

Hillsboro, Kansas
May 7, 2019

1. The city council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. in council chambers with Mayor Lou Thurston and Council members David Loewen, Byron McCarty, Brent Driggers and Jonah Gehring (arrived at 4:10 p.m.) present.

2. Others Present: Phyllis Zorn, Hillsboro Star Journal; Laura Paulus, Hillsboro Free Press; Josh Boehm, City Attorney; Cindy Reeh & Dr. Michael Reeh; Darrel Knoll and students from his class – Joe Knoll, Sarah Diener, Owen Funk, Connor Morey, Josiah Jost, Amy Kersten, Tiffany Shaw, Darian Ratzlaff, Caleb Rempel, and Ethan Ingram; Bridget Tatum, HUB International; Larry Paine, City Administrator; and, Jan Meisinger, City Clerk.

3. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Lou Thurston called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION – ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE – Motion was made by Council member Loewen and seconded by Council member McCarty to recess into an executive session under the jurisdiction of discussion of matters privileged in the attorney-client relationship pursuant to KSA 75-4319(b) (2) for purpose of discussing legal matters for a period not to exceed 15 minutes, said regular meeting to reconvene in open session at approximately 4:18 p.m. Said executive session to include the mayor, city council, city administrator, city attorney, and the counselors of Triplett, Woolf, Garretson (via telephone). Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Council member Driggers and seconded by Council member Gehring to reconvene the regular council meeting at 4:18 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. No decisions were made during the executive session.

5. HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL – City Administrator Paine said the city's medical care insurance (Blue Cross/Blue Shield) will increase 2.666% from \$30,798.18 per month to \$31,381.03. The only plan change is for the out-of-pocket increases from \$4,000/\$8,000 to \$4,500/\$9,000. There are no changes to the rest of the plan. Dental insurance has a 2.764% premium reduction. There are no changes to the plan. The reduction reflects the monthly premium going from \$1,999.20 to \$1,943.94. Vision and life insurance both have no change in their premium. Motion was made by Council member Driggers and seconded by Council member McCarty to authorize the renewal of the 2019-2020 health insurance premiums as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Dr. Michael Reeh said he felt the City of Hillsboro should send a resolution to Dr. Erb and Dr. Schmidt thanking them for their service during this difficult time. He felt they were good physicians and will be sorely missed. Dr. Reeh also shared some concerns about Cohesive and hospital by-laws. Mayor Thurston suggested he share those concerns with Brent King, the bankruptcy trustee.

7. MINUTES – Motion was made by Council member Loewen and seconded by Council member McCarty to approve the minutes of the 4-16-19 regular meeting as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

8. VOUCHERS – City Clerk Meisinger made the following corrections to the voucher listing – invoice to Ag Power, Inc (#13393) should be \$88.09 instead of \$88.00, and the invoice (#42182052) to Blue Tarp Financial should be removed from the list. New total is \$479,721.35. Motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Driggers to approve the vouchers as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

9. WATER PROJECT PAYMENT #9 – Motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Gehring to authorize Reimbursement Request #9 from KDHE (for EBH engineering fees - \$30,799.38) and J&K Contracting (construction expenses), Pay Estimate #8 - \$57,784.60, total = \$88,583.98. Motion carried unanimously.

10. PBC MEETING TO APPROVE TWG INVOICES – At 4:34 p.m., council recessed into a Public Building Commission meeting to approve invoices to Triplett, Woolf, Garretson. The meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m. and the regular council meeting resumed.

11. ELCON INVOICE – Motion was made by Council member Loewen and seconded by Council member Driggers to approve Invoice #11403 to Elcon Services, Inc. in the amount of \$18.50, for plastic cord connectors for the water department. Vote: Council members Loewen, McCarty & Driggers, yes; abstained: Council member Gehring. Motion carried.

12. BOARD APPOINTMENTS – none

13. CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – City Administrator Paine reviewed March month-end dashboard.

The weekend barbeque competition was a huge success. Twice the number of people attended from what was expected. Mayor Thurston thanked Anthony Roy, Steve Fast, and staff for all their hard work.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION – ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY – Motion was made by Council member Gehring and seconded by Council member Driggers to recess into an executive session under the jurisdiction of discussion of matters related to the acquisition of real property pursuant to KSA 75-4319(b) (6) for purpose of discussing legal matters for a period not to exceed 20 minutes, said regular meeting to reconvene in open session at approximately 5:10 p.m. Said executive session to include, mayor, city council, city administrator, and city attorney. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Council member Gehring and seconded by Council member Loewen to reconvene the city council meeting at 5:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. No decisions were made during the executive session.

15. ADJOURNMENT – Council meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

/s/
LOUIS THURSTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/
JANICE K. MEISINGER, CITY CLERK