

Hillsboro, Kansas  
January 22, 2019

1. The city council met in special session on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in council chambers with Mayor Lou Thurston and Council members David Loewen, Byron McCarty, and Jonah Gehring present. Absent: Council member Brent Driggers and City Attorney Josh Boehm.

2. Others Present: Dale Dalke, Street Superintendent; Doug Sisk, Recreation Director; Phyllis Zorn, Hillsboro Star Journal; Jerry & Lori Schwilling, 202 S. Kennedy; Terry Ens, Tabor College; Patty Decker, Hillsboro Free Press; Larry Paine, City Administrator; and, Jan Meisinger, City Clerk.

3. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Lou Thurston called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – none

5. **MINUTES** – Motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Loewen to approve the minutes of the 1-8-19 special meeting as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **VOUCHERS** – Motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Gehring to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$279,961.75. Motion carried unanimously.

7. **POLY CART BIDS** – Four bids were received for trash and recycling carts:

1	Otto Environmental Systems	\$ 107,699.00
2	Rehrig Pacific	\$ 115,838.25
3	Armor Equipment (Toter)	\$ 114,616.60
4	Schaefer Systems	\$ 126,117.50

Street Superintendent Dale Dalke said he and the Street and Refuse crew liked the Rehrig Pacific cart the best. It has a low profile, which will stand strong winds. The lid is strong and has a good hinge panel on it. The inside of the cart is streamlined so trash will not catch on any obstructions. The cart tipper catch bar ends are concealed within the molding of the body. Rehrig has a full replacement 10-year warranty on the cart wheels, lid axle, and in mold label. The Rehrig cart is made in Kansas and sold by the manufacturer so there is not a distributor to deal with, especially for warranty issues. Dale felt the Schaefer carts were too tall and the Toter carts have catch points inside the body for trash to hang up on. The Otto carts are similar to Rehrig Pacific, but they didn't like the hinge on the lid and the catch bar will catch trash. They have two plastic buttons to hold it contained in the body. Dale heard the buttons come loose and have to be replaced with bolts. McPherson Solid Waste Utility also recommended the Rehrig carts. After further discussion, motion was made by Council member Loewen and seconded by Council member McCarty to authorize the purchase of (not to exceed 2600 totes) from Rehrig Pacific. Motion carried unanimously. Next, Dale will be working on the dumpster proposal.

8. **SILHAN CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT** – Because the applicant for the conditional use permit is Mayor Thurston's son-in-law, he recused himself and left council chambers. Council member Loewen presided over the meeting. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on December 27, 2018 to hear a case for a conditional use permit requested by Fred Silhan, for 104 N. Ash, to store and maintain personal equipment. This property is in the C1 Central Business District. Storage is not allowed "by right" in a C1 District; but, may be allowed with a conditional use permit. At the planning commission meeting, volunteers who work at the Et Cetera Shop expressed concerns about parking on this property (in the alley). Mr. Silhan said he did not have a problem with them parking there as long as he had access to the rear of the building where the garage door is, if he needed it. The planning commission voted to recommend approval to the council. Approval of a conditional use permit by city council is done by ordinance. Ordinance 1295 was presented for approval. \*City Clerk's Note: Ordinance #1295 was previously used on the new electric rate increase ordinance; therefore, City Clerk Meisinger assigned this ordinance #1296. Motion was made by Council member Gehring and seconded by Council member McCarty to approve Ordinance #1296 – (*AN ORDINANCE ISSUING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR STORAGE BUILDING ACCORDING TO SECTION XIX-3.110.F OF THE ZONING REGULATIONS FOR THE CITY OF HILLSBORO, KANSAS*). Council was polled with the following vote: Council member Loewen, yes; McCarty, yes; Gehring, yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Thurston re-entered council chambers at 6:15 p.m.

**9. DISC GOLF** – Jerry Schwelling is proposing a 9-hole disc golf course around the city park. He has met with the Recreation Commission and received their consent. He has also submitted a grant request to the Community Foundation for funds to purchase the equipment. Eventually, as money is raised, he would like to see an 18-hole course. Then, tournaments could be held. Terry Ens, from Tabor College, voiced his support as well. The county lake has a course and there would probably be interest in forming a club. Mr. Schwelling said he had played in many different places. It is an activity that could bring people into the community. Kansas is one of the fastest growing areas for disc golf in the country. The cost for a 9-hole course, depending on the quality of equipment purchased, is estimated to be \$2,185.00 to \$3,575.00 for just the equipment, not including concrete or labor. After further discussion, motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Gehring to allow for the set-up of a 9-hole disc golf course on city property. Motion carried unanimously.

**10. COUNCIL REORGANIZATION** – Motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Gehring to elect Council member Driggers as council president for another year. Motion carried unanimously.

**11. PBC MEETING** – At 6:34 p.m., council recessed into a Public Building Commission meeting to elect a chairman. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m. and the special city council meeting resumed.

**12. BOARD APPOINTMENTS** – none

**13. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT** – City Administrator Paine said he and City Clerk Meisinger have been working on getting the new 2019 budget numbers uploaded on the city's accounting system. He also said he has agreed to serve as KPP president for another term.

**14. ADJOURNMENT** – Council meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

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LOUIS THURSTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JANICE K. MEISINGER, CITY CLERK