF HARPER, KANSAS
COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2022 6:30PM
Mayor Scott Blubaugh**

Council met in regular session with Mayor Scott Blubaugh in chair. Present were Eric Barker, David Earls, Rose Ann Green, Kenneth Leu, and Lonnie Teel. Brande Vogeles was absent.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of the December 27, 2021 Council Meeting.

Appropriation Ordinance No. 01102022

Business License Application – Larkrise Coffee Company, a coffee shop and bakery at 899 Frontage Road.

Motion by Lonnie Teel second by Ken Leu to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

Re-elected Mayor Scott Blubaugh and re-elected Council Members David Earls, Rose Ann Green and Lonnie Teel performed their oaths of office.

Mayor Blubaugh called for nominations for President of Council. A nomination for Eric Barker was given, no other nominations were made.

Motion by Rose Ann Green second by Lonnie Teel to elect Eric Barker as the President of Council. Yea – Barker, Earls, Green, Leu, Teel; Ney – 0; Motion carried 5-0.

Council discussed the position of Floodplain Administrator. The position was previously held by Melinda McCurley during her tenure as the Harper County Floodplain Administrator. She had recently changed employers so the City needed to fill the position. Admin. Hartson had discussed the position with Mike Alldritt, who as a surveyor was familiar with the floodplain in the city limits. There would be educational requirements to maintain compliance and staying up-to-date on regulations. He agreed to hold the position if appointed with terms being \$200.00 annual contract plus \$100 per day (or portion thereof) of education with mileage.

Motion by Eric Barker second by Lonnie Teel to appoint Mike Alldritt as the City of Harper Floodplain Administrator, to fulfill the unexpired term of Melinda McCurley. Motion carried 5-0.

Council reviewed the quote received for replacement of the water softener system at the water treatment plant. Councilmember Teel worked with staff reviewing the necessity of a full replacement versus partial, which included starting with all new warranties on the equipment.

Motion by Eric Barker second by Ken Leu to authorize the replacement of the commercial softeners at the water treatment plant by Culligan for a cost not to exceed \$12,370.29 to be paid from the water reserve fund. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Blubaugh reviewed the standing committees with council members. He asked if any wished to change to a different committee. None did. Standing committee members would stay as they were.

FINANCE	<i>Earls & Leu</i>	PARK/CEMETERY	<i>Green & Vogeles</i>
INFRASTRUCTURE	<i>Teel & Barker</i>	CITY FACILITIES	<i>Earls & Green</i>
PERSONNEL	<i>Vogeles & Teel</i>	HEALTH & WELFARE	<i>Green & Vogeles</i>
AIRPORT	<i>Barker & Earls</i>	ECONOMIC & INDUSTRIAL DEV	<i>Teel & Leu</i>

COMMITTEE REPORTS Councilmember Teel reported approving the final walk through for the FEMA/HRC facility. He did express wanting to make sure the cedar screening is sealed in the spring. Councilmember Barker reported that the park lighting looked good. He did note that the solar light (west side of Elm St.) is impacted by cold temperatures so when temperatures drop below freezing it may not be lit.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS Police Chief Burns provided council with the year-end statistics for the department. He reported that the 2019 Silverado’s issue was a broken oil line. While it was in for repairs, public works was

able to make repairs to the 2016 Durango (thermostat) so it remained in good working order and in service while the other two vehicles were being repaired.

Water Dept was had begun the boring of the runway for electric to the water treatment plant lagoon. Street had been to several dealerships looking for a truck. As expected they were not able to source one but had a couple continuing to look. There was a truck that met the cemetery needs at Newberry Family Auto, however, it was \$45,000 which was well beyond the budget so Admin. Hartson was not seeking purchase approval yet.

Staff had inquired about a “vac” to replace the street sweeper, however, due to the uneven streets both sales reps that had been engaged didn’t feel it would be an effective solution. Mayor Blubaugh asked to look into the possibility of adding a broom to the skid steer or possibility of looking at Harper Industries to see if any of their turf equipment might be helpful.

Motion by Lonnie Teel second by Ken Leu to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0.

Tiffany M. Hartson, CPM, CMC
City Administrator/Clerk