

Hillsboro, Kansas
October 18, 2022

1. The City Council met in regular session via Zoom and in person on Tuesday, October 18, 2022 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; Danielle Bartel, City Clerk; Colin Hansen & Brooke Carroll, KPP Energy; Darin Neufeld, EBH & Associates.

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

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES dated October 4, 2022.

VOUCHERS in the amount of \$79,277.89.

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

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

6. PUBLIC POWER WEEK AWARD: Mayor Thurston welcomed Colin Hansen, GM & CEO, and Brooke Carroll of KPP Energy. Hansen shared of his involvement as chairman of the American Public Power Association which allowed him to advocate for small public utilities, such as Hillsboro, on a national level. Hansen and Carroll presented the City of Hillsboro with the Public Power Week award and thanked staff for their involvement. Administrator Stiles thanked Caren Funk for her efforts to organize the various activities during the week.

7. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR STREETS: Darin Neufeld of EBH & Associates presented the Capital Improvement Plan for the streets in Hillsboro. He identified three primary areas and the associated costs for each. General areas included south Wilson and south Lincoln streets; Birch, Cedar and B streets; and Adams street. Council discussion regarding street priorities and available grants. Council thanked Neufeld for his report.

8. BUSINESS ITEMS

PROPOSAL FOR SEWER LINE CLEANING & INSPECTION: Administrator Stiles reviewed the proposal from Utility Maintenance Contractors LLC.

Council member Loewen motioned to approve the agreement to inspect and clean the proposed sewer lines at a cost of \$21,000. Council member Beye seconded. Motion carried.

PROPOSED AGREEMENT FOR KMU SAFETY SERVICES: Administrator Stiles reviewed the proposed agreement for Level 1 safety services with KMU. Level 1 would continue to provide City staff with monthly safety training and eliminate the second day of KMU services each month. Administrator Stiles suggested the cost savings could be reassigned to enhance the safety committee's activities and needs.

Council member Beye motioned to approve the agreement with KMU for Level 1 safety services at an annual cost of \$9,412. Council member Loewen seconded. Motion carried.

DESIGNATION OF KPP ENERGY VOTING MEMBERS: Administrator Stiles shared the KPP Energy Annual Members Meeting will be held on December 9 2022. Mayor Thurston will be attending as a board member of KPP Energy. This item was tabled until the next City Council meeting.

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE: Administrator Stiles provided updates on tier one priorities including childcare, housing development, and workforce. He highlighted the momentum for the childcare facility and that developers have shown interest in multi-family housing in the subdivision near the Hillsboro MB Church. He reported ideas shared by other communities at the League Conference regarding housing. Regarding workforce, Stiles shared about the upcoming entrepreneurship course with the Central Kansas Entrepreneurship Center. Administrator Stiles also provided updates about the splash pad, golf course, comprehensive plan, and other tier two goals.

The Council moved into a Land Bank meeting at 7:33pm.

The City Council meeting resumed at 7:38pm.

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

- LKM Conference
- Senior Government Class Presentations
- Quarterly Treasurer’s Report & September Financial Reports
- Evergy Substation
- County-Wide Power Outage
- Water Plant HVAC
- KDOT Application
- September KPP Invoice
- September Insurance Savings Report
- Digger Truck Repair

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mayor Thurston thanked the HHS government students for attending the meeting.

12. COUNCIL COMMENTS: Council member McCarty shared of complaints received about sidewalks in poor conditions. He requested the code enforcement officer, or appropriate staff, look into the sidewalk issues.

13. ADJOURNMENT: Council meeting adjourned at 7:51pm.

ATTEST:

LOUIS THURSTON, MAYOR

DANIELLE BARTEL, CITY CLERK