

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

CITY OF HOOPESTON

THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2024

7:00 PM – CITY HALL

I. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Wise called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

II. ROLL CALL – The following 6 alderpersons were present: Eyrich, K. Ferrell, M. Ferrell, Lawson (online), Porth, and Scharlach. Alderpersons Garrett and Van Hyfte were absent. Mayor Wise was present. Clerk Hardcastle was absent. Attorney Miller was absent.

III. AMENDMENT OR APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – Alderwoman K. Ferrell moved to approve the agenda as presented. Alderman Scharlach seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

IV. AMENDMENT OR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PRIOR COUNCIL MEETING – Alderman Porth moved to approve the minutes as presented. Alderman Eyrich seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

V. APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF THE BILLS – Alderwoman K. Ferrell moved to approve the agenda as presented. Alderman M. Ferrell seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

VIII. REPORT OF OFFICERS

a. EYRICH

1. Nothing to report.

b. K. FERRELL

1. Nothing to report.

c. M. FERRELL

1. Nothing to report.

d. GARRETT

1. Absent.

e. LAWSON

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF BODY CAMERAS -

Alderwoman Lawson presented two bids for police body cameras. Alderwoman Lawson explained that the first bid was for 18 top of the line cameras, had a “refresh”, and came with advanced software that would transcribe speech. The refresh was explained that if a new camera was developed, they would replace the old camera with the new one. We would need to obtain additional cameras to cover the Auxiliary though. That bid was for \$145,997.00 and would be paid over five years. Alderwoman Lawson then explained the second bid was for 24 identical cameras, but did not have the refresh or advanced software. That bid was for \$113,593.37 and would also be paid over five years. After much discussion, a motion was made by Alderwoman Lawson to accept the bid for \$113,593.37, which was seconded by Alderwoman K. Ferrell. A roll call vote was taken (Ayes: Eyrich, K. Ferrell, M. Ferrell, Lawson, Porth, Scharlach, – Nays: None – Absent: Garrett, Van Hyfte) and Resolution 2025-7 was approved 6-0.

f. PORTH

1. Nothing to report.

g. SCHARLACH

1. Nothing to report.

h. VAN HYFTE

1. Absent.

VI. MAYOR COMMENTS

- a. Nothing to report.

VII. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

- a. Absent

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – There being no further action to come before the council, Alderwoman K. Ferrell moved to adjourn the meeting. Alderman M. Ferrell seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.