

Hillsboro, Kansas
May 21, 2019

1. The city council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. in council chambers with Council members David Loewen, Byron McCarty, Brent Driggers, and Jonah Gehring (arrived at 4:11 p.m.) present. Absent: Mayor Lou Thurston.

2. Others Present: Larry & Joy Smith; Anthony Roy, Economic Development Director; Laura Paulus, Hillsboro Free Press; Phyllis Zorn, Hillsboro Star Journal; Josh Boehm, City Attorney; Matt Gehring; Renee Gehring; Larry Paine, City Administrator; and, Jan Meisinger, City Clerk.

3. **CALL TO ORDER** – Council president Brent Driggers called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – none

5. **MINUTES** – Motion was made by Council member Loewen and seconded by Council member McCarty to approve the minutes of the 5-7-19 regular council meeting as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **VOUCHERS** – Motion was made by Council member Loewen and seconded by Council member McCarty to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$112,751.99. Motion carried unanimously.

7. **REAL ESTATE CONTRACT – HILLSBORO HEIGHTS – PLUS OPTIONS** – Larry and Joy Smith have signed a real estate agreement for the east 34.75' of Lot 2 and all of Lot 3, Block 4, Hillsboro Heights 2nd Addition (purchase price - \$6,200.00); and, have signed options for Lots 4 & 5, Block 4, Hillsboro Heights 2nd Addition (purchase price \$4,600.00 each). They will have 24 months to purchase the option properties. The Smiths want to purchase these lots to build storage units on them. The current zoning code does not permit storage units; however, there are storage units in the subdivision by Rod's Tire. Those storage units were approved under the old zoning code that did allow storage units. City Administrator Paine said rather than the Smiths applying for a variance, it would be better for the City of Hillsboro to sponsor a text change. The sale would be contingent on the Planning Commission and City Council approving a text amendment to the zoning code. Motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Loewen to approve the sale of property in Hillsboro Heights to Larry Smith and accept purchase option agreements for two other lots – the first contingent on a text amendment approved by the Planning Commission and City Council. Motion carried unanimously.

8. **CITY CONTRIBUTION TO FLEX SPENDING ACCOUNT** – City Administrator Paine said that in the past, the City has matched up to \$500.00, per eligible employee, the contribution to the employee's flexible spending accounts. (The plan year begins July 1). This is to help offset the employee's deductible and out-of-pocket expenses. Most of our eligible employees have taken advantage of this matching contribution. There is a \$500.00 carryover to the next plan year, and if the employee doesn't use all of their allocation, the money stays with the City. Motion was made by Council member Loewen and seconded by Council member McCarty to authorize up to a \$500.00 matching fund contribution to each employee's flex plan. Motion carried unanimously.

9. **PBC MEETING TO APPROVE KLEND AUSTERMAN, LLC INVOICES** – At 4:12 p.m., council recessed into a Public Building Commission meeting to approve invoices to Klenda Austerman, LLC (hospital). The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m. and the regular council meeting resumed.

10. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT** – none

11. **ADJOURNMENT** – Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

/s/
LOUIS THURSTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/
JANICE K. MEISINGER, CITY CLERK

