

Hillsboro, Kansas
May 2, 2023

1. The City Council met in regular session via Zoom and in person on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 6:30pm with Mayor Lou Thurston and Council members Blake Beye, Brent Driggers, David Loewen and Byron McCarty participating.

2. **Others Participating:** Andrew Kovar, City Attorney; Matt Stiles, City Administrator; Danielle Bartel, City Clerk; Renae Plett of 910 S Ash; Connie Wiens of 906 S Ash.

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 April 18, 2023.

VOUCHERS in the amount of \$189,250.26.

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

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Renae Plett of 910 S Ash and Connie Wiens of 906 S Ash shared their concerns regarding the drainage ditch running between their houses, noting the water is not flowing and it needs to be dredged. They requested the City address this issue. Council discussion regarding the clean-out process. Administrator Stiles noted City Staff plans to address the drainage ditch issues in the current year.

6. **REQUEST FROM JACOB JOHNSON, 304 N BIRCH, FOR WEDDING FIREWORKS DISPLAY:** Administrator Stiles shared that Jacob Johnson was unable to attend. The request was tabled until the next meeting as Johnson was unable to attend the meeting due to a conflict.

7. **DARIN NEUFELD, EBH FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN:** Darin Neufeld of EBH & Associates provided an overview of the capital improvement plan and highlighted several street projects, sidewalks, and updates needed to the water distribution and sanitary sewer systems.

Council discussion regarding KDHE loan forgiveness, KDOT and USDA grants. Administrator Stiles shared updates on water system projects. The Council provided feedback to Neufeld regarding additions to the CIP. Additional discussion regarding new signs to the east and west of Hillsboro.

8. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

HILLSBORO FORD INVOICES: Administrator Stiles reviewed the Hillsboro Ford invoices totaling \$2,261.97 for servicing police and street department vehicles. Council member Driggers motioned to approve the invoices for payment. Council member Loewen seconded. Council member Beye abstained. Motion carried.

9. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

2024 BUDGET PRELIMINARY DISUCSSION: Administrator Stiles highlighted the City portion of the property tax and the property tax breakdown for impact on the average homeowner. He would like to revise and update the strategic plan in conjunction with the budget discussion this summer. Stiles noted budget priorities and considerations including wages, inflation, health insurance, funding commitments, equipment replacement and capital improvements. The Council affirmed his direction and requested Raymond James provide a report on the debt service schedule.

10. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council member Driggers motioned to move into an executive session for the purpose of preliminary discussion of the acquisition of real property pursuant to KSA 75-4319 (b)(6) for a period of 20 minutes. The executive session will include the City Administrator and the City Attorney. The open meeting will resume at 7:56pm. Council member Loewen seconded. Motion carried.

The City Council moved into executive session at 7:36pm. Mayor Thurston stated no action was taken during the executive session. The regular City Council meeting resumed at 7:56pm.

10. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:** Administrator Stiles reported on the following:

- KMU Conference
- BASE Grant
- Financial Report

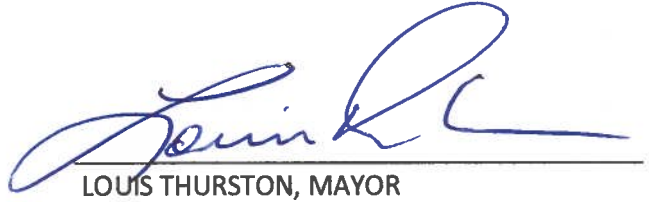
- Health Insurance Savings Report
- Sales Tax Report
- Grid-X Event
- Staff Lunch
- Vacation

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

12. COUNCIL COMMENTS: Council member Beye inquired when the fire truck will arrive. Stiles noted the truck is still in Texas. Beye also noted he will not be able to attend the June 20 meeting. Mayor Thurston shared he will also not be attending the June 20 meeting. Staff will work to reschedule that Council meeting.

13. ADJOURNMENT: Council meeting adjourned at 8:04pm.

ATTEST:



LOUIS THURSTON, MAYOR

DANIELLE BARTEL, CITY CLERK