

Hillsboro, Kansas
October 15, 2019

1. The city council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. in council chambers with Council members Brent Driggers, Jonah Gehring, Byron McCarty, and David Loewen present. Absent: Mayor Lou Thurston.

2. Others Present: Josh Boehm, City Attorney; Laura Paulus, Hillsboro Free Press; Phyllis Zorn, Hillsboro Star Journal (arrived at 4:15 p.m.); Jacob Denholm & Olivia Jury, Hillsboro High School Students; Larry Paine, City Administrator; and, Glenda Stoppel, Deputy City Clerk.

3. CALL TO ORDER – Council president Driggers called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Council president Driggers welcomed the HHS students to the meeting.

5. MINUTES – Council member Gehring asked that in the 10/1/19 meeting minutes, paragraph #13, Elcon Invoice, the minutes reflect that he abstained from the voting. Motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Gehring to approve the minutes of the 10/1/19 meeting with the above correction. Motion carried unanimously.

6. VOUCHERS – Motion was made by Council member Loewen and seconded by Council member McCarty to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$827,161.41. Motion carried unanimously.

7. KPP WARTSILA TRIP – City Administrator Paine gave a Power Point presentation on his recent trip to Europe through KPP. In addition to other KPP members, he toured facilities in Vaasa, Finland and Trieste, Italy and learned about engines using renewables as opposed to coal. Renewables cannot act as base load so there needs to be a way for power to supplement power requirements when renewables are not available. He shared charts indicating how the power mix changes hour by hour and where the “quick start” engines fit in. The main purpose of his trip is to encourage a technical site to be built in Kansas.

8. CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT –

Projects Update - City Administrator Paine gave an update on various projects going on in the city. Crews are pouring curb/guttering on “C” Street; forms for driveways are being set on Washington; and, the water meter project is going well; however, a change order is coming to replace 400’ of can meter setters than what was originally planned.

Recyclable Carts – Council briefly discussed residents disposing of non-allowable items in recycling carts.

Refunds – Council member Gehring said that while he was at last weekend’s League meeting, he stopped by the Kansas State Treasurer’s booth. He learned that there are a couple of people/businesses in town that have money owed back to them through a program called Bucks Back to Business. Their thought process is that hopefully municipalities could help with locating these people so they can get their money. He gave the list to City Administrator Paine for follow-up.

9. ADJOURNMENT – Council meeting adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

/s/
BRENT DRIGGERS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

/s/
GLENDA STOPPEL, DEPUTY CITY CLERK