

Hillsboro, Kansas
February 18, 2020

1. The city council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. in council chambers with Mayor Lou Thurston and Council members David Loewen, Byron McCarty, Renee Gehring, and Brent Driggers present.

2. Others Present: Anthony Roy, Economic Development Director; Wendi Stark, LKM Census Outreach Manager; Mark Chesney, KPP; Laura Paulus, Hillsboro Free Press; Jonah Gehring, County Commissioner; Phyllis Zorn, Hillsboro Star Journal; Josh Boehm, City Attorney; Larry Paine, City Administrator; and, Jan Meisinger, City Clerk.

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

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – none

5. **MINUTES** – Motion was made by Council member Gehring and seconded by Council member Loewen to approve the minutes of the 2-4-2020 regular meeting. 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 \$77,967.18. Motion carried unanimously.

7. **COUNCIL REORGANIZATION** – Council member Gehring nominated Council member Driggers as council president. Council unanimously elected Council member Driggers as council president for another year.

Council member Gehring nominated Council member Loewen as PBC chairman. Council unanimously elected Council member Loewen as PBC chairman for another year.

Mayor Thurston made the following annual appointments: Brad Jantz, Municipal Court Judge; Josh Boehm, City Attorney; Larry Paine, City Treasurer; and, Brad Jantz, Public Hearing Officer. Council unanimously approved these appointments.

8. **KPP – MARK CHESNEY** – Mark Chesney met with council to give them an update on the Kansas Power Pool. KPP has taken advantage of lower interest rates in the bond market to refinance some of their original debt, saving over 3%, which will be passed onto its members. KPP's contract with Westar will be replaced with internal combustion engines, which will save over five million dollars over what it would cost to contract with Westar again. It has been determined that the best site for the engines will be Winfield. KPP is in the process of securing the land for this project. Mayor Thurston said we were proud to be part of KPP and what they do for Marion County.

9. **WENDI STARK – LKM CENSUS PRESENTATION** – Wendi Stark, LKM Census Outreach Manager, met with council to present 2020 census information and stress how important it is that everyone be counted. Letters about the census will be mailed between 3/12/2020 and 3/20/2020. April 1st is the official census day. Responses are to be made online or by phone. The U.S. Constitution mandates that everyone in the country be counted every 10 years. The first census was in 1790. Every 10 years, the results of the census are used to reapportion the House of Representatives determining how many seats each state gets. The distribution of more than \$675 billion in federal funds, grants, and support to states, counties, and communities are based on census data. Census data is confidential for 72 years. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share census information with any other government agency. Since 2018, Marion County has lost 5.5% in population. Tabor students are to be counted in Hillsboro.

10. **RECYCLING ALTERNATIVES** – City Administrator Paine said that effective February 28th, the transfer station in Marion will be accepting recycling only on Friday mornings between 8:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Fort Riley has agreed to accept recycling again, and there is a back-up facility in place if necessary. Demolition at the transfer station begins March 2nd. Hillsboro will continue to pick up curbside recycling on Thursdays and Fridays as we have been doing. Mayor Thurston commended the county commissioners for coming up with a solution to solve this problem because Hillsboro is committed to doing recycling and he felt it was better to do it with the county.

11. **PBC MEETING – INVOICE FROM KLEND AUSTERMAN** – At 4:40 p.m., council recessed into a Public Building Commission meeting to approve an invoice from Klenda Austerman regarding the hospital bankruptcy. The meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m. and the regular council meeting resumed.

12. SOUTH ASH – STORM DRAIN REPAIR – Dale Dalke, Street Superintendent, wants to replace the storm drain culvert under Ash Street across from Willow Glen subdivision. This takes water from Willow Glen to the east beyond the city. The existing culvert is rusting out and soil is washing away. Three bids were received for a 30” bore under the road.

1) Middlecreek Corporation	\$15,750.00
2) Atkinson Road Boring	\$29,750.00
3) Chuck Butterfield	\$25,440.00

Motion was made by Council member Loewen and seconded by Council member Driggers to accept the bid from Middlecreek Corporation. Motion carried unanimously. The money for this will come from Special Highway Funds.

13. 2020 CHIP SEAL PROGRAM – Dale Dalke, Street Superintendent, prepared a list of streets that need a chip seal or fog seal this year. APAC-KS prepared an estimate for this work in the amount of \$236,823.04. Based on funds available, City Administrator Paine felt the plan should be scaled back to \$230,000.00. Motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Loewen to approve the 2020 chip seal list, not to exceed \$230,000.00, work to be done by APAC-Shears. Motion carried unanimously.

14. ELCON INVOICES – Motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Driggers to approve invoices 11967 and 11968 totaling \$734.46 to Elcon Services. Vote: Council members Loewen, McCarty, and Driggers, yes; Council member Gehring, abstained. Motion carried.

15. HETT CONSTRUCTION – PROGRESS PAYMENT – Motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Driggers to approve Pay Estimate #8 to Hett Construction in the amount of \$53,509.22. Motion carried unanimously.

16. BOARD APPOINTMENTS – Mayor Thurston reappointed Maura Wiebe to the Library Board. Motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Driggers to approve this reappointment. Motion carried unanimously.

17. CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – City Administrator Paine said Vogts-Parga will begin street work on Kennedy next week. Door hangar notices will go out and it will be posted on Facebook.

City Administrator Paine has been working with the architect for the solar project that is planned to be on the shade structure in the community plaza. This will be on the NE corner (behind the dentist’s office).

18. DALKE FAMILY – Mayor Thurston said on behalf of the City of Hillsboro, he wanted to express deep condolences to the Dalke family, John and Delores, at the loss of their son, John Owen. He passed away at 9:00 p.m. yesterday at Via Christi St Francis Hospital in Wichita. He asked that everyone include the family in their prayers.

19. ADJOURNMENT – Council meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

/s/
LOUIS THURSTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/
JANICE K. MEISINGER, CITY CLERK