

Hillsboro, Kansas
September 3, 2019

1. The city council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. in council chambers with Mayor Lou Thurston and Council members David Loewen, Byron McCarty, Jonah Gehring, and Brent Driggers present.
2. Others Present: Renee Gehring, Candidate for City Council; Anthony Roy, Economic Development Director; Darin Neufeld, EBH & Associates; Phyllis Zorn, Hillsboro Star Journal; Laura Paulus, Hillsboro Free Press; Josh Boehm, City Attorney; Larry Paine, City Administrator; and, Jan Meisinger, City Clerk.
3. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Lou Thurston called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – none
5. **MINUTES** – Motion was made by Council member Loewen and seconded by Council member Gehring to approve the minutes of the 8-13-19 special meeting and the 8-20-19 regular meeting as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.
6. **VOUCHERS** – Motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Driggers to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$140,412.25. Motion carried unanimously.
7. **50TH ANNIVERSARY PROCLAMATION FOR ARTS & CRAFTS ASSOCIATION** – Mayor Lou Thurston read a proclamation recognizing that the Arts & Crafts Association was formed 50 years ago and thanked all of the board members and workers who make the fair a success.
8. **BOND RESOLUTION** – deferred
9. **VOGTS PARGA PAY ESTIMATES – WATER LINE STREETS AND WEST GRAND** – Motion was made by Council member Driggers and seconded by Council member Loewen to approve Pay Estimate #2 to Vogt's Parga for Waterline Street Improvements in the amount of \$141,987.73; and, Pay Estimate #1 for West Grand Street Improvements in the amount of \$95,312.65. Motion carried unanimously.
10. **HETT CONSTRUCTION PAY ESTIMATE** – Motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Driggers to approve Pay Estimate #3 to Hett Construction, for East Grand Street Improvements, in the amount of \$131,290.45. Motion carried unanimously.
11. **KDHE REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST #13** – Motion was made by Council member Gehring and seconded by Council member McCarty to approve Reimbursement Request #13 to KDHE, in the amount of \$4,238.50, for engineering expenses. Motion carried unanimously.
12. **ELCON INVOICES** – We have two invoices from Elcon. Invoice 11615 (\$142.64) is for items for East Grand street light replacement; and, Invoice 11648 (\$351.00) is for a disconnect for one of the City Hall air conditioners. Motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Driggers to approve payment of these invoices. Vote: Council members Loewen, McCarty and Driggers, yes; Abstained – Council member Gehring. Motion carried.
13. **PBC MEETING – INVOICE FROM TRIPLETT WOOLF GARRETSON** – At 4:12 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 4:14 p.m. and the regular council meeting resumed.
14. **ELECTRIC DIGGER TRUCK CHANGE ORDER** – The purchase of the digger truck was approved 9-4-18. The award bid was \$247,000.00. During the manufacturing process, the electric crew made several changes resulting in a change order increase of \$2,045.00, making the total cost of the truck \$249,045.00. Motion was made by Council member Gehring and seconded by Council member Driggers to approve the change order increasing the cost of the digger truck to \$249,045.00. Motion carried unanimously. City Administrator Paine has requested quotes for a seven-year lease purchase on this truck.
15. **TURBIDIMETER** – The following comments were sent to City Administrator Paine from Morgan Marler: **Online turbidimeters are required for compliance with EPA and KDHE water quality standards. They continuously sample the water at different points in the water production train for cleanliness of the water. We are required to report those compliance turbidity numbers at 3 minute intervals, continuously. Our current online turbidimeters are outdated and have reached their**

anticipated life expectancy. I was going to start purchasing them as I had money in my budget, maybe one or two a year. However, the extra money left over on the waterline projects affords us the opportunity to purchase all of them at one time at a savings of 10%. The new units (the TU300sc) use new laser technology and will be easier to operate with less downtime for maintenance, cleaning, and calibration. They will integrate with our SCADA telemetry system and alarm systems. This new generation of turbidimeter will also allow us the opportunity to detect trends quicker and react quicker to anomalies in the treatment process.

In order to make this purchase, we needed to make a case to KDHE for their replacement. This was sent to us August 15. Motion was made by Council member Driggers and seconded by Council member Gehring to authorize the purchase of 8 turbidimeters from Hach Company for \$29,061.70. Motion carried unanimously.

16. KDOT HWY 56/INDUSTRIAL DESIGN REIMBURSEMENTS – There are several KDOT Hwy 56/Industrial payment vouchers (totaling \$15,744.98) that need to be signed off on and approved by the City. Once KDOT approves, the money comes to the City and then the City pays EBH. Motion was made by Council member Gehring and seconded by Council member Driggers to authorize submission of the reimbursement requests to KDOT for the Hwy 56/Industrial Road project. Motion carried unanimously.

17. BOARD APPOINTMENTS – none

18. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – City Administrator Paine gave council an update on all the street projects. A pre-construction conference will be held at 10:00 a.m. next Tuesday for radio read water meter installation.

KPP Fall Retreat is September 20 & 21.

19. ADJOURNMENT – Council meeting adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

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LOUIS THURSTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JANICE K. MEISINGER, CITY CLERK