

Hillsboro, Kansas  
July 17, 2018

1. The city council met in regular session on Tuesday, July 17, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. in council chambers with Mayor Lou Thurston and Council members Byron McCarty, Jonah Gehring, and Brent Driggers (arrived at 4:07 p.m.) present. Absent: Council member David Loewen.

2. Others Present: Kent Becker, County Commissioner 1<sup>st</sup> District; Craig Dodd, Candidate for County Commissioner 1<sup>st</sup> District; Warren Deckert, 311 Eisenhower; Russell Groves, Groves Addition Developer; Anthony Roy, Economic Development Director; Shelia Kelley, Hillsboro Star Journal; Patty Decker, Hillsboro Free Press, (arrived at 4:21 p.m.); Josh Boehm, City Attorney (arrived at 4:35 p.m.); Larry Paine, City Administrator; and, Jan Meisinger, City Clerk.

**3. CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Thurston called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Mayor Thurston asked the candidates for 1<sup>st</sup> District County Commissioner limit their remarks to 3-5 minutes. He said Larry Cushenberry had planned to be here as well; however, his father is very ill and is in the hospital.

Craig Dodd is a candidate for 1<sup>st</sup> District County Commissioner. He said his first priority would be to attend all city council meetings in District #1 because that was the only way to learn what was needed. He felt commission meetings should be run in a professional non-condescending manner. Everyone is entitled to their own opinion, but they need to have a civil attitude. He felt something needed to be done with taxes, so people will want to stay in Marion County. Business development is important because we need jobs. He also felt it was important to keep our EMS service. He said the average age in Marion County was 63. He said the county needed a line item budget and needed to look at where the money is being spent. He felt the county commission needed a business person on the commission.

Kent Becker, Current County Commissioner for the 1<sup>st</sup> District, is also seeking election. He said it had been a privilege to serve for the past 1 ½ years. He was born and raised here and spent 39 years in the banking business, and is still a director and consultant for Hillsboro State Bank. He currently owns a farm and has owned an insurance agency in the past. He felt economic development was a key issue. He also felt he has a good rapport with Former Mayor Dalke, Current Mayor Thurston, and City Administrator Paine. He felt Hillsboro has been blessed with strong leadership, because it takes a lot of commitment. The county's valuation has increased and they are looking at the budget for next year.

**5. MINUTES** – Motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Gehring to approve the minutes of the 7-3-18 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**6. VOUCHERS** – City Clerk Meisinger said shipping and handling of \$15.00 needed to be added to International Code Council (Invoice 1000918753). This makes the grand total \$122,220.07. Motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Driggers to approve the vouchers with the correction. Motion carried unanimously.

**7. RESUMPTION OF WARREN DECKERT HEARING – 311 EISENHOWER** – On March 27, 2018, council voted to extend the hearing until July 27, 2018 to give Mr. Deckert an opportunity to complete items listed. Ben Steketee provided a list that City Attorney Boehm sent to Mr. Deckert's attorney, Susan Robson. The letter stated that Mr. Deckert was to complete the listed items, then ask the building

inspector to conduct an inspection. As of today, Ben has not received an inspection request. Mr. Deckert said the work was done. Mayor Thurston instructed him to call Ben for an inspection. Motion was made by Council member Driggers and seconded by Council member McCarty to continue the hearing until August 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

**8. FINAL PAYMENT – NOWAK CONSTRUCTION – GROVES SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT** – The last work that was needed on the sewer line (manhole) has been completed. Motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Driggers to approve payment to Nowak Construction for Pay Estimate #2 (final) in the amount of \$12,178.55. Motion carried unanimously.

**9. PUBLIC HEARING – GROVES ASSESSMENT DISTRICT** – At 4:21 p.m., council recessed into a public hearing to receive and hear any and all complaints and objections to the proposed special assessments for the sanitary sewer line in Groves First Addition. No public comments were received. The public hearing closed at 4:24 p.m. and the regular council meeting resumed.

RESOLUTION 2018-03 – Motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Driggers to approve Resolution 2018-03 – (A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HILLSBORO, KANSAS AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE UNDERWRITING AND OFFERING FOR SALE THE CITY'S GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2018 IN A TOTAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF APPROXIMATELY \$125,455.00. Council was polled with the following vote: Council member McCarty, yes; Council member Gehring, yes; Council member Driggers, yes. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE 1288 – Motion was made by Council member Driggers and seconded by Council member McCarty to approve Ordinance 1288 – (*AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HILLSBORO, KANSAS, LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT TAXES ON CERTAIN REAL PROPERTIES IN THE CITY, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING A PORTION OF THE COSTS OF CERTAIN INTERNAL IMPROVEMENTS BENEFITING SUCH REAL PROPERTIES; PROVIDING FOR THE GIVING OF NOTICE OF SAID SPECIAL ASSESSMENT TAXES BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING; AND PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION OF SAID SPECIAL ASSESSMENT TAXES (GROVES FIRST ADDITION SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS)*). Council was polled with the following vote: Council member McCarty, yes; Gehring, yes; Driggers, yes. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Groves thanked council for their consideration of this project. One house is done and is ready for sale. Mayor Thurston thanked Mr. Groves and his wife for their investment in our community.

**10. SET 2019 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING** – Motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Driggers to set August 7, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. as the date and time to conduct a public hearing on the 2019 annual budget. Motion carried unanimously.

**11. ELCON INVOICE** – Motion was made by Council member Driggers and seconded by Council member McCarty to approve payment of Invoice 10892 to Elcon Services, Inc. in the amount of \$25.56. Vote: Council member Driggers, yes; Council member McCarty, yes; Council member Gehring, abstained. Motion carried.

**12. BOARD APPOINTMENTS** – deferred

**13. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT** –

*Polycarts* – City Administrator Paine showed council a new polycart that could be used for recycling after we get a new truck.

*Detour* – Part of Hwy 50 is being closed. Traffic will be rerouted to Hwy 56. Everyone needs to be aware of increased traffic and be extra careful to avoid accidents.

*Property Clean-up* – There are other properties that we are working on for clean-up/repair issues.

*KPP* – The KPP Fall Retreat is September 14-15 in Wichita. KPP is paying the expenses so City Administrator Paine encouraged council members to attend.

*D Street* – Valley gutter project starts tomorrow. The mill and overlay will begin August 1<sup>st</sup>.

*Water Project* – The bid opening for the water project will be July 24<sup>th</sup>.

**14. 2019 BUDGET REVIEW** – City Administrator Paine said he was still working on the budget. He said he was approximately \$134,000.00 out of balance. Once the budget is published, expenditures can go down, but can't increase. He will probably publish the higher number, knowing it will be the worst case scenario.

**15. ADJOURNMENT** – Council meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

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/s/  
LOUIS THURSTON, MAYOR

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JANICE K. MEISINGER, CITY CLERK