

Hillsboro, Kansas  
October 24, 2017

1. The city council met in special session on Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. in council chambers with Mayor Delores Dalke and Council members David Loewen, Byron McCarty, Bob Watson, and Brent Driggers present.

2. Others Present: Morgan Marler, Sr. Water Treatment Technician; Don Hellar, EBH Engineers; Don Ratzlaff, Hillsboro Free Press; Charlotte Kennedy Takahashi, Candidate for Mayor; Lou Thurston, Candidate for Mayor; Josh Boehm, City Attorney; Jan Meisinger, City Clerk; and, Larry Paine, City Administrator via telephone.

**3. CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Dalke called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**4. PUBLIC HEARING – KDHE WATER SUPPLY LOAN** – Motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Watson to recess into a public hearing at 4:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Don Hellar, EBH Engineers, said the city was applying for a loan from the Kansas Public Water Supply Loan Fund in the amount of 3.1 million dollars to replace water lines and for the automatic meter read system. Approving this application is not committing council to the automatic meter read system. After bids are received, council can decide if they want to proceed with that or not. Water department staff is working on how much the AMR system will actually cost because not all of the meters need to be replaced. KDHE would be a smaller loan for 20 years; and, the city has also filed an application with RDA, which would be a larger loan for 40 years. However, RDA hasn't been funded yet by the Federal Government. Mayor Dalke asked if any part of this would not last 40 years, because she doesn't believe you should borrow money for more than the life of the project. Mr. Hellar said AMR meters have batteries that are guaranteed for 10 years, but the water lines would last 40 years. Council member Watson said he had a problem with spending this much money on the AMR meters. If water department staff installed the meters, it would save money, but would take longer because they already have jobs to do. The cost of professional installation would be \$50,000.00. City Administrator Paine said, (via phone), he would like to see the AMR meters stay as part of the project. Once they were installed, he felt our customers would be happier with the information we can provide them. Mr. Hellar said replacement meters pay for themselves because over time, meters slow down. Morgan said the AMR meter measured tiny flows whereas an older meter takes more of a flow to measure. There were no other public comments. The public hearing closed at 5:17 p.m. and the regular council meeting resumed.

**5. RESOLUTION 2017-11** – Motion was made by Council member Watson and seconded by Council member McCarty to approve Resolution 2017-11 – (*A RESOLUTOIN AUTHORIZING THE COMPLETION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT REGARDNG A LOAN FROM THE KANSAS PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY LOAN FUND*). Council was polled with the following vote: Council member Loewen, yes; McCarty, yes; Watson, yes; Driggers, yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**6. ADJOURNMENT** – Motion was made by Council member Watson and seconded by Council member McCarty to adjourn at 5:18 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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DELORES DALKE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JANICE K. MEISINGER, CITY CLERK