

Hillsboro, Kansas
March 9, 2022

1. The City Council met in a special session via Zoom and in person on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 11:15am with Mayor Lou Thurston and Council members Brent Driggers, David Loewen and Byron McCarty participating. Council member absent: Blake Beye.

2. **Others Participating:** Matt Stiles, City Administrator; Danielle Bartel, City Clerk; Doug Sisk, Parks & Recreation Director; Darrell Knoll, HHS Faculty; and HHS Students including Blane Bernhardt, Nate Hein, Kate Maxfield, Emily Paulus, Charlie Peters, and Callie Plenert.

3. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Lou Thurston called the meeting to order at 11:15am.

4. **GOVERNMENT CLASS PRESENTATIONS:** Darrell Knoll introduced the students and shared his appreciation for the Council to involve students in their local government.

SHELTER HOUSES: Kate Maxfield, Emily Paulus and Callie Peters presented on several ways to improve the two shelter houses at Memorial Park. Recommendations included replacing worn lumber, installing lighting fixtures, and painting. Council recommended staff also solicit bids for new roofs and for composite lumber to replace the wood on the benches. Administrator Stiles and Doug Sisk will work together to determine a date to begin volunteer work. The high school students plan to apply for a grant from Kiwanis.

KEN CARLSON POND: Blane Bernhardt, Nate Hein and Charlie Peters presented three distinct ways to improve the pond at Hillsboro Heights. Recommendations included stocking the pond with a specific variety of fish species to strengthen the ecosystem of the pond; planting shrubs, trees and decorative grasses; and lining the pond with rock around the edges and adding decorative rocks. Council would like to move forward with improving the area around the pond. The high school students will research funding for stocking fish the pond.

Darrell Knoll thanked the Council for their time and support for showing students how their involvement in local government can improve the community.

City Administrator Stiles provided an update on additional high school projects that were not presented to the Council.

5. **COUNCIL COMMENTS:** None.

6. **ADJOURNMENT:** Council meeting adjourned at 11:48am

ATTEST:



LOUIS THURSTON, MAYOR

DANIELLE BARTEL, CITY CLERK