

Hillsboro, Kansas
December 4, 2018

1. The city council met in regular session on Tuesday, December 4, 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.

2. Others Present: Patty Decker, Hillsboro Free Press; Phyllis Zorn, Hillsboro Star Journal; Anthony Roy, Economic Development Director; Mike Duerksen, Electric Superintendent; 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 4:05 p.m.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – none

5. MINUTES – Motion was made by Council member Driggers and seconded by Council member McCarty to approve the minutes of the 11-20-18 regular meeting as printed. 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 \$338,457.05. Motion carried unanimously.

7. PUBLIC HEARING – 312 WEST GRAND – At 4:06 p.m., council recessed into a public hearing regarding the condition of the house at 312 West Grand. Counsel for the property owners, Susan Robson, was not present due to illness and would like the public hearing delayed for two weeks. City Administrator Paine said this would give City Attorney Boehm and Attorney Robson a chance to communicate. Some work has been done on the house, but nothing lately. After further discussion, motion was made by Council member Driggers and seconded by Council member Gehring to recess the public hearing until December 18, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. The public hearing closed at 4:13 p.m. and the regular council meeting resumed.

8. LEAGUE SERVICE AWARD – MIKE DUERKSEN – 30 YEARS – Mayor Thurston presented Mike Duerksen with a 30-year service award. He and the council thanked Mike for his dedicated service to the City of Hillsboro.

9. KDHE REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST #4 – Motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Gehring to approve Request #4 for funds from KDHE (water project) and to authorize payment to EBH (Invoice 11742) in the amount of \$12,155.32 and payment to J&K Contracting (Pay Estimate #3) in the amount of \$74,900.94. Motion carried unanimously.

10. CEREAL MALT BEVERAGE LICENSES – We have applications for 2019 Cereal Malt Beverage Licenses for: Dollar General; Casey's General Store; Ampride; Hillsboro Golf Association; and, El Lorito Mexican Restaurant. Police Chief Dan Kinning has checked the information on the applications and has recommended approval. Motion was made by Council member Gehring and seconded by Council member McCarty to approve the above listed licenses. Motion carried unanimously.

11. ELCON INVOICE – Motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Driggers to approve Invoice #11161 to Elcon Services in the amount of \$91.17 for items picked up by the

Electric Department. Vote: Council member McCarty, yes; Council member Driggers, yes; Council member Gehring, abstained. Motion carried.

12. 2019 SALARY ADJUSTMENTS – City Administrator Paine said he was proposing a salary increase for employees for 2019 to be set at 2% (cost of living adjustment). This is in the 2019 budget. The beginning of 2019 payroll is 12/30/18. Motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Driggers to approve a 2% COLA for employees for 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

13. BOARD APPOINTMENTS – none

14. CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT –

Change Order – Water Project – City Administrator Paine told council we would be having a change order for the water project for installation of a T at Ash & Grand, east side of intersection, otherwise we would be going from an 8” line to a 6” line, back to an 8” line, which didn’t make sense. With a T, we can stay with an 8” line.

Budget Amendment – City Administrator Paine reviewed the funds to be amended on the 2018 budget. The budget amendment hearing will be Tuesday, December 18th at 6:00 p.m.

15. ADJOURNMENT – Council meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

/s/
LOUIS THURSTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/
JANICE K. MEISINGER, CITY CLERK