

Hillsboro, Kansas  
January 8, 2018

1. The city council met in special session on Monday, January 8, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. in council chambers with Mayor Delores Dalke and Council members David Loewen, Byron McCarty, Bob Watson, and Brent Driggers present.

2. Others Present: Lou Thurston, Mayor-elect; Lori Thurston; Jonah Gehring, Council-elect; Joanne Loewen; Craig Dodd; Diane Novak & Kent Becker, County Commissioners; Russel Groves; Anthony Roy, Economic Development Director; Don Ratzlaff, Hillsboro Free Press; Peter Mungai, Salem Home; Josh Boehm, City Attorney; Ben Steketee, Fire Chief; Larry Paine, City Administrator; and, Jan Meisinger, City Clerk.

**3. CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Dalke called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**4. OLD BUSINESS – FORMER HOSPITAL BUILDING CONTRACT** – The city has received a signed agreement from Empower HMS for the sale of the site formerly occupied by the hospital. The purchase price is \$400,000.00. The buyer will have no more than 60 days to complete a due diligence inspection of the structure and attached mechanical components. Buyer will pay \$200,000.00 within 15 days after successful inspection and the second \$200,000.00 payment will be made at closing. Closing costs will be split between the buyer and seller. If the buyer has not commenced operations on their project on or before 24 months from the date of closing, the seller may repurchase the property for \$50,000.00. Motion was made by Council member Watson and seconded by Council member Driggers to approve the agreement and authorize the mayor to sign the agreement. Vote: Council members Watson, Driggers & Loewen, yes; Council member McCarty, no. Motion carried.

**5. OATHS OF OFFICE** – City Clerk Jan Meisinger administered oaths of office to Mayor-elect Lou Thurston and Council members elect David Loewen & Jonah Gehring.

Mayor Thurston presented a bouquet of roses to former Mayor Dalke and offered the following inauguration remarks: *I want to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to Delores Dalke for her years of faithful service to the citizens of Hillsboro. You set a high standard to follow. Thank you, Delores!*

*I would also like to thank several other people who helped to make this day possible: First, I must thank my wife, Lori. Without her love and support, I would not be here today. Thank-you sweetheart! Others I would like to specifically thank are my campaign committee – Len & Brenda Coryea, Terry Hagen, Rod Hamm, and, Kakim Kunantaev, my campaign treasurer. These people believed in and supported me throughout a hard-fought campaign.*

*Now it is time for us to begin a new era for the City of Hillsboro, an era that begins with a strong call to service. Service is both our focus and our mission; **to serve ALL the citizens of Hillsboro.***

*I am very excited to begin serving with the council, City Administrator Larry Paine, and the City of Hillsboro team. Together we will strive for: Responsible economic development; Maintaining & enhancing our essential services and infrastructure; Ensuring that Hillsboro is an affordable & family friendly place to live; and most importantly, to work COLLABORATIVELY with our citizens, businesses, schools, county & state governments.*

*Hillsboro is a vibrant and strong community, and through our combined efforts, we will continue our positive growth, building on the solid foundation of Hillsboro's heritage ... **growing Hillsboro together!***

**6. COUNCIL REORGANIZATION –**

Council president – Motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Gehring to nominate and elect Council member Brent Driggers as council president. Motion carried unanimously.

At 4:07 p.m., council recessed into a PBC meeting to elect a chairman. PBC Chairman David Loewen called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m. Motion was made by Byron McCarty and seconded by Jonah Gehring to nominate and elect David Loewen as PBC chairman. Motion carried unanimously. The PBC meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m. and the special city council meeting resumed.

**7. ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS –** Mayor Thurston made the following annual appointments:

Municipal Judge	Bradley Jantz
City Treasurer	Lawrence R. Paine
City Attorney	Joshua Boehm

These appointments were ratified by the council with the following vote: Council member Loewen, yes; Driggers, yes; McCarty, yes; Gehring, yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**8. BOARD APPOINTMENTS –** Mayor Thurston appointed Clint Seibel to the Marion County Community Economic Development committee. Motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Driggers to approve this appointment. Motion carried unanimously.

**9. ADJOURNMENT –** Motion was made by Council member Driggers and seconded by Council member Loewen to adjourn at 4:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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/s/  
LOU THURSTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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/s/  
JANICE K. MEISINGER, CITY CLERK