

Hillsboro, Kansas
June 22, 2018

1. The city council met in special session on Friday, June 22, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. in council chambers with Mayor Lou Thurston and Council members David Loewen, Jonah Gehring, and Brent Driggers present. Absent: Council member Byron McCarty.

2. Others Present: Phyllis Zorn, Hillsboro Star Journal; Larry Paine, City Administrator; and, Jan Meisinger, City Clerk.

3. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Thurston called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – none

5. **MINUTES** – Motion was made by Council member Driggers and seconded by Council member Loewen to approve the minutes of the 6-5-18 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **VOUCHERS** – Motion was made by Council member Driggers and seconded by Council member Loewen to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$345,978.52. Motion carried unanimously.

7. **ABB&B AUDIT AGREEMENT 2018-2020** – City Administrator Paine said we have been pleased with the work Adams, Brown, Beran & Ball has provided the past few years. This agreement covers the budget years 2018 (\$16,870.00), 2019 (\$17,380.00), and, 2020 (\$17,900.00). Motion was made by Council member Loewen and seconded by Council member Gehring to approve the audit agreement and to authorize City Administrator Paine to sign it. Motion carried unanimously.

8. **CENTRAL KANSAS CONSERVANCY AGREEMENT** – Council received rough draft copies of the agreement for the City of Hillsboro to build the KDOT Hospital Trail Project. There is a \$500 annual fee, which is adjusted every five years based on the 1-1-19 CPI. The city currently maintains the right-of-way by mowing the grass. Council member Driggers asked why the city should have to pay for the use of the right-of-way if CKC is interested in it becoming a trail project and the city is mowing the property. City Administrator Paine said the railroad retained the right to recover the property, so the city could never own it. To continue with the project, the city has to have CKC's approval. After further discussion, a couple of council members asked City Administrator Paine to find out where CKC's interest lies, why the city should pay \$500.00 every year for its use or if a one-time fee could be paid since the city maintains the property; and, to negotiate to see if the community plaza (splash pad) could be placed on Main Street on railroad right-of-way.

9. **EBH STREET DESIGN AGREEMENT** – City Administrator Paine said there were still different options for East Grand regarding the brick street. These decisions can be made at bid award time. The water project is now out for bids. Motion was made by Council member Driggers and seconded by Council member Gehring to approve the contract for engineering services for 2018 – Hillsboro Street Improvements (not to exceed \$200,000.00). Motion carried unanimously.

10. **ELCON INVOICES** - #10826 – Ballasts for welding school - \$21.29; and, #10825 – (20) unistruts for Electric Department - \$58.77 = total \$80.06. Motion was made by Council member Driggers and seconded by Council member Loewen to approve the above invoices to Elcon. Vote: Council members Driggers & Loewen, yes; Council member Gehring, abstained. Motion carried.

11. BOARD APPOINTMENTS – deferred

12. CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – City Administrator Paine said he, Lou & Anthony had gone to Valley Center to meet with their mayor, director of parks, and community development director. He felt it was a very productive meeting. Valley Center has an ongoing Main Street preservation group and do a lot of promotions such as bringing in food trucks two times a year and a downtown carnival. Mayor Thurston said he felt it was good to see what other cities were doing.

13. ADJOURNMENT – Council meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

/s/
LOUIS THOURSTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/
JANICE K. MEISINGER, CITY CLERK