

Hillsboro, Kansas  
November 2, 2021

**1.** The City Council met in regular session via Zoom and in person, on Tuesday, November 2, 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; Laura Paulus, Hillsboro Free Press; Mark Chesney, Kansas Power Pool; Blake Beye; Jessey Hiebert, Chief of Police; 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. MINUTES:** Council member Gehring motioned to approve the minutes dated October 19, 2021 and Council member Driggers seconded. Motion carried.

**5. VOUCHERS:** Council member Driggers motioned to approve vouchers in the amount of \$353,459.56; Council member Loewen seconded. Motion carried.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

**7. ANNUAL UPDATE FROM KANSAS POWER POOL:** Mark Chesney of the Kansas Power Pool provided an annual update. This is his final meeting with Hillsboro prior to retirement.

## **8. BUSINESS**

**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MARK CHESNEY:** Mayor Thurston provided Mark Chesney with a gift box and a framed Proclamation.

**APPOINTMENT OF ANDREW KOVAR AS CITY ATTORNEY:** Andrew Kovar of Triplett Woolf Garretson, LLC was introduced to replace Kimberlyn Gilchrist as the City of Hillsboro's attorney. Council member Driggers motioned to appoint Andrew Kovar as City Attorney; Council member Loewen seconded. Motion carried.

**AFFIRMATION OF CHIEF OF POLICE APPOINTMENT:** Chief of Police Jessey Hiebert shared he is grateful for this new position and looks forward to serving the community.

**CONSIDERATION OF JOB DESCRIPTION OF SANITATION OPERATOR:** Administrator Stiles reviewed the need for a Sanitation Operator. Council member Gehring motioned to approve the Sanitation Operator job description; Council member Driggers seconded. Motion carried.

**ELCON INVOICES:** Administrator Stiles reviewed the Elcon invoices. Council member Driggers motioned to approve the Elcon invoices and Council member Loewen seconded. Council member Gehring abstained. Motion carried.

**CITY PROSECUTOR APPOINTMENT:** Susan Robson has taken a position as District Court Judge and can no longer serve as City Prosecutor. Administrator Stiles shared information about the law firm Adrian & Pankratz. Council member McCarty motioned to approve the proposed engagement letter from Adrian & Pankratz and to appoint Joe Uhlman as City Prosecutor. Council member Driggers seconded. Motion carried.

## **9. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION**

**MEETING POLICIES:** Administrator Stiles shared the new section, Items for Future Consideration, which will allow Council members additional time to review items prior to making decisions. Items discussed include a Public Comment Policy, Consent Agenda, and the Items Consideration Process.

**2021 BUILDING CODE UPDATE:** Administrator Stiles shared Building Inspector Ben Steketee's recommendation that the Council consider moving to the 2021 edition of the International Building Code along with the other applicable associated codes.

**10. BOARD APPOINTMENTS:** None.

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

- TCW Fiber Celebration & Trick or Treat Main Street
- Electric Car Chargers
- Fireworks at HHS Football Games
- Peabody Water Assistance


- Sales Tax
- Vacation November 21-December 1
- Gary Andrews' Retirement Party – Friday 11/19 at 4-6pm

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

13. COUNCIL COMMENTS: None.

14. ADJOURNMENT: Council meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

ATTEST:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
LOUIS THURSTON, MAYOR

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
DANIELLE BARTEL, CITY CLERK