

**CITY OF HARPER, KANSAS  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 09, 2019 6:30PM  
Mayor Scott Blubaugh**

Council met in regular session with Mayor Scott Blubaugh in chair. Present were Eric Barker, David Earls, Clayton Snyder, Greg Stierwalt, Lonnie Teel and Brande Vogele.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Minutes of the November 25, 2019 Council Meeting.

Appropriation Ordinance No. 12092019

Motion by Eric Barker second by Greg Stierwalt to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

**RECOGNIZE GUEST**

Shannon Ummel, Harper Transient Tax Commission, was in attendance for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter HTTAC funding requests.

Motion by Lonnie Teel second by Greg Stierwalt to approve the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter HTTAC funding requests as recommended by the HTTAC Commission: Harper Historical Society - \$5,000 for cataloging equipment/supplies and labor; Harper Recreation Commission - \$3,880 for the 2020 8U Regional Baseball Tournament. Motion carried 6-0.

John Haas, Ranson Financial, was in attendance to discuss the sale of the General Obligation bonds for public improvements. He reviewed with council the debt repayment schedule for the 2020 Street Projects (10 years – paid with Street/Infrastructure Sales Tax); City Shop (20 years – Infrastructure Sales Tax); FEMA/Concession Building and Sports Field Lighting project (20 Years – Bond & Interest Fund).

Motion by Clayton Snyder second by Lonnie Teel to adopt Ordinance No. G-395 an ordinance designating Washington Street within the City of Harper, Kansas, as a main trafficway. Yea-Barker, Earls, Snyder, Stierwalt, Teel, Vogele; Ney-0; Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Lonnie Teel second by Clayton Snyder to adopt Resolution No. 803-19 a resolution authorizing the improvement or reimprovement of main trafficways within the City of Harper, Kansas; and providing for the payment of the costs thereof. Yea-Vogele; Teel, Stierwalt, Snyder, Earls, Barker; Ney-0; Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Eric Barker second by Clayton Snyder to adopt Resolution No. 804-19 a resolution authorizing and providing for improvements to certain public buildings in the City of Harper, Kansas; and providing for the payment of costs thereof. Yea-Snyder, Stierwalt, Teel, Vogele, Barker, Earls; Ney-0; Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Eric Barker second by Lonnie Teel to adopt Resolution No. 805-19 a resolution authorizing the offering for sale of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2020, of the City of Harper, Kansas. Yea-Stierwalt, Snyder, Earls, Barker, Vogele, Teel; Ney-0. Motion carried 6-0.

Council heard from the review committee and city staff regarding the lighting improvements to the softball fields at the Harper Sports Complex.

Motion by Lonnie Teel second by Eric Barker to hire Phillips Southern Electric Company to perform the installation of the new lighting on Field #1 at the Harper Sports Complex for a cost not to exceed \$119,000 to be paid with the 2020 municipal bond issuance proceeds. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Eric Barker second by Greg Stierwalt to hire Phillips Southern Electric Company to perform the relocation of the lighting from Field #1 to Field #3 at the Harper Sports Complex for a cost not to exceed \$49,000 to be paid with the 2020 municipal bond issuance proceeds. Motion carried 6-0.

City Admin. Hartson will set up a meeting as soon as possible for members of the recreation commission, city council, Phillips Southern Electric Co. and Wheatland Electric to address the necessary electrical layout and improvements to accommodate all improvement to the Harper Sports Complex.

Mayor Blubaugh opened the Phase II – Designs for the 2020 Street Projects (Pine St. from 14<sup>th</sup> St. south to 21<sup>st</sup> St.; Washington Street from 14<sup>th</sup> St. south to 15<sup>th</sup> St.; 21<sup>st</sup> St. from Pine St. east to Central Ave.)

Designs received were from Cornejo & Sons and Vogts-Parga Construction.

Motion by David Earls second by Clayton Snyder to turn over the designs to the Street/Water Committee and City Staff for further evaluation for recommendation of the design rankings, Phase III – Costs not be opened until the next regularly scheduled meeting when the rankings have been confirmed by the Governing Body. Motion carried 6-0.

Admin. Hartson presented a proposal from Wilson & Co. to provide technical review of design and construction contract documents for the 2020 Street Projects. Council tabled any action until after the committee had time to review the designs.

Council reviewed the 2020 Capital Improvement Plan and Plan of Finance. Staff reviewed with the council the schedule of projects and equipment purchases planned for the upcoming year.

Motion by Eric Barker second by Lonnie Teel to approve the 2020 Capital Improvement Plan as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

**REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS** Police Chief Burns informed council that the new department uniforms were ordered, Newberry Family Auto was progressing on the repairs of the Dodge Charger and that advertising had begun for the vacant police officer position.

PWD Ward reported the street department working on cleaning the streets and then having some work done on the street sweeper. Department heads had been working with administration on the capital improvement plan and project schedules. Mayor Blubaugh asked that public works and police department look into relocating the digital speed limit sign on west HWY 14. PWD Ward added that the downtown Christmas lights on the buildings would not be on this year. The sockets had begun to disintegrate and with the demolition of 112 E. Main St. there was no sufficient time to make all repairs.

**NOTICES & COMMUNICATIONS** Admin. Hartson informed council that due to the 1<sup>st</sup> payroll of 2020 falling on New Year's Day, it would be distributed Dec. 31, 2019.

Motion by Eric Barker second by Brande Vogele to recess into executive session pursuant to the K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(6) exception for preliminary discussions relating to the acquisition of real property, the open meeting to resume in the city council chamber at 7:45 p.m. with City Admin being invited in. Motion carried 6-0.

**7: 45p.m. Out of executive session.** Mayor Blubaugh announced no official action was taken.

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**7: 55p.m. Out of executive session.** Mayor Blubaugh announced no official action was taken.

Motion by Brande Vogele second by Greg Stierwalt to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0.

Tiffany M. Hartson, CMC  
City Clerk