

Hillsboro, Kansas
November 6, 2018

1. The city council met in regular session on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. in council chambers with Mayor Lou Thurston and Council members Byron McCarty, Jonah Gehring, Brent Driggers, and David Loewen present.

2. Others Present; Patty Decker, Hillsboro Free Press; Anthony Roy, Economic Development Director; Ben Steketee, Fire Chief; Ignacio Acevedo, Prospective Firefighter; Phyllis Zorn, Hillsboro Star Journal; Josh Boehm, City Attorney; 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 – none

5. MINUTES – Motion was made by Council member Loewen and seconded by Council member McCarty to approve the minutes of the 10-16-18 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

6. VOUCHERS – Motion was made by Council member Driggers and seconded by Council member McCarty to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$296,401.10. Motion carried unanimously.

7. RECYCLING RATE ORDINANCE #1294 (EFFECTIVE 1-1-19) – McPherson Solid Waste Utility is increasing their collection fee from \$2.44 to \$2.53 per customer, per month, effective 1-1-19. Since we won't get our new truck until March, we need to approve this ordinance. Motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Loewen to approve Ordinance 1294 – (*AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 6 OF ORDINANCE NO. 973 PERTAINING TO CHARGES FOR RECYCLING PROGRAM*). Council was polled with the following vote: Council member Loewen, yes; Council member McCarty, yes; Council member Gehring, yes; Council member Driggers, yes. Motion carried unanimously.

8. APPROVE ADDITION OF FIREFIGHTER – Fire Chief Ben Steketee introduced Ignacio Arevedo and said he had met all of the criteria to become a volunteer firefighter. Although he doesn't have any prior knowledge of being a firefighter, he has a lot of enthusiasm, and Ben recommended council approve his appointment. Motion was made by Council member Gehring and seconded by Council member McCarty to approve the appointment of Ignacio Arevedo to the Hillsboro Fire Department. Motion carried unanimously. City Clerk's Note: This is subject to Ignacio's passing the POET exam and drug screen.

9. ELECTRIC RATE ORDINANCE #1295 – City Administrator Paine is proposing an increase in the electric base rate from \$9.00 to \$12.10 per customer, per month; and, increasing the kwh rate from \$0.1158 to \$0.1195. This will help balance the 2019 budget in the Electric Department. After discussion, motion was made by Council member Gehring and seconded by Council member McCarty to approve Ordinance 1295 – (*AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ELECTRIC RATES, AMENDING SECTIONS 17-216.1, 17-217.1, 17-218.2 AND 17-218.3 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF HILLSBORO, KANSAS, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1260*). Council was polled with the following vote: Council member Loewen, yes; Council member McCarty, yes; Council member Gehring, yes; Council member Driggers, yes. Motion carried unanimously.

10. WATER CHEMICAL PURCHASE – Every year, Morgan prepares an end of the year chemical purchase. By purchasing in bulk, the Water Department can get lower prices. This year, she is wanting to purchase caustic soda and ferric sulfate from Harcros for \$24,000.00. Since this is above the city administrator’s purchasing authority, council approval is needed. Motion was made by Council member Driggers and seconded by Council member McCarty to approve the bulk chemical purchase from Harcros for \$24,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

11. ELECTRIC METER PURCHASE – With the construction of the water project, we will be replacing 65 water meters with ones that have the radio read capacity. City Administrator Paine said it made sense to also replace the electric meters with radio read capacity for those same 65 customers. The proposed order is for 97 radio read meters and 15 meters that have a radio on/off feature for shut-offs. This ends up being a safety issue for our employees if they encounter animals or disgruntled customers. The cost is \$10,259.00 (plus tax) and would be purchased from Core & Main. Motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Gehring to approve the purchase of 112 electric meters from Core & Main for \$10,259.00. Motion carried unanimously.

12. WATER PROGRESS PAYMENT – We have a reimbursement request to go to KDHE on the water project for \$37,250.15 - EBH Engineering Services; and, \$232,497.67 to J&K Contracting for construction costs = total \$269,747.82. This would be for Pay Estimate #2 to J&K Contracting. Motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Loewen to approve this reimbursement request. Motion carried unanimously.

13. PEARSON FINAL PAY ESTIMATE AND CHANGE ORDER FOR D STREET – Pearson Construction has completed the mill/overlay on D Street. Change Order #1 – Final, reduces the contract by \$63,961.75. The two biggest contributors to the savings were: we didn’t use \$11,000.00 in asphalt (contingency quantity), and we didn’t use \$49,000.00 in full depth patching. The underlying material did not require full depth patching. The final product that was put down is a minimum of 2” everywhere. The change order reduces the original contract price from \$455,670.00 to \$391,708.25. The amount due to Pearson Construction (Pay Estimate #2) is \$40,793.45. Motion was made by Council member Gehring and seconded by Council member McCarty to approve Change Order 1 – Final, reducing the contract price by \$63,961.75. Motion carried unanimously. After questions, motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Driggers to approve Pay Estimate #2 to Pearson Construction in the amount of \$40,793.45. Motion carried unanimously.

14. ELCON INVOICE – Motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Loewen to approve Invoice 11092 to Elcon Services, Inc. for a ballast and single pin lamp in the amount of \$111.87. Vote: Council members McCarty, Loewen, and Driggers, yes; Council member Gehring, abstained. Motion carried.

15. BOARD APPOINTMENTS – none

16. CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT –

Sales Tax - City Administrator Paine said we have exceeded sales tax revenues compared to this same time last year. Mayor Thurston said he felt part of the reason was having the windfarm people spending money in Hillsboro.

Wray Roofing – There is a roof leak at the AMPI building on the section the welding school is using. The estimate for repair from Wray Roofing is \$13,644.00. City Administrator Paine said he felt this area of the building was still solid enough to warrant the repair. Motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Driggers to approve the repair estimate to Wray Roofing in the amount of \$13,644.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Co-op – Co-op Grain & Supply wants to purchase the 38 acres they are leasing from the city north of the sewer lagoons at \$3,000.00 per acre. They plan to build an enclosed grain storage facility on this site in the spring. They are also seeking permission to start grading the property prior to closing. If the deal isn't made, they will return the property to its current state. This head start will allow them to have the facility ready before next year's wheat harvest. Motion was made by Council member Driggers and seconded by Council member Gehring to allow the site work to begin. Motion carried unanimously.

Christmas Party – Will be Friday, December 14th at 6:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church. RSVP to City Hall by Friday, November 30th.

17. ADJOURNMENT – Council meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

/s/
LOUIS THURSTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/
JANICE K. MEISINGER, CITY CLERK