

Hillsboro, Kansas  
June 4, 2019

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

2. Others Present: Alex Simone, Hillsboro Star Journal; Laura Paulus, Hillsboro Free Press; Anthony Roy, Economic Development Director; Renee Gehring, Candidate for City Council; Dale Dalke, Street Superintendent; David Lockwood, Sanitation Driver; Larry Paine, City Administrator; and, Jan Meisinger, City Clerk. Absent: Josh Boehm, City Attorney.

**3. CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Lou Thurston called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Mayor Thurston welcomed Renee Gehring, who has filed for city council, West Ward. He said he was excited that she was willing to step up and help out as we go forward.

**5. MINUTES** – Motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Gehring to approve the minutes of the 5-21-19 regular council meeting as submitted. 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 \$329,344.05. Motion carried unanimously.

**7. SOLAR GRANT AGREEMENT** – We have been talking with KPP about partnering with them on a solar project (for the Community Plaza). J.T. Klaus, our general counsel, pointed out that KPP's Purchase Power Agreement (PPA) did not give any authority to grant a credit to our monthly bills. As a result, Mr. Klaus prepared a Solar Grant Agreement, which spells out the obligations of KPP & Hillsboro. While it is specifically silent, KPP will be paying about \$25,000.00 and Hillsboro will contribute cash and materials with a value of approximately \$25,000.00. When the solar array is completed, it will be Hillsboro's responsibility to operate and maintain the unit. At this point, we do not have the maintenance skills to operate and maintain. KPP will be providing instruction to perform these duties. Motion was made by Council member Gehring and seconded by Council member Loewen to approve the Solar Grant Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

**8. PBC MEETING TO APPROVE INVOICE TO TWG** – At 4:10 p.m., council recessed into a Public Building Commission meeting to approve an invoice to Triplett Woolf Garretson, LLC regarding the hospital bankruptcy. The meeting adjourned at 4:11 p.m. and the regular council meeting resumed.

**9. BOARD APPOINTMENTS** – none

**10. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT** –

*Refuse* – Dale Dalke introduced New Employee David Lockwood, who is operating our new trash truck. He moved here from Flagstaff, Arizona (has family here) and has a lot of good experience. Dale said he was doing a great job and learning the town. New routes will be implemented in a couple of weeks and recycling will be starting. There will be adjustments as we move along. Letters will be mailed to all

residents about these changes. Dale also said he would like to see some recycling guidelines established.

*Sidewalks* – City Administrator Paine said he e-mailed council some pictures of bad sidewalks in the areas where we are redoing streets. He asked council for feedback because he would like to add replacing sidewalks to the project. He is waiting on a cost estimate from Darin Neufeld. There are mature trees in these areas, so special steps will need to be taken to prevent tree roots from buckling the sidewalk.

**11. ADJOURNMENT** – Council meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

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/s/  
LOUIS THURSTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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/s/  
JANICE K. MEISINGER, CITY CLERK