

Hillsboro, Kansas  
November 24, 2020

1. The City Council met in special session on Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom due to the Corona virus pandemic with Mayor Lou Thurston and Council members David Loewen, Byron McCarty, Renee Gehring, and Brent Driggers participating.

2. Others Participating: Josh Boehm, City Attorney; Phyllis Zorn, Hillsboro Star Journal; Laura Paulus, Hillsboro Free Press; Matt Stiles, City Administrator; Jan Meisinger, City Clerk; Kiley Oliphant; Jessey Hiebert; Jonah Gehring; Brad Bartel; JV Dirksen; Erin Hein; Coleen Koop; (and others identified by their last name, initials, or iPhone).

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

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – The public comment portion of the meeting closed at 6:09 p.m. No public comments were received.

5. **ORDINANCE 1322** – Mayor Thurston said the County opted into the governor’s order, which has no enforcement mechanism and doesn’t do more than what we’ve done in the past. The City’s revised ordinance addresses enforcement and penalties, and does not hold business owners responsible for acts by the public. After further discussion, motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Driggers to approve Ordinance 1322 – (*AN ORDINANCE CREATING REQUIREMENTS PERTAINING TO REQUIRING THE WEARING OF MASKS OR OTHER FACE COVERINGS*). Council was polled with the following vote: Council member McCarty, yes; Gehring, no – because we already have the State mandate; Loewen, yes; Driggers, yes. Motion carried. The ordinance will be published and effective on Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> and expires January 26<sup>th</sup>. The FAQ will be on the City’s website and Facebook. Mayor Thurston thanked council for dealing with this challenging issue. He felt an ordinance with no practical enforcement was nothing of value. This was not about writing tickets or harassing people, but was about getting people to do the right thing.

6. **ADJOURNMENT** – Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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/s/  
LOUIS THURSTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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/s/  
JANICE K. MEISINGER, CITY CLERK