

Hillsboro, Kansas
January 2, 2018

1. The city council met in special session on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. in council chambers with Council members David Loewen, Byron McCarty, Bob Watson, and Brent Driggers present. Mayor Delores Dalke arrived at 5:21 p.m.

2. Others Present: Lou Thurston, Mayor-elect; David Colburn, Hillsboro Star Journal; Warren & Kathy Deckert, Owners of 311 S. Eisenhower; Susan Robson, Attorney for Mr. & Mrs. Deckert; Josh Boehm, City Attorney; Larry Paine, City Administrator; and, Jan Meisinger, City Clerk.

3. CALL TO ORDER – Council-president Brent Driggers called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – David Colburn said he would like to commend the city crews for being out in the cold weather and early morning hours fixing water leaks that have happened since Christmas Day.

5. MINUTES – The minutes of the 12-13-17 special meeting and the minutes of the 12-19-17 regular meeting were both approved as distributed.

6. VOUCHERS – Motion was made by Council member Watson and seconded by Council member McCarty to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$77,674.50. Motion carried unanimously.

7. CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC HEARING – WARREN DECKERT – The public hearing was reopened at 5:06 p.m. City Attorney Josh Boehm said this was a continuation of the public hearing held 10-3-17 that was recessed to today, 1-2-18. He read a report of conditions dated 12-27-17 from Ben Steketee, Hillsboro Code Enforcement Officer, and submitted copies of pictures. Siding has been installed on the north gable, and scaffolding has been erected on the south side, and it appears that some work has been done in the last 10 days. City Attorney Boehm discussed the options council could take. The Deckerts have retained Susan Robson as counsel. She said the Deckerts have three new windows that are ready to be installed, and siding, but the weather has not cooperated for painting. She requested that the public hearing be recessed for 30 days and that a letter be drawn outlining the items that need to be corrected so this is clear for everyone. It was understood that this did not address any issues on the inside of the house, as it is uninhabitable at this time. No other public comments were received. The public hearing recessed at 5:17 p.m. and the regular council meeting resumed. Motion was made by Council member Watson and seconded by Council member McCarty to recess the public hearing to Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

8. RESOLUTION 2018-01 – (CONDEMNATION 311 S. EISENHOWER) – No action was taken.

9. SALARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2018 – City Administrator Paine said the cost of living adjustment for social security was 2% and that is what he recommended for the 2018 salary adjustments. Mayor Dalke arrived at 5:21 p.m. Motion was made by Council member Watson and seconded by Council member McCarty to approve a 2% salary adjustment for 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

10. USED PICK-UP TRUCK PURCHASE FOR WATER DEPARTMENT – The Water Department is wanting to replace the small pick-up they are using. They have quotes from Hillsboro Ford & Wright's Inc. Their preference is a used 2014 Dodge 1500 Tradesman pick-up from Wrights for \$16,850.00. Motion was

made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Watson to approve the purchase of this pick-up. Motion carried unanimously.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION – NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL – At 5:30 p.m. motion was made by Council member Watson and seconded by Council member Driggers to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319 (b) (1) (city administrator’s evaluation). Also present in executive session: Mayor-elect Lou Thurston. The open meeting will resume in the council chamber at 5:45 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

The council meeting resumed at 5:45 p.m. Motion was made by Council member Watson and seconded by Council member McCarty to approve a 2% salary increase for City Administrator Paine. Motion carried unanimously.

12. CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – Since there are five Tuesdays in January, staff would like to move the meeting from 1-16-18 to 1-23-18 in order to allow more time to close out the year and set up the new budget. Motion was made by Council member Driggers and seconded by Council member McCarty to move the meeting to Tuesday, January 23rd. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Paine said he received a signed agreement late this afternoon from Empower HMS for the portion of the building where the old hospital was located. City Administrator Paine said he would like an opportunity to review the document with the city attorney. Since we are meeting again Monday, January 8th to install the new mayor and council members, this will be placed on the agenda as old business.

Mayor Dalke presented Council member Watson with a plaque for his 10 years of dedicated service on the city council. He said he enjoyed being on the council and he felt we had a good group of employees.

13. ADJOURNMENT – Motion was made by Council member Watson and seconded by Council member Driggers to adjourn at 6:03 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

/s/
DELORES DALKE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/
JANICE K. MEISINGER, CITY CLERK