

Hillsboro, Kansas  
March 27, 2018

1. The city council met in special session on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. in council chambers with Mayor Lou Thurston and Council members David Loewen, Byron McCarty, and Jonah Gehring present. Council member Brent Driggers arrived at 4:11 p.m.

2. Others Present: Mr. & Mrs. Warren Deckert; Susan Robson, Attorney for the Deckerts; Trayce Warner, Council member from Florence, KS Don Ratzlaff, Hillsboro Free Press; Josh Boehm, City Attorney; Steve Fast, Museum Director; Don Osenbaugh, Interim City Administrator; Larry Paine, City Administrator; Jan Meisinger, City Clerk; and, Phyllis Zorn arrived at 4:40 p.m.

3. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Thurston called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – none

5. **MINUTES** – The minutes of the 3-6-18 regular meeting and the minutes of the 3-13-18 special meeting were both approved as distributed.

6. **VOUCHERS** – City Clerk Meisinger made a correction to Invoice 80315 to the Co-op – a discount of \$7.91 was taken off. Total voucher list should be \$69,553.82 - \$7.91 = \$69,545.92. Motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Loewen to approve the vouchers as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

7. **CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC HEARING – WARREN DECKERT** – At 4:05 p.m., council recessed into the continuation of the public hearing for Warren Deckert regarding 311 Eisenhower. City Attorney Josh Boehm said he hasn't received a recent update from the city inspector, but he knew that significant progress has been made. Attorney Susan Robson said the raw wood has been painted with a primer; however, the temperature and rain have not been conducive for painting outside. She asked if council would be willing to either dismiss the action because they have complied with the city's request and she felt the house looked great compared to when they started; or, if not dismiss, provide one more extension of 4-6 months. City Attorney Boehm said the city inspector was not in favor of dismissing the action until all the work was completed. City Attorney Boehm said his concern that with a 6-month extension, we would be at the end of September and there could be bad weather again. After further discussion, motion was made by Council member Loewen and seconded by Council member Gehring to continue the public hearing to Tuesday, July 17<sup>th</sup>. If repairs are completed before this date, the case can be dropped as soon as we receive notification from the building inspector. Vote: Council member Loewen, Gehring, & McCarty, yes. Council member Driggers abstained because he arrived toward the end of the discussion. Motion carried.

The special city council meeting resumed at 4:15 p.m.

8. **APPROVAL OF ELCON INVOICES 10692, 10693 & 10713** – Motion was made by Council member Driggers and seconded by Council member McCarty to approve payment of the following invoices to Elcon Services, Inc.:

#10692	\$ 329.80	Wiring for Press Boxes
#10693	\$ 5.56	Electric Repair Parts
#10713	\$1,632.96	Install Welding Shop Cord Drops (Welding School)
Total	\$1,968.32	

Vote: Council members Driggers, McCarty, & Loewen, yes; Gehring, abstained. Motion carried.

9. **CITY'S INSURANCE RENEWAL** – Interim City Administrator Don Osenbaugh said he and City Clerk Meisinger met with IMA Agent Kathy McNeil last week to review the city's insurance renewal. The renewal is 5.5% higher than last year - \$96,730.00 vs \$91,707.00. There are several reasons for the increase. The state is requiring an increase in the limit for tort liability (because of the pool slide accident in Kansas City), from \$500,000.00 to \$1,000,000.00. Auto rates have increased across the board, plus liability claims against the city have increased over the past five years. The city has been receiving dividend checks back from EMC (2015 - \$11,302.00; 2016 - \$13,296.00; 2017 - \$15,035.00). Council member Gehring asked if we've searched for bids. City Administrator Paine said not frequently because of the many more resources available from IMA. Motion was made by Council member

McCarty and seconded by Council member Loewen to accept the renewal from IMA (4-1-18 to 3-31-19 – \$96,730.00). Motion carried unanimously.

**10. BID TO REPAIR SCHAEFFLER HOUSE** – Steve Fast told council that we received another Heritage Trust Fund Grant for repairs to the Schaeffler House from the Kansas State Historical Society. We requested \$90,000.00, but only will receive \$43,654.00, which will be enough to fix the foundation on the southwest corner and the porch columns that are shifting. Two bids were received: Miller Construction - \$36,379.00, and Thrasher Basement & Foundation - \$20,120.00. He recommended accepting the bid from Thrasher. We will need to pay for the work and then get reimbursed 80% from the grant. Motion was made by Council member Loewen and seconded by Council member Driggers to approve the P.O. to Thrasher Basement & Foundation for \$20,120.00. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Thurston thanked Mr. Fast for the good job he has been doing for the city.

**11. NEW ORDINANCE, RE: DOGS** – City Attorney Boehm handed out a draft ordinance, which would update our ordinance regarding dogs. The Police Department has been having reoccurring issues with dogs. This ordinance does not ban any specific breeds, but it does define the difference between a dangerous dog and a viscous dog. And, it also changes registration requirements. Item deferred until the next council meeting.

**12. REVISION TO POLICY 20 – CAMPER HOOK-UPS** – Section 2B was amended as follows: The length of stay shall not exceed 30 continuous days in the campground except as contained herein. The Chief of Police may designate special events and circumstances that would allow for a length of stay to exceed that first ordered. Such designation shall be provided to the council and shall be for up to six months, the chief may extend, renew, or reaffirm such special event or circumstance for as many additional terms (each term not to exceed 6 months) as is reasonable or necessary. After questions, motion was made by Council member Gehring and seconded by Council member McCarty to accept the revision. Motion carried unanimously.

**13. PBC MEETING TO APPROVE INVOICE TO EBH ENGINEERING** – At 5:00 p.m., council recessed into a Public Building Commission meeting to approve the invoice to EBH Engineers for Hillsboro Hospital Delineation 2018 (\$5,479.40). The meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m. and the special council meeting resumed.

**14. PROCLAMATION – APRIL FAIR HOUSING MONTH** – The mayor signed a proclamation declaring that the month of April be Fair Housing Month in the City of Hillsboro.

**15. BOARD APPOINTMENTS** – deferred

**16. MAYOR'S REPORT** –

*Tack Oil Trailer* – Mayor Thurston said we were successful in purchasing the used tack oil trailer from the Purple Wave Auction for \$5,170.00.

*City Administrator Paine* – City Administrator Larry Paine has been released to come back to duty at a pace this fits his situation. Until he is back to full-time, the city will continue to use Don Osenbaugh's services. There are three projects that he will be involved in to keep things moving along. City Administrator Paine said he was happy to be back.

*KPP* – Council received copies of a letter from KPP regarding a meeting that will be held on 4/19/18. An election will be held at this meeting that would exempt KPP from Senate Bill 323. This is in regard to electing to be exempt from the jurisdiction, regulation, supervision, and control of the Kansas Corporation Commission. City Administrator Paine asked council to name Mayor Thurston as a KPP alternate. City Administrator Paine has a doctor's appointment that day and wanted to make sure Hillsboro has a voting delegate for the election. Motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Driggers to authorize Mayor Thurston as an alternate delegate to KPP. Motion carried unanimously.

*Recycling* – Council member McCarty said he had taken a trip to the recycling plant in Hutchinson. He felt it was very interesting how everything is handled. If there are plastic bags in the recycling stream, they plug up the machine.

**17. ADJOURNMENT** – Motion was made by Council member Gehring and seconded by Council member Loewen to adjourn at 5:13 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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LOUIS THURSTON

ATTEST:

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JANICE K. MEISINGER, CITY CLERK