

Hillsboro, Kansas  
January 3, 2023

1. The City Council met in regular session via Zoom and in person on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 6:30pm with Mayor Lou Thurston and Council members Blake Beye, Brent Driggers, David Loewen and Byron McCarty participating.

Members Absent: None.

2. **Others Participating:** Andrew Kovar, City Attorney; Matt Stiles, City Administrator; Danielle Bartel, City Clerk; Brooke Carroll of KPP Energy; County Commissioner Jonah Gehring.

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

4. **OATH OF OFFICE:** City Clerk Danielle Bartel provided Oaths of Office for Council members Brent Driggers and Byron McCarty.

#### 5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

**MINUTES** dated December 20, 2022.

**VOUCHERS** in the amount of \$84,196.49.

Council member Beye motioned to approve the consent agenda. Council member Loewen seconded. Motion carried.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

#### 7. BUSINESS ITEMS

**CONSIDERATION OF ELECTRIC RATE ADJUSTEMENT OPTIONS:** Brooke Carroll of KPP Energy presented three options for increasing the electric rate. Administrator Stiles shared how the rate increase options would impact residential and commercial customers. Discussion regarding supply chain delays and about the electric fund reserves. Staff requested direction from Council.

Council member McCarty motioned for staff to work with the City Attorney to develop an ordinance to incorporate scenario one, adding \$0.01 per kWh in 2023, to the electric rate. Council member Loewen seconded. Motion carried.

**CONSIDERATION OF REVISED 2023 MEETING SCHEDULE:** Administrator Stiles shared of two meeting dates that are on or near holidays and recommended alternate dates for those meetings.

Administrator Stiles requested Council members provide feedback to him regarding any meetings that need to be rescheduled in July and November, and any other dates with conflicts.

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

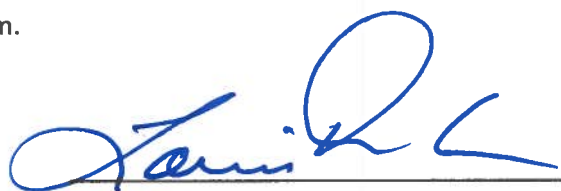
- Power Outage
- Water in Cold Weather
- Deadline for CDBG
- SEED Grant
- Strategic Plan Update
- Office Closure
- BASE Grant

9. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** County Commissioner Jonah Gehring shared that Representatives Stephen Owens and Scott Hill were recently at the County Commissioner's meeting. Gehring shared of his appreciation for the Mayor and the City Administrator. The Council thanked Gehring for his support of Hillsboro as well.

10. **COUNCIL COMMENTS:** Council member Beye shared his appreciation to City staff and to Evergy for restoring the power recently.

11. **ADJOURNMENT:** Council meeting adjourned at 7:04pm.

ATTEST:



LOUIS THURSTON, MAYOR



DANIELLE BARTEL, CITY CLERK