

Hillsboro, Kansas  
October 1, 2019

1. The city council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. in council chambers with Mayor Lou Thurston and Council members Byron McCarty, Brent Driggers, David Loewen, and Jonah Gehring present.

2. Others Present: Josh Boehm, City Attorney; Renee Gehring, Candidate for City Council; Phyllis Zorn, Hillsboro Star Journal; Laura Paulus, Hillsboro Free Press; Ben Steketee, Fire Chief; Rusty Moss, Fire Captain; Matt Hein, Fire Captain; Larry Paine, City Administrator; and, Jan Meisinger, City Clerk.

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

**4. EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Motion was made by Council member Driggers and seconded by Council member Loewen to recess into executive session regarding consultation with an attorney, which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2). Attendance will include: Tyler Heffron (via phone), Josh Boehm, and Larry Paine. The open meeting will resume in council chambers at 5:20 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. The city council meeting resumed at 5:20 p.m. No action was taken.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS** – none

**6. MINUTES** – Council member Gehring said item 13, third paragraph, should read - “use of off road and off-highway vehicles” instead of “golf carts”. Motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Loewen to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

**7. VOUCHERS** – Motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Gehring to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$379,581.16. Motion carried unanimously.

**8. ACCEPT ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT** – The Fire Department submitted a grant under the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Program. The requested amount was \$328,526.00. FEMA has announced the award of \$123,720.95; and, the city’s portion (5%) is \$6,186.05. The proposed equipment purchases are: 8 face masks - \$2,512.00; 12 SCBA - \$84,000.00; and, 11 turn out gear - \$43,395.00. Captain Rusty Moss and Captain Matt Hein worked together to put together and submit the grant, which was a huge undertaking. Mayor Thurston said he appreciated all their hard work and diligence shown every day and for going above and beyond their duty to prepare the application. This is a highly competitive grant. Motion was made by Council member Driggers and seconded by Council member Gehring to accept the award from FEMA, including the city’s share of \$6,186.05. Motion carried unanimously.

**9. VOGTS PARGA PAY ESTIMATE – WEST GRAND** – Motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Gehring to approve Pay Estimate #2 to Vogts Parga Construction for West Grand Street Improvements in the amount of \$99,359.61. Motion carried unanimously.

**10. VOGTS PARGA PAY ESTIMATE – WATERLINE STREETS** – Motion was made by Council member Gehring and seconded by Council member Driggers to approve Pay Estimate #3 for Waterline Street Improvements in the amount of \$370,876.71. Motion carried unanimously.

**11. HETT CONSTRUCTION PAY ESTIMATE** – City Administrator Paine said East Grand was complete and the bricks have been reinstalled on the street sections in front of the school and Schaeffler House. The job looks great and is a great example of the community working together. Motion was made by Council member Driggers and seconded by Council member Loewen to approve Pay Estimate #4 to Hett Construction for East Grand Improvements in the amount of \$168,842.48. Motion carried unanimously.

**12. KDHE REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST #14** – This invoice covers the following: Design (Remainder of contract coordinated with Goins & City); Preconstruction meeting; Submittal review, Part 1; As-built drawings; Construction observation; SRF Loan Administration & Coordination with KDHE on Loan; Updating Map (Incorporating part 1 work into water system map). Motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Gehring to approve Request #14 from KDHE in the amount of \$11,828.16 for EBH Invoice #12203. Motion carried unanimously.

**13. ELCON INVOICE** – Motion was made by Council member Driggers and seconded by Council member McCarty to approve Invoice #11698 to Elcon Services for tracer wire for the Water Department in the amount of \$53.77. Motion carried unanimously.

**14. PBC MEETING – INVOICE FROM TRIPLETT WOOLF GARRETSON AND KLEND AUSTERMAN** – At 4:43 p.m., council recessed into a Public Building Commission meeting to approve invoices to Triplett Woolf Garretson, LLC and Klenda Austerman regarding the hospital bankruptcy. The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m. and the regular council meeting resumed.

**15. BOARD APPOINTMENTS** – Mayor Thurston appointed Larry Cole to fill the unexpired term of Peter Richert on the Hillsboro Housing Authority. Motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Driggers to approve this appointment. Motion carried unanimously.

**16. CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT –**

*Land-O-Lakes Foundation Donation* – The Co-op here in Hillsboro facilitated a \$500.00 donation to the operation of the Fire Department.

*KPP Trip* – City Administrator Paine said that he was absent from the previous council meeting because he was returning from a KPP business/pleasure trip in Europe. A group representing KPP went to see the electric generating engines the KPP will possibly purchase. He said he would put together some slides for the next meeting for an overview of the trip.

*Public Power Week* – City Administrator Paine and Marion’s City Administrator Roger Holter have been working together to promote Public Power Week October 6-12. We will have some Facebook posts and an article for the newspapers. Mayor Thurston signed a proclamation recognizing Public Power Week October 6-12; a week-long celebration of Hillsboro & Marion’s public utility department’s year-round service to our respective cities in Marion County.

**17. ADJOURNMENT** – Council meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

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/s/  
LOUIS THURSTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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/s/  
JANICE K. MEISINGER, CITY CLERK