

Hillsboro, Kansas
November 2, 2021

1. The City Council met in regular session via Zoom and in person, on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at 6:30pm with Mayor Lou Thurston and Council members Brent Driggers, Renee Gehring, David Loewen and Byron McCarty participating.

2. Others Participating: Andrew Kovar, City Attorney; Phyllis Zorn, Marion County Record; Laura Paulus, Hillsboro Free Press; Mark Chesney, Kansas Power Pool; Blake Beye; Jessey Hiebert, Chief of Police; Matt Stiles, City Administrator; and Danielle Bartel, City Clerk.

3. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Lou Thurston called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

4. MINUTES: Council member Gehring motioned to approve the minutes dated October 19, 2021 and Council member Driggers seconded. Motion carried.

5. VOUCHERS: Council member Driggers motioned to approve vouchers in the amount of \$353,459.56; Council member Loewen seconded. Motion carried.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

7. ANNUAL UPDATE FROM KANSAS POWER POOL: Mark Chesney of the Kansas Power Pool provided an annual update. This is his final meeting with Hillsboro prior to retirement.

8. BUSINESS

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MARK CHESNEY: Mayor Thurston provided Mark Chesney with a gift box and a framed Proclamation.

APPOINTMENT OF ANDREW KOVAR AS CITY ATTORNEY: Andrew Kovar of Triplett Woolf Garretson, LLC was introduced to replace Kimberlyn Gilchrist as the City of Hillsboro's attorney. Council member Driggers motioned to appoint Andrew Kovar as City Attorney; Council member Loewen seconded. Motion carried.

AFFIRMATION OF CHIEF OF POLICE APPOINTMENT: Chief of Police Jessey Hiebert shared he is grateful for this new position and looks forward to serving the community.

CONSIDERATION OF JOB DESCRIPTION OF SANITATION OPERATOR: Administrator Stiles reviewed the need for a Sanitation Operator. Council member Gehring motioned to approve the Sanitation Operator job description; Council member Driggers seconded. Motion carried.

ELCON INVOICES: Administrator Stiles reviewed the Elcon invoices. Council member Driggers motioned to approve the Elcon invoices and Council member Loewen seconded. Council member Gehring abstained. Motion carried.

CITY PROSECUTOR APPOINTMENT: Susan Robson has taken a position as District Court Judge and can no longer serve as City Prosecutor. Administrator Stiles shared information about the law firm Adrian & Pankratz. Council member McCarty motioned to approve the proposed engagement letter from Adrian & Pankratz and to appoint Joe Uhlman as City Prosecutor. Council member Driggers seconded. Motion carried.

9. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

MEETING POLICIES: Administrator Stiles shared the new section, Items for Future Consideration, which will allow Council members additional time to review items prior to making decisions. Items discussed include a Public Comment Policy, Consent Agenda, and the Items Consideration Process.

2021 BUILDING CODE UPDATE: Administrator Stiles shared Building Inspector Ben Steketee's recommendation that the Council consider moving to the 2021 edition of the International Building Code along with the other applicable associated codes.

10. BOARD APPOINTMENTS: None.

11. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: City Administrator Stiles reported on the following:

- TCW Fiber Celebration & Trick or Treat Main Street
- Electric Car Chargers
- Fireworks at HHS Football Games
- Peabody Water Assistance

- Sales Tax
- Vacation November 21-December 1
- Gary Andrews' Retirement Party – Friday 11/19 at 4-6pm

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

13. COUNCIL COMMENTS: None.

14. ADJOURNMENT: Council meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

ATTEST:

LOUIS THURSTON, MAYOR

DANIELLE BARTEL, CITY CLERK