

Hillsboro, Kansas
April 16, 2019

1. The city council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. in council chambers with Mayor Lou Thurston and Council members David Loewen, Byron McCarty, and Jonah Gehring (arrived at 4:30 p.m.) present. Absent: Council member Brent Driggers.

2. Others Present: Laura Paulus, Hillsboro Free Press; Phyllis Zorn, Marion County Record; Brent Unruh & Cindy Gaddis, Marion County Fair; Josh Boehm, City Attorney; Ben Steketee, Building Inspector/Fire Chief; Dick & Carla Hein, 312 W. Grand; and, Jan Meisinger, City Clerk. Absent: City Administrator Larry Paine.

3. **CALL TO ORDER** – Due to lack of a quorum, the meeting was not called to order until 4:30 p.m.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – none

5. **MINUTES** – Motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Loewen to approve the minutes of the 4-2-19 regular meeting as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **VOUCHERS** – Motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Loewen to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$225,142.19. Motion carried unanimously.

7. **DICK HEIN HOUSE FINDINGS (312 W. GRAND)** – Building Inspector Ben Steketee said he had inspected the house (312 W. Grand) on April 8th and all of the 10 conditions on the exterior envelope have been completed, and the house is no longer a blight or a danger to the community. However, it is not yet habitable on the inside. City Attorney Boehm told council what their options were. Motion was made by Council member Gehring and seconded by Council member McCarty that the blight and unsafe conditions as identified by the City have all been abated. Motion carried unanimously. The mayor and council thanked Mr. & Mrs. Hein for completing the repairs on the outside of the house.

8. **MARION COUNTY FAIR BOARD** – Brent Unruh said there were no problems last year at the Marion County Fair's Beer Garden; and, that it was a learning experience. They bought more beer than was needed so they didn't make any money. He also pointed out that the beer garden was the cleanest spot in the whole area. They are requesting permission to have this again for the 2019 fair with the possible expansion of the number of beers sold to an individual; and, the possible expansion of the area beer would be able to be consumed to the whole east side of the arena. This would allow individuals to sit with their family and not be confined to just inside the beer garden. They could have everyone over 21 wear a wristband, so if someone is seen drinking without a wristband, they would know they were underage. Mayor Thurston said his concern was that with an expanded area, it would be harder to control and he didn't want to have underage drinkers. Brent Unruh told council that this year, they were not going to allow any drinks to be brought into the arena. Mayor Thurston also said that if someone did cause a problem, Fair Board personnel should engage law enforcement to handle the situation. Motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Gehring to approve their request (everyone on east side over 21 wears wristband, the area is to be monitored; and, the number of beers sold to an individual will be up to the judgement of the seller). Motion carried unanimously.

9. **SANITATION TRUCK FINANCING RESOLUTION** – Motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Loewen to approve Resolution 2019-02 – (A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF HILLSBORO KANSAS, AUTHORIZING FINANCING OF A SANITATION TRUCK). Council was polled with the following vote: Council member Loewen, yes; Council member McCarty, yes; Council member Gehring, yes. Motion carried unanimously. The city's down payment is \$150,000.00 and the lease purchase loan is \$169,415.00.

10. **ELCON INVOICE** – Motion was made by Council member Loewen and seconded by Council member McCarty to approve payment of Invoice 11345 to Elcon Services, Inc. in the amount of \$45.81. This is for items for the Water and Refuse Departments. Motion carried unanimously.

11. **BOARD APPOINTMENTS** – deferred

12. **FUTURE BUSINESS** – Mayor Thurston told council that we may have found a new operator for the trash truck. He is from out-of-state; but, has experience operating a trash truck and has family living in Hillsboro.

Mayor Thurston said he had been approached about another blight situation. We may consider updating our ordinance regarding blighted properties in city limits. Our existing ordinance is over 20 years old and we want to keep things looking attractive.

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

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LOUIS THURSTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JANICE K. MEISINGER, CITY CLERK