

Hillsboro, Kansas  
May 1, 2018

1. The city council met in special session on Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in council chambers with Mayor Lou Thurston and Council members Brent Driggers, Jonah Gehring, Byron McCarty, and David Loewen present.

2. Others Present: Dan Kinning, Chief of Police; Phyllis Zorn, Hillsboro Star Journal; Mark Chesney, KPP; Don Ratzlaff, Hillsboro Free Press; Josh Boehm, City Attorney; Brandi Barney; Regina Ogle; Elaine Coach; Christopher & Raine Parrish; Jesse Hamm; Bridgett Hamm; Brent Unruh; Karin Pettross; Stephen Owens; Andy Ortiz; Larry Paine, City Administrator; and, Jan Meisinger, City Clerk.

3. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Thurston called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Stephen Owens introduced himself as candidate for Kansas House District 74. He said he felt it was time that the 74<sup>th</sup> District be represented the way it should be in Topeka. He also said he had a conservative, Republican background.

5. **MINUTES** – Motion was made by Council member Loewen and seconded by Council member McCarty to approve the minutes of the 4-17-18 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **VOUCHERS** – City Clerk Meisinger made a correction to the voucher list. Invoice #6677 to KS Publishing Ventures for \$480.25 was removed, making the new total \$265,214.48. Motion was made by Council member Driggers and seconded by Council member Loewen to approve the vouchers with the above correction. Motion carried unanimously.

7. **MARK CHESNEY – KPP UPDATE** – Mark Chesney met with council to give them an update on KPP activities. The KPP membership has exempted KPP from oversight by the Kansas Corporation Commission. KPP is still working on plans to replace the 59 mwh from Westar (contract expiring December, 2022).

8. **DOG ORDINANCE REVIEW** – City Attorney Boehm said the draft of the dog ordinance removes breed specific dogs and deals more with the behavior of the animal; and, the judicial process dealing with the owner is better detailed. This ordinance would be effective at the end of this year. Christopher Parrish thanked council for listening to their concerns. He had questions about vicious dogs being fixed, then coming off the vicious list (36 months without incident). He said he would still like to see the city address animal control by a trained individual in the future. City Administrator Paine and City Attorney Boehm will work on edits and have the ordinance ready for adoption at the next city council meeting.

9. **FAIR BOARD – BEER GARDEN** – The Fair Board provided additional information that was included in the council packet. The City of Hillsboro benefits economically during fair week with an estimated 10,000 additional people through Hillsboro. If they spend an average of \$10.00 per person, additional revenue for the city would be \$100,000.00. If ¼ of the people attending the demo derby purchase a wristband for the beer garden, the income would be \$5,625.00 before expenses. Alternative transportation will be provided (may be a Fair Board member). Chingawassa Days had no issues related to their beer garden. They don't have a beer limit in place, and their profit was \$6,000.00-\$7,000.00. The Strong City Rodeo, McPherson County Fair, and the Tri-County Fair (Dickinson County) have not had any alcohol related issues. Although it will take a while, the Fair Board members said they would like to use the money from the beer garden profits to replace the bleachers in the arena. After further discussion, motion was made by Council member Gehring and seconded by Council member Driggers to approve the beer garden this year, including liability insurance to protect the city in case someone would get hurt or there would be property damage. Vote: Council member Gehring, Driggers & McCarty, yes; Council member Loewen, no. Motion carried. Council member Gehring asked them to report back on how things went after the fair.

10. **BASKETBALL PROJECT BID AWARD** – Last year, Mayor Dalke formed a committee to raise funds (\$40,000.00) for outdoor basketball courts. The committee selected Marlin Janzen to do the concrete basketball surfaces for \$21,612.50. The Lumberyard is donating the wire for the concrete. The second bid is from Horseshoe Metal Works for four basketball goals for the two courts – cost \$4,400.00. Funds for this project will be paid by the Hillsboro Community Foundation. These courts will be built on city property (north of Scout House) and the city will be responsible for upkeep and maintenance going forward. Motion was made by Council member Driggers and seconded by Council member Loewen to accept these two bids. Motion carried unanimously.

**11. C-CLIP – US HWY 56/SANTA FE** – City Administrator Paine said this was a grant application for intersection improvements at Hwy 56 & Santa Fe Street. The estimated cost is \$589,304.00. The city’s share is 5% or \$29,465.20. This would be a 2021 project under C-CLIP Geometric Improvements for State Highway City Connecting Links. Motion was made by Council member Driggers and seconded by Council member McCarty to authorize the mayor to sign the application. Motion carried unanimously.

**12. PBC MEETING TO APPROVE INVOICES TO FLAMINGS AND TRIPLETT WOOLF GARRETSON** – At 6:49 p.m., council recessed into a PBC meeting to approve Invoice #20283 to Flaming’s, Inc. for repairs to boiler system (old hospital) in the amount of \$234.10; and, Invoice #131336 to Triplett Woolf Garretson, LLC, regarding sale of old hospital, in the amount of \$2,032.04. The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m. and the special council meeting resumed.

**13. BOARD APPOINTMENTS –**

*Museum Advisory Board* – Mayor Thurston appointed Hank Wiebe to the Museum Advisory Board. Motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Driggers to approve this appointment. Motion carried unanimously.

*Convention & Visitor’s Bureau* – Mayor Thurston appointed Anthony Roy to the CVB. Motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Loewen to approve this appointment. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Thurston reappointed Shana Stepanek, Doug Sisk, and Sam Hall to the CVB. Motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Gehring to approve these reappointments. Motion carried unanimously.

*Library Board* – Mayor Thurston appointed Rachel Winter to the Library Board. Motion was made by Council member Driggers and seconded by Council member Loewen to approve this appointment. Motion carried unanimously.

**14. CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT** – City Administrator Paine said the budget worksheets will go out soon. Don Osenbaugh, in his KMIT role, is still working on functional job analysis forms with department heads.

Mayor Thurston officially wished City Administrator Paine a Happy Birthday. Earlier in the day, staff surprised Larry with a birthday party.

**15. ADJOURNMENT** – Council meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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/s/  
LOUIS THURSTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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/s/  
JANICE K. MEISINGER, CITY CLERK