

Hillsboro, Kansas
November 20, 2018

1. The city council met in regular session on Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. in council chambers with Mayor Lou Thurston and Council members Byron McCarty, Jonah Gehring, and Brent Driggers present. Absent: Council member David Loewen and City Attorney Josh Boehm.

2. Others Present: Patty Decker, Hillsboro Free Press; Phyllis Zorn, Hillsboro Star Journal; Sarah Diener and Grace Major, Hillsboro High School Students; Staci Silhan, Chair of the Community Plaza Committee; Glenda Stoppel & Tom Richards, City Employees; 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. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Mayor Thurston welcomed the visitors from Hillsboro High School.

5. MINUTES – Motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Gehring to approve the minutes of the 11-6-18 regular meeting as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

6. VOUCHERS – Motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Driggers to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$382,208.18. Motion carried unanimously.

7. LEAGUE SERVICE AWARDS – Mayor Thurston presented Tom Richards, Water Distribution Employee, a 10-year service award; and, Glenda Stoppel, Deputy City Clerk, a 35-year service award. The mayor and council thanked them for their dedicated service.

8. DR. REEH CONTRACT – Dr. Reeh has agreed to sell the lots he purchased for a clinic back to the city. Motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Driggers to authorize the mayor to sign the purchase agreement for lots 19, 20 & 21 (behind McPherson Dental Office) for \$10,500.00 plus closing costs. Motion carried unanimously.

Staci Silhan said she was the chair of the Community Plaza Committee. She thanked council for their action and said she was very excited with this location because it would be easily accessible. Fundraisers have been held and will continue to be held to raise money. Plans include a splash pad, shade structure with seating, and restrooms. A free professional rendering is being drawn by a relative of one of the committee members. Also, we may be able to use KPP's small footprint solar panel project in this design.

9. ELCON INVOICE – Motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Driggers to approve payment of Elcon Invoice #11127 for repairs for the welding school in the amount of \$349.39. Vote: Council members McCarty and Driggers, yes; Council member Gehring, abstained. Motion carried.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION – PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE – At 4:27 p.m., motion was made by Council member Driggers and seconded by Council member McCarty to recess into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss the following subject: Acquisition of three lots within the city limits, the justification of such motion is preliminary discussions relating to the acquisition of real property,

K.S.A.-75-4319(b)(6). The open meeting will resume at 4:37 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. The council meeting resumed at 4:37 p.m. No action was taken.

11. BOARD APPOINTMENTS – none

12. CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT –

Possible Temporary Change in Council Meeting Time – Council member Loewen has volunteered to help coach junior high girls’ basketball through January 17th from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. City Administrator Paine asked council if they would consider shifting council meeting time to possibly 6:30 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. He said he would send out an e-mail after they have had time to think about it.

2018 Budget Amendment – City Administrator Paine said there were 7-9 funds that need to be amended. Motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Driggers to set December 18th as the date for the public hearing to amend the 2018 budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Christmas Eve – City Administrator Paine said he has been in the habit of letting half of the employees off at noon on Christmas Eve and the other half off at noon on New Year’s Eve. This year, he is proposing being closed all day on December 24th and open as usual on December 31st. Council concurred.

Changing January Meeting Dates – In order to allow more time for year-end processing, City Administrator Paine asked council to change the January meeting dates to the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays instead of the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays. He will send an e-mail out about this too.

Trash Bin Survey – City Administrator Paine discussed the trash bin survey results. We’ve had 249 responses. He said he’s found a short video on how the new trash truck will work and he plans to put that on the city’s website and Facebook.

Mayor Thurston thanked the two newspaper reporters for their cooperation in getting the city’s news out to our citizens.

13. ADJOURNMENT – Council meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

/s/
LOUIS THURSTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/
JANICE K. MEISINGER, CITY CLERK