

Hillsboro, Kansas
February 21, 2017

1. The city council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. in council chambers with Mayor Delores Dalke and Council members Bob Watson, David Loewen, and Byron McCarty (via telephone) present. Absent: Council member Brent Driggers.
2. Others Present: Kelsey Unruh, Hillsboro Star Journal; Don Ratzlaff, Hillsboro Free Press; Dale Dalke, Street Superintendent; Lori Thurston, 303 Willow Road; Josh Boehm, City Attorney; Larry Paine, City Administrator; and, Jan Meisinger, City Clerk.
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 2-7-17 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 \$213,476.55. Motion carried unanimously.
7. **FRONT END LOADER BIDS** – The following front-end loader bids were received:

Dealer	Model	Base Price
Victor L. Phillips	Case 621G	\$ 153,800.00
Victor L. Phillips	Hyundai HA7579A	\$ 162,805.00
Foley Equipment	Cat 926M	\$ 156,420.00
Murphy Tractor	John Deere 544K	\$ 139,957.00
Berry Tractor	Komatsu WA 270-8	\$ 162,684.00
Berry Tractor	Komatsu WA271-7 Used	\$ 139,000.00
Sellers Equipment	Doosan DL 220-5	\$ 138,832.00

The Street Department had the opportunity to use all of the above loaders, except one. Their preference is the Case 621G from Victor L. Phillips – price \$153,800.00. After further discussion, motion was made by Council member Watson and seconded by Council member Loewen to approve the purchase of the Case front end loader. Motion carried unanimously.

8. TENNIS COURT REHABILITATION – The cost to resurface the eight tennis courts at the sports complex is \$39,800.00, which has been built into the 2017 CIP budget. Both, USD 410 and Tabor College use the city’s tennis courts. USD 410 has been paying an annual user fee, Tabor has not. City Administrator Paine said he has talked to Rusty Allen, Tabor College, about contributing to the expense of the tennis court resurfacing and field preparation. Tabor will be adding wind screens to the west courts before their season starts as part of the upgrade. The work will be done this summer before school starts. If Tabor doesn’t contribute, only four courts will be resurfaced at a cost of \$20,800.00. Motion was made by Council member Watson and seconded by Council member Loewen to authorize the resurfacing of the tennis courts (in the sports complex) up to \$39,800.00. Motion carried unanimously. Tabor expressed some interest in having their on-campus courts rehabilitated at the same time we do ours. The company will be providing Tabor with a separate quote for that work.

9. PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT MEMORIAL PARK – There is money left over in the Special Park Fund from what was raised to replace playground equipment at Memorial Park. Doug Sisk has suggested purchasing the Pegasus climbing net for \$17,428.00. The unit comes with playground certified rubber mulch and molded border timber. The Special Park Fund also receives money from liquor tax revenues. Motion was made by Council member Watson and seconded by Council member Loewen to approve the purchase of a Pegasus climbing net from Custom Play Systems for \$17,428.00. Motion carried unanimously.

10. BOARD APPOINTMENTS – PLANNING COMMISSION – Mayor Dalke reappointed Cynthia Fleming and June Shreve to the Hillsboro Community Planning & Development Commission, terms expiring 2-1-2019. Motion was made by Council member Watson and seconded by Council member Loewen to approve these reappointments. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Dalke reappointed Frank Johnson, Gary Tibbetts and Eric Driggers to the Hillsboro Community Planning & Development Commission, terms expiring 2-1-2020. Motion was made by Council member Watson and seconded by Council member Loewen to approve these reappointments. Motion carried unanimously.

11. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT –

Tornado Sirens – We are looking at a way to be able to set off the sirens using a call-in process rather than (and addition to) physically pushing a button. Sirens were tested today to make sure all of them were working.

Turn Lane 56 & Industrial Road – City Administrator Paine is having Darin Neufeld, EBH Engineers, work on a grant application for a turn lane at the intersection of Hwy 56 & Industrial Road. We have a better chance of funding this time because the hospital is under construction.

Street/Water Improvements – Because we are talking about all of the water improvements that need to be done, City Administrator Paine has also asked Darin what street repairs may be related to that, especially Wilson Street. Mayor Dalke said Industrial Road needed to be rebuilt.

Economic Development Director – Applications have been received and six applicants have been selected for interviews. So, Hillsboro should soon have a new economic development director.

Basketball Court – Mayor Dalke said she had been approached by a group wanting to raise money for a basketball court. They want permission to have it built on the area where the old swimming pool was.

Transportation – Mayor Dalke said she had been asked if the city could arrange some type of transportation from downtown to Hillsboro Heights once Dale's Supermarket moves for people who do not drive. Council members stated they believe Dale still makes home deliveries for people who can't get out.

EMS – Mayor Dalke said she was on the agenda for the county commission meeting to discuss EMS service for Hillsboro and western Marion County. There was a situation Friday night and Hillsboro's ambulance was not available. Peabody's ambulance arrived before Marion's. She talked to the director

and it will be 1 ½ years before he holds any classes because he is not yet certified to teach. She feels this is a serious problem.

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

/s/
DELORES DALKE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/
JANICE K. MEISINGER, CITY CLERK