

Hillsboro, Kansas
September 6, 2022

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

Members Absent: None.

2. **Others Participating:** Andrew Kovar, City Attorney; Matt Stiles, City Administrator; Danielle Bartel, City Clerk; Mike Younger, EBH & Associates. Members of the public: Alesia Smith; Rod Funk.

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

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES dated August 16, 2022.

VOUCHERS in the amount of \$1,019,448.93.

SERVER PURCHASE FROM GPCN in the amount of \$15,014.58.

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

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

6. **PUBLIC HEARING FOR REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE:** Mayor Thurston opened the public hearing. Administrator Stiles reviewed the need to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate. No public comments.

Council member Driggers motioned to approve Resolution 2022-06. Council member Loewen seconded. Motion carried 4-0 by roll call vote.

ADOPTION OF THE 2023 BUDGET: Administrator Stiles reviewed the 2023 budget.

Council member McCarty motioned to adopt the 2023 budget as presented. Council member Loewen seconded. Motion carried 4-0 by roll call vote. The public hearing was closed.

7. **PUBLIC HEARING FOR KANSAS PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY LOAN FUND (KPWSLF) APPLICATION:** Mayor Thurston opened the public hearing. Mike Younger of EBH & Associates reported on the KDHE pilot study at the water treatment plant and explained the KPWSLF 100% forgivable loan. Council discussion regarding specifics of the pilot study and water quality. Mayor Thurston shared his appreciation for the support received from the state and federal government for this project.

RESOLUTION 2022-07: KPWSLF LOAN APPLICATION FOR \$1,100,000: Council member Driggers motioned to approve Resolution 2022-07. Council member McCarty seconded. Motion carried 4-0 by roll call vote. The public hearing was closed.

8. **PUBLIC HEARING FOR 311 N LINCOLN:** Mayor Thurston opened the public hearing. Administrator Stiles reviewed the property of 311 N Lincoln noting that no improvements have been made since the initial report. Resolution 2022-10 would give the homeowner 45 days to repair the structure and authorize the City to proceed with remediating the property after that period. Council discussion regarding timeline and Marion County's tax sale schedule.

Council member McCarty motioned to approve Resolution 2022-10. Council member Driggers seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

9. **PUBLIC HEARING FOR 405 S BIRCH:** Mayor Thurston opened the public hearing. Administrator Stiles reviewed the property of 405 S Birch noting the property owner has addressed the code violations since the initial report. Mayor Thurston called for a motion. Resolution died for lack of a motion.

10. BUSINESS ITEMS:

RESOLUTION 2022-08 KANSAS POWER POOL NAME CHANGE: Administrator Stiles reviewed the request from Kansas Power Pool (KPP) to simplify and change the entity's name, and that no additional changes are included in the amendment. Mayor Thurston disclosed his role as a board member of KPP.

Council member Loewen motioned to approve Resolution 2022-08. Council member Driggers seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

LEAGUE OF KANSAS MUNICIPALITIES (LKM) VOTING DELEGATES: Administrator Stiles shared the LKM meeting will be held at the LKM Conference on Monday, October 10.

Council member McCarty motioned to select Mayor Lou Thurston and Council member Blake Beye as voting delegates and name City Clerk Danielle Bartel and Administrator Matt Stiles as voting alternatives. Council member Loewen seconded. Motion carried.

HILLSBORO FORD INVOICE: Administrator Stiles reviewed the invoice from Hillsboro Ford. Council member Driggers motioned to approve payment. Council member Loewen seconded. Council member Beye abstained. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2022-09 KDOT COST SHARE APPLICATION: Mike Younger of EBH & Associates reported the KDOT cost share application would be for the Adams Street project. He noted the project would extend to B Street and, if received, would be for the year 2024. Discussion regarding the percent match to be used in the application and possible financing that may be needed in 2024.

Council member Driggers motioned to approve Resolution 2022-09 with a cost share of 25%. Council member McCarty seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

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

- Hillsboro Community Childcare
- Arts & Crafts Fair
- Farm Ground Lease Agreements
- Pool Season
- Jesse Dirks, Electric Department
- Our Town Development
- Health Insurance Savings
- KPP Invoice
- Letter to Marion County Commissioners
- Sales Tax

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Rod Funk of 111 Commerce Street inquired of Council if they have any intentions of removing the City tax. Council responded that they have no such intentions at this time. Rod Funk also inquired about electric vehicle (EV) charging stations. Council member Beye shared about the EV charger at Hillsboro Ford. Administrator Stiles shared about the one behind City Hall. Stiles noted KPP assisted the City in obtaining the EV charging station for City Hall with the intent that visitors to Hillsboro would be able to charge their vehicle while in town. Additional discussion regarding EV charging stations.

13. COUNCIL COMMENTS: Council member Loewen requested a report of splash pad expenses and a proposed budget for completing the project. Mayor Thurston shared of a resident's concern regarding a utility pole on Adams Street.

14. ADJOURNMENT: Council meeting adjourned at 7:43pm.

ATTEST:


LOUIS THURSTON, MAYOR


DANIELLE BARTEL, CITY CLERK