

Hillsboro, Kansas
September 20, 2022

1. The City Council met in regular session via Zoom and in person on Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at 6:30pm with Mayor Lou Thurston and Council members Blake Beye, Brent Driggers and David Loewen participating.

Members Absent: Byron McCarty.

2. **Others Participating:** Andrew Kovar, City Attorney; Matt Stiles, City Administrator; Danielle Bartel, City Clerk. Members of the public: Alesia Smith; Roger & Cynthia Fleming.

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

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES dated September 6, 2022.

VOUCHERS in the amount of \$672,438.91.

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

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Roger & Cynthia Fleming of 406 Prairie Point requested the sewer averaging method be adjusted to reflect a more accurate reading of the water going through the sewer system, rather than water used. Flemings provided their usage information and elaborated on their request. The public comment portion of the meeting was closed. Council discussion regarding ways to adjust the calculation method either administratively or by changing the ordinance. Council directed staff to bring a revised ordinance which includes usage from mid-December through mid-March as the calculation method.

6. **PUBLIC HEARING FOR 114 S BIRCH:** Mayor Thurston opened the public hearing. Administrator Stiles reviewed the property of 114 S Birch noting that no improvements have been made since the initial report. Resolution 2022-11 would give the homeowner 45 days to repair the structure and authorize the City to proceed with remediating the property after that period.

Mayor Thurston shared the comments he received from David Zeller of 108 S Birch who was unable to attend the meeting. Zeller shared that 114 S Birch could be a great house for a growing family or as a rental. He inquired if there had been any discussion with the property owner(s) regarding selling the house. Administrator Stiles was not aware that had happened.

Council member Driggers motioned to approve Resolution 2022-11. Council member Beye seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The public hearing was concluded.

7. **DEPARTMENT HEAD ANNUAL REPORT: CARA DUELL, FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER:** Cara Duell provided several statistics about the 2022 season and highlighted the need to replace the pool's water heating system and the water feature in the zero-entry end of the swimming pool. Duell shared that patrons of the Family Aquatic Center are extremely grateful for having the pool open. She also expressed appreciation for great summer staff. Duell noted the necessary work to be completed to address the safety-related items in the storage rooms. Council thanked Duell for her presentation.

8. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Council member Driggers motioned for the City Council to recess into executive session for the purpose of consultation with city attorney for matters privileged pursuant to KSA 75-4319 (b)(2) for a period of 10 minutes. The executive session will include the City Administrator and City Attorney. The open meeting will resume at 7:31pm. Council member Beye seconded. Motion carried.

No action was taken during the executive session.

9. BUSINESS ITEMS:

RESOLUTION 2022-12: DANGEROUS STRUCTURE HEARING FOR 101 S MAIN: Administrator Stiles shared about the property and requested a hearing be set for November 15. Council member Loewen motioned to set a public hearing for November 15 at 6:30pm. Council member Driggers seconded. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2022-13: DANGEROUS STRUCTURE HEARING FOR 122 W GRAND: Administrator Stiles shared about the property and requested a hearing be set for November 15. Council member Beye motioned to set a public hearing for November 15 at 6:30pm. Council member Driggers seconded. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING PUBLIC POWER WEEK: Administrator Stiles noted Public Power Week will be October 2-8, 2022. He highlighted several activities will take place during that week. Council member Driggers

motioned to approve the Proclamation and authorize the Mayor to sign. Council member Beye seconded. Motion approved.

HILLSBORO FORD INVOICE: Administrator Stiles reviewed invoices from Hillsboro Ford totaling \$276.20. Council member Loewen motioned to approve payment. Council member Driggers seconded. Council member Beye abstained. Motion carried.

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS: Administrator Stiles provided an overview of the Community Plaza Project which includes the Splash Pad area and Washington Street. He noted ARPA funds will be used to complete this project.

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

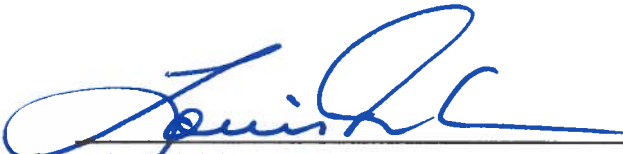
- Alan Vogts Passing
- Arts & Crafts Fair
- Electric Matters
- SEED Grant
- August Treasurers Report
- Annual Service Awards
- CDBG Workshop
- Vacation Day
- Follow Up Items:
 - The utility pole on Adams Street is engineered to tilt and is not a concern.
 - The EV charger at City Hall will soon have signage and a timer.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mayor Thurston shared additional comments from David Zeller regarding south Birch Street. He inquired what the plan is for the street and the curbing, as well as when the repairs might happen. Zeller stated B Street is also in need of repair and hoped the street, water and curbing repair could all be combined into one project. Administrator Stiles shared that Darin Neufeld of EBH & Associates is actively working on a prioritized list of street repairs to be made. While not all streets can be replaced, repairs can be made.

13. COUNCIL COMMENTS: None.

14. ADJOURNMENT: Council meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

ATTEST:


 LOUIS THURSTON, MAYOR


 DANIELLE BARTEL, CITY CLERK