

**City of Spring Hill, Kansas**  
**Minutes of City Council Regular Session**  
**January 10, 2022**

A Regular Session of the City Council was held in the Spring Hill Civic Center, 401 N. Madison, Council Chambers, Spring Hill, Kansas on January 10, 2022. The meeting convened at 7:00p.m. with Mayor Ellis presiding and Glenda Gerrity, City Clerk, recording.

Councilmembers in attendance:           Chris Leaton  
  Steve Owen  
  Chad Eckert  
  Diana Roth via telephone  
  Vacancy

Staff in attendance:                         Patrick Burton, Acting City Administrator  
  Lou Ann Armstrong, Finance Director  
  Cindy Henson, Chief of Police  
  Jackie Messer, Director of Public Works  
  Monakisha Jones, Human Resources Manager

Consultants in attendance:                 F. Charles Dunlay, City Attorney

**INVOCATION**

The invocation was given by Councilman Leaton.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ROLL CALL**

The City Clerk called the roll of the City Council. With a quorum present, the meeting commenced.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Motion by** Roth, seconded by Leaton, to add a Presentation from Miami County Commission Tyler Vaughan.  
Motion carried 4-0-0.

For clarity of the record, the Mayor requested for a straight call for the agenda.

**Motion by** Leaton, seconded by Owen, to amend the agenda. Motion carried 4-0-0.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion by** Leaton, seconded by Owen, to approve the consent agenda.

1. **Approval of Minutes: December 9, 2021 Regular Meeting**
2. **Approval of Minutes: December 14, 2021 Special Meeting**

Motion carried 4-0-0.

## FORMAL COUNCIL ACTION

### 3. Qualification, Oath and Seating of Council Members

The City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Council Member-Elect Joe Berkey. Councilman Berkey signed the Oath and took his seat at the dais.

The City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Council Member-Elect Brian Peel. Councilman Peel signed the Oath and took his seat at the dais.

## PRESENTATION

Miami County Commissioner Tyler Vaughan and Miami County Chairman Rob Roberts honored Mayor Ellis for his service to the citizens of Spring Hill and presented him with a Proclamation proclaiming January 10, 2022 as Steve Ellis Day in Miami County, Kansas.

### 4. Election of President of the City Council

**Motion** by Roth, seconded by Peel, to nominate Councilmember Berkey for Council President. Motion carried 3-1 (Owen)-0.

Mayor Ellis congratulated Mr. Berkey for being Council President and stated that by the City's Charter, Council President Berkey was sworn in as Mayor for the City of Spring Hill, Kansas.

### 5. Qualification, Oath and Seating of Mayor

The City Clerk administered the Oath of Office for Mayor to Council President Berkey. Mayor Berkey signed the Oath and took his seat at the dais.

The City Attorney explained that a note was provided to the City Administrator by an unknown third party from Councilman Owen. The City Attorney read allowed the note. Councilman Owen was unable to continue his attendance at tonight's meeting. The City Attorney advised that Councilman Owen attended this evening's meeting and role was taken and any further action will note Councilman Owen's abstention from that action, as he has not resigned or stepped down or removing himself from the quorum.

### 6. Appointment of Councilmember (At the discretion of the Mayor)

The Mayor stated that this item would be postponed until the regular scheduled meeting Thursday, January 13, 2022.

### 7. Election of President of the City Council

**Motion** by Peel, seconded by Roth, to appoint Diana Roth as Council President. Motion carried 2-0-1 (Owen).

## ADJOURN

**Motion by** Peel, seconded by Roth, to adjourn. Motion carried 2-0-1 (Owen). The meeting adjourned at 7:24p.m.

/s/ Glenda Gerrity  
Glenda Gerrity, City Clerk

Approved by the Governing Body on January 27, 2022.