

Hillsboro, Kansas
July 19, 2019

1. The city council met in special session on Friday, July 19, 2019 at 3:30 p.m. in council chambers with Mayor Lou Thurston and Council members David Loewen, Byron McCarty, and Jonah Gehring present. Council member Brent Driggers was present via phone.

2. Others Present: Renee Gehring, Candidate for City Council; Larry Paine, City Administrator; and, Glenda Stoppel, Deputy Clerk. *Staff from Hillsboro Star Journal and Hillsboro Free Press were both notified of the meeting, but didn't have anyone present.

3. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Lou Thurston called the special meeting to order at 3:37 p.m.

4. 2020 BUDGET REVIEW – City Administrator Paine reviewed some revised changes to the budget since the last meeting. Between the changes that he explained and the Street Improvement bonds that were just added, the 2020 budget mill levy is now at 64.264 from the amount of the last proposal of 48.454. Backing out of the recent bonds is not an option. Mayor Thurston said he was extremely disappointed that the City is possibly facing a 20 mill increase. He said he has been in contact with Greg Vahrenberg, the city's financial advisor. Mr. Vahrenberg has reviewed the budget and felt that there are some discrepancies in the numbers.

Mayor Thurston asked council's permission to have City Administrator Paine and Mr. Vahrenberg meet and try to reconcile the numbers. Motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Loewen to send the budget back to city staff for review with Mr. Vahrenberg. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Council member Gehring and seconded by Council member McCarty to move the annual budget hearing from the previously posted date of 8/6/19 to 8/13/19, and to notify the public of this change by July 26th. Motion carried unanimously.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION – DISCUSS EMPLOYMENT ISSUES – At 3:55 p.m., motion was made by Council member Loewen and seconded by Council member McCarty to recess into executive session regarding discussion of matters involving non-elected personnel under K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) for the purpose of discussing employment issues. Executive session will include the mayor and council. The open meeting will resume in the council chambers at 4:25 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. Council meeting resumed at 4:26 p.m. Council then scheduled a Budget Work Session with Mr. Vahrenberg and City Administrator Paine for 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 25th.

6. ADJOURNMENT – Council meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

/s/
LOUIS THURSTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/
GLENDA STOPPEL, DEPUTY CITY CLERK