

Hillsboro, Kansas
December 19, 2017

1. The city council met in regular session on Tuesday, December 19, 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: Lou Thurston, Mayor-elect; Anthony Roy, Hillsboro's Economic Development Director; Don Ratzlaff, Hillsboro Free Press; Dale Dalke, Street Superintendent; Darin Neufeld, EBH Engineers; Russell Groves, 1065 140th; Larry Paine, City Administrator; Jan Meisinger, City Clerk; and, Phyllis Zorn, Hillsboro Star Journal, arrived later in the meeting.

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

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – none

5. **MINUTES** – The minutes of the 12-5-17 regular meeting were approved as distributed.

6. **VOUCHERS** – Motion was made by Council member Watson and seconded by Council member Loewen to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$558,254.24. Motion carried unanimously.

7. **BUDGET AMENDMENT PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPT AMENDED BUDGET** – At 4:03 p.m., council recessed into a public hearing to hear and answer objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed amended use of funds for the 2017 budget. The amendment involves 11 different funds. No new taxes will be raised to cover the extra expenditures. The staff report contained information about the amended funds as did the 11-21-17 council minutes. No public comments were received. The public hearing closed at 4:09 p.m. and the regular council meeting resumed. Motion was made by Council member Loewen and seconded by Council member McCarty to adopt the budget amendment as presented. Council was polled with the following vote: Council member Loewen, yes; McCarty, yes; Watson, yes; Driggers, yes. Motion carried unanimously.

8. **RUSSELL GROVES SEWER ASSESSMENT DISTRICT BID AWARD** – Darin Neufeld said bids were opened earlier today. Six bids were received. They are as follows:

J&K Contracting, LC	\$117,450.00
Duling Construction Co., Inc.	\$127,000.00
Mies Construction, Inc.	\$118,000.00
Smoky Hill Construction	\$158,140.00
Middlecreek Corporation	\$133,350.00
Nowak Construction Co., Inc.	\$ 99,300.00
Engineer's Estimate	\$225,500.00

The apparent low bidder is Nowak Construction Co., Inc. from Goddard, Kansas (originally the Nowak family was from Lincolnville area). They would plan to start February 1st, weather permitting. Grace Church and the city will have a share of this project. Darin felt these were very good bids. Motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Driggers to accept the low bid from Nowak Construction. Motion carried unanimously.

9. **SKID LOADER BID AWARD (2018 BUDGET)** – The city has been leasing a new skid loader annually for about 11 years. The cost of the 2017 lease is \$5,700.00 and the expected 2018 lease would be about \$6,500.00. Dale felt purchasing a skid loader at this point would make more sense. He would expect to keep the purchased skid loader for 10 years, then trade it in. To get delivery in late January or early February, Dale asked for quotes. He received two quotes as follows:

White Star Machinery (Bobcat)	\$39,016.26
Foley Equip (Caterpillar)	\$40,960.00 plus extended 3 years warranty - \$875.00

Dale would prefer the Caterpillar even though the price is higher. There are some functions the Caterpillar has that the Bobcat doesn't provide such as a better cab operator visibility and up & down auto level bucket. Motion was made by Council member Watson and seconded by Council member McCarty to purchase the Caterpillar with delivery in late January or early February. Motion carried unanimously.

10. EL LORITO 2 MEXICAN RESTAURANT CMB LICENSE FOR 2018 – Motion was made by Council member Watson and seconded by Council member McCarty to approve the 2018 cereal malt beverage license for the Mexican restaurant, El Lorito 2. Motion carried unanimously.

11. WATER BOND ISSUE UPDATE – City Administrator Paine said it appeared that KDHE has a lower interest rate than USDA Rural Development, which still has not been funded.

12. BOARD APPOINTMENTS – Delayed so the new mayor can make the appointments.

13. CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – City Administrator Paine said he learned at the KMU meeting that there are utility legislation issues coming up regarding retail wheeling and possible deregulation. This would impact cities and also impact what happens in the economic development world.

14. EVALUATION – CITY ADMINISTRATOR – Mayor Dalke reminded council members that she needed City Administrator Paine’s evaluation forms by the end of the week.

15. ADJOURNMENT – Motion was made by Council member Watson and seconded by Council member Driggers to adjourn at 4:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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DELORES DALKE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JANICE K. MEISINGER, CITY CLERK