

Hillsboro, Kansas  
April 2, 2019

1. The city council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. in council chambers with Mayor Lou Thurston and Council members David Loewen, Byron McCarty, and Jonah Gehring present. Absent: Council member Brent Driggers.

2. Others Present: Anthony Roy, Economic Development Director; Phyllis Zorn, Hillsboro Star Journal; Laura Paulus, Hillsboro Free Press; Darrel Knoll, High School History Teacher, and Jenna Hinerman, Amy Kersten, & Tiffany Shaw, Students; 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** – Council member Gehring said his last name was spelled incorrectly in Paragraph #5. Motion was made by Council member Loewen and seconded by Council member Gehring to approve the minutes of the 3-19-19 regular meeting as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **VOUCHERS** – City Clerk Meisinger said the invoice (#2001477-0) to American Fun Foods, in the amount of \$83.79, should be removed from the voucher list. Motion was made by Council member Gehring and seconded by Council member Loewen to approve the vouchers as corrected in the amount of \$159,664.59. Motion carried unanimously.

7. **ARTS & CRAFTS UPDATE** – Coleen Koop had planned to attend the council meeting, but due to a scheduling conflict, was not able to be here. Mayor Thurston said this year was the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Arts & Crafts Fair. The Arts & Crafts Association is planning a thank-you event for our community in July. They are asking that the 100 block of North Main be closed for the event. They are planning a free meal for the community, live music, and have invited some local vendors. They would also like the information shared on the city's Facebook page.

8. **SANITATION TRUCK FINANCING BID AWARD** – The following four bids were received:

| Institution          | Rate   | Fees     | Payment     | Annual Payment | Total Interest | Total Cost   | Difference in Cost |
|----------------------|--------|----------|-------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Marion Nat'l Bank    | 3.560% | \$110.00 | \$18,643.94 | \$37,287.88    | \$17,024.44    | \$186,439.40 | -                  |
| Hillsboro State Bank | 3.567% | -        | \$18,647.49 | \$37,294.98    | \$17,059.00    | \$186,474.90 | \$ 35.50           |
| Emprise              | 3.560% | \$250.00 | \$18,668.20 | \$37,336.40    | \$17,267.01    | \$186,682.00 | \$ 207.10          |
| Central Nat'l Bank   | 3.840% | \$195.00 | \$18,805.54 | \$37,611.08    | \$18,445.43    | \$188,055.40 | \$1,373.40         |

City Administrator Paine said he recommended Hillsboro State Bank because the total cost is less when you consider the fees Marion National charges and Hillsboro State does not. Motion was made by Council member Gehring and seconded by Council member Loewen to accept the bid from Hillsboro State Bank. Motion carried unanimously.

9. **WATER PROJECT PAYMENT REQUEST #8** – Motion was made by Council member Gehring and seconded by Council member McCarty to approve reimbursement request #8 from KDHE for water project (EBH & Associates, engineering fees \$18,941.85; and, J&K Contracting, construction costs \$37,812.30, total request \$56,754.15). Motion carried unanimously.

10. **GAAP WAIVER RESOLUTION** – Every year, we put together a resolution that authorizes a waiver of the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAPP). The State of Kansas uses a cash basis way of accounting that is different than GAAP. Motion was made by Council member Loewen and seconded by Council member McCarty to approve Resolution 2019-01 – (A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE WAIVER OF GENERAL ACCPETED ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES (GAAP) IN THE PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE CITY OF HILLSBORO, KANSAS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018). Council was polled with the following vote: Council member Loewen, yes; Council member McCarty, yes; Council member Gehring, yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**11. PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION MEETING** – At 4:20 p.m., council recessed into a Public Building Commission meeting to approve an invoice to TWG regarding Bank of Hays vs CAH Acquisition #5. The meeting adjourned at 4:22 p.m. and the regular council meeting resumed.

**12. BOARD APPOINTMENTS** – Mayor Thurston appointed Larry Cole to the Hillsboro Housing Authority filling the unexpired term of Amy Simmons (term expires 9-1-2019); and, Dwight Schmidt filling the unexpired term of Bob Dalke - deceased (term expires (9-1-2022)). Motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Loewen to approve these appointments. Motion carried unanimously.

**13. CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT** – City Administrator Paine said he had been in contact with Jim Younger, EBH, about the water project. The water was shut off again in the west part of town today so another broken valve could be replaced. Water will be shut off in areas for several days this week for tie-ins. Door hangars for the tie-in work have been distributed.

**14. INTERNET SURVEY RESULTS** – Anthony Roy, Economic Development Director, said an internet survey was conducted to assess the needs of the community. Two-hundred-thirty nine responses were received and of those, 209 were from people living in town. The majority were residential and 22 responses were commercial. Most are using broad band (Eagle or CenturyLink). Six were wireless and there were 0 dial-up. Most responders use 5-10 devices in each home. Uses include social media, streaming videos, and reading. Most spent 20 plus hours on the internet each week. Of the responses, 25.33% have a home-based business; 49.16% upload large files, and 84.39% would pay for a stand-alone internet service without TV or phone service. Most people currently pay \$30.00-49.99 for internet service. 70.46% of the people using the internet experience buffering and/or outages. City Administrator Paine said the next step was to have a conversation with the vendor to see what it would take to start the project. Anthony said having a good reliable internet was important for economic development growth. Mayor Thurston said if we wanted Hillsboro and Marion County to grow, it’s important to have the amenities, but there was a price tag attached.

**14. ADJOURNMENT** – Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

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/s/  
LOUIS THURSTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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/s/  
JANICE K. MEISINGER, CITY CLERK