

Hillsboro, Kansas  
July 25, 2023

1. The City Council met in regular session via Zoom and in person on Tuesday, July 25, 2023 at 6:30pm with Mayor Lou Thurston and Council members Blake Beye, David Loewen and Byron McCarty participating.

Members Absent: Brent Driggers.

2. **Others Participating:** Andrew Kovar, City Attorney; Matt Stiles, City Administrator; Krista Richert, Accounts Payable/Payroll Clerk.

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

#### 4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

**MINUTES** for the regular meeting dated July 11, 2023.

**VOUCHERS** in the amount of \$804,526.26.

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

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

#### 6. BUSINESS ITEMS

**ORDINANCE 1374 – LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK:** Administrator Stiles shared the lease purchase agreement will include the fire brush truck, dump truck for the street department, and the golf course sprayer. The total lease purchase agreement will be \$279,249.34 for this equipment.

Council member Loewen motioned to adopt Ordinance 1374 and authorize the Mayor to sign. Council member Beye seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**RETAINER AGREEMENT WITH NAPOLI SHKOLNIK, PLLC FOR KANSAS PFAS COST RECOVERY:** Administrator Stiles explained the cost recovery program and noted the National and Kansas Rural Water Association's encouragement to participate in the program. He shared the city has tested for and treated associated chemicals in the water system.

Council member McCarty motioned to approve and accept the retainer agreement with Napoli Shkolnik, PLLC for the Kansas PFAS Cost Recovery Program. Council member Beye seconded. Motion carried.

#### 7. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

**2024 BUDGET DRAFT:** Administrator Stiles noted the mill levy and the anticipation to exceed the revenue neutral rate. He highlighted the \$1.1M pilot study project in the water department, which is a 100% forgivable loan through KDHE.

**OUT-OF-TOWN TRASH RATES:** Administrator Stiles shared that residents east of town and one out-of-town business have recently inquired about having trash services through the City of Hillsboro. Council discussion regarding additional time and fuel expenses that would be incurred in the sanitation department to include some these customers. Discussion continued regarding the geographic area.

**DUMPSTER POLICY:** Administrator Stiles shared of recent challenges with customers utilizing dumpsters and reviewed guidelines for a proposed policy. He noted an ordinance and policy would be needed to establish this. Council affirmed this direction.

8. **LAND BANK MEETING:** Council recessed the regular City Council meeting to enter a Land Bank Meeting at 6:57pm. The regular City Council meeting resumed at 7:02pm.

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

- Alternative Housing Overlay Application
- Congressman Jake LaTurner's Visit
- CDBG Award for the Childcare Center
- Airport Roof
- Splash Pad Dedication
- Jost Hall Dedication
- Monthly Financial Report

- KPP June Bill
- WSU Housing Needs Assessment
- Demolition of 311 N Lincoln
- Downtown Resurfacing
- Pool Dedication on August 10 at 2PM
- Administrator Stiles' out of office dates

**10. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

**11. COUNCIL COMMENTS:** Council member Loewen inquired about tree branch removal on power lines and pole replacement. Mayor Thurston suggested staff schedule a time to pick up branches.

**12. ADJOURNMENT:** Council meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

ATTEST:

  
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LOUIS THURSTON, MAYOR  
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DANIELLE BARTEL, CITY CLERK