

Hillsboro, Kansas
 July 21, 2021

1. The City Council met in a special meeting via Zoom and in person, on Wednesday, July 21, 2021 at 9:00am with Mayor Lou Thurston and Council members Brent Driggers, Byron McCarty, David Loewen and Renee Gehring participating.

2. Others Participating: Kimberlyn Gilchrist, City Attorney; Laura Paulus, Hillsboro Free Press; Blake Beye; Matt Stiles, City Administrator; and Danielle Bartel, City Clerk.

3. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Lou Thurston called the meeting to order at 9:09am.

4. MINUTES: Council member McCarty motioned to approve the minutes of the 7/1/2021 regular meeting as submitted. Council member Gehring seconded, motion carried unanimously.

5. VOUCHERS: Motion was made by Council member Driggers and seconded by Council member McCarty to approve vouchers in the amount of \$339,772.71. Motion approved.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

7. BUSINESS

MOSQUITO FOGGING: Administrator Stiles prefers to use pellets to control mosquitos rather than fogging. City Hall often receives more complaints about fogging than about mosquitos. In his experience it is better to use preventative measures. Pellets are available at City Hall for residents to pick up free of charge. City Administrator Stiles will publicize the decision and availability of pellets on social media to increase awareness.

ELCON INVOICES: Administrator Stiles reviewed three invoices from Elcon for Council approval. Council member McCarty moved to approve the invoices, Council member Driggers seconded. Council member Gehring abstained, motion carried.

8. BOARD APPOINTMENTS: None.

9. CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT: City Administrator Stiles reported on the following:

- League of Municipalities conference
- ARPA funds
- Trailgate dedication
- Fiber project update
- Water quality
- Community plaza project
- KPP bill
- Grants for electric vehicles

City Administrator Stiles also shared The Building Center has purchased a building on Orchard Drive and will have a soft launch the second week of August. He shared that Mary Johnson has been hired as the Front Desk Clerk and Kaleb Spencer will fill one of the open Water-Sewer Trainee positions. The Payroll/AP Clerk position remains open. Administrator Stiles noted the trash truck driver is a substitute this week and thanked everyone for their patience as the pickup times are slightly different than usual. Also, the strategic plan was reviewed with HDC last week Friday.

10. COUNCIL COMMENTS: No comments today.

11. ADJOURNMENT: Council meeting adjourned at 9:30am.

ATTEST:

LOUIS THURSTON, MAYOR

DANIELLE BARTEL, CITY CLERK