

Hillsboro, Kansas
December 21, 2021

1. The City Council met in regular session via Zoom and in person, on Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at 6:30pm with Mayor Lou Thurston and Council members Brent Driggers, Renee Gehring, David Loewen and Byron McCarty participating.

2. Others Participating: Andrew Kovar, City Attorney; Phyllis Zorn, Marion County Record; Blake Beye; Matt Stiles, City Administrator; and Danielle Bartel, City Clerk.

3. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Lou Thurston called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES dated December 7, 2021.

Council member Driggers motioned to approve the minutes; Council member Loewen seconded. Motion carried.

VOUCHERS in the amount of \$306,413.37.

Council member McCarty motioned to approve the vouchers as presented; Council member Loewen seconded. Motion carried.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

6. BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 1339 AMENDING WATER RATES: Administrator Stiles reviewed the proposed water rate increase to take effect in February 2022. The ordinance maintains the current base rate and increases the consumption charge to \$6.05 per 1,000 gallons. Council member Driggers motioned to approve Ordinance 1339 and authorize the Mayor to sign. Council member McCarty seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF PEABODY WATER RATES: Administrator Stiles reviewed the Peabody Water Agreement and the letter to be sent to the City of Peabody regarding the water rate increase. Council member McCarty motioned to approve the rate increase to \$2.68 per 1,000 gallons up to 50,000,000 gallons and \$3.13 per 1,000 gallons above 50,000,000; and provide official notification to the City of Peabody. Council member Loewen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PROPOSAL FROM TORREY BROTHERS FOR POOL RECOATING: Administrator Stiles shared the proposal from Torrey Brothers Construction to sandblast, repair and recoat the swimming pool. Council member Gehring motioned to award the bid to Torrey Brothers Construction for \$34,900; Council member Driggers seconded. Motion carried.

OURTOWN DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES, LLC AGREEMENT: Administrator Stiles and Mayor Thurston reviewed the draft agreement and their vision for this relationship. Richard Oster shared his background. City Attorney will send the final documents for review and approval at the next Council Meeting.

7. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION: None.

8. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: City Administrator Stiles reported on the following:

- December 15 Windstorm
- Evergy Meeting
- Splash Park Equipment
- 128 S Main Building
- Ranson Financial Meeting
- New Police Officer
- KPP Electric Utility Financial Scorecard
- November KPP Bill
- Health Insurance Savings Report
- 3rd Street Re-platting
- Electric Vehicle Chargers

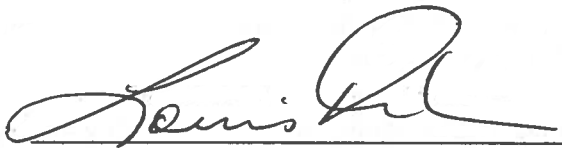
9. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Blake Beye looks forward to beginning his role on January 4. Council member Gehring shared that she has appreciated the opportunity to serve.

10. COUNCIL COMMENTS: Council member Loewen requested the public be informed of when they can communicate their thoughts regarding the container homes. Staff noted this request and shared that all Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals meetings are published and neighbors are notified in

advance. Mayor Thurston, Administrator Stiles, and Water Department Supervisor, Morgan Marler, recorded a "Coffee with the Mayor" podcast today.

11. ADJOURNMENT: Council meeting adjourned at 7:33pm.

ATTEST:



LOUIS THURSTON, MAYOR

DANIELLE BARTEL, CITY CLERK