

Hillsboro, Kansas
March 7, 2017

1. The city council met in regular session on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. in council chambers with Mayor Delores Dalke and Council members Bob Watson, Byron McCarty, and Brent Driggers present. Absent: Council member David Loewen.

2. Others Present: Don Ratzlaff, Hillsboro Free Press; Lou Thurston, 303 Willow Road; Courtney Boehm, Chamber President; Lena Hall, Chamber Office Manager; Josh Boehm, City Attorney; Kathy McNeil, IMA; 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 following correction needs to be made to the 2-21-17 minutes: Paragraph 2, Others Present should read: Lou Thurston not Lori Thurston. The minutes were then approved as distributed.

6. VOUCHERS – Motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Watson to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$127,862.22. Motion carried unanimously.

7. REQUEST FROM CHAMBER – Lena Hall, Chamber Office Manager, told council because of the past success, the Chamber is planning another Community Block Party on Tuesday, April 18th. They are requesting permission to close off the north end of Main Street (north side of the intersection of Main & Grand, and the corner of Main & First Street) starting at 4:00 p.m. They are also requesting the use of five additional polycarts. Motion was made by Council member Watson and seconded by Council member McCarty to approve blocking off part of Main Street for the party. Motion carried unanimously.

8. IMA INSURANCE RENEWAL – Kathy McNeil, our new account representative, presented our insurance renewal effective 4-1-17.

Property	\$45,257.00
Inland Marine	\$ 6,293.00
General Liability	\$12,669.00
Public Official E&O	\$ 3,381.00
Law Enforcement Liability	\$ 1,366.00
Auto	\$21,317.00
Aviation	\$ 1,424.00
	\$91,707.00

This is up from \$86,085.00 the previous year, mostly due to an addition of water utility liability (risk of contamination) and increases in auto coverage (which they are seeing across the state). After questions, motion was made by Council member Driggers and seconded by Council member Watson to approve the renewal. Motion carried unanimously.

9. FINANCING FOR CASE LOADER – Following, are the bids received for financing the Case loader:

Loader Bid Proposals					
	Rate	Fee	Semi-annual	Annual	
Kansas State Bank (Case Contract Lease)					
5	3.25%	-	\$ 16,787.81	\$ 33,575.62	
6	3.37%	-	\$ 14,263.39	\$ 28,526.78	
7	3.43%	-	\$ 12,450.76	\$ 24,901.52	
Central National Bank					
5	2.69%	\$ 250.00	\$ 16,568.91	\$ 33,137.82	
6	2.91%	\$ 250.00	\$ 14,085.20	\$ 28,170.40	
7	3.15%	\$ 250.00	\$ 12,348.84	\$ 24,697.68	
Hillsboro State Bank					
5	3.15%	\$ 300.00	\$ 16,777.93	\$ 33,794.37	
6	0.00%	-	-	-	
7	0.00%	-	-	-	
Emprise Bank					
5	3.04%	\$ 250.00	\$ 16,713.52	\$ 33,427.04	
6	3.23%	\$ 250.00	\$ 14,221.38	\$ 28,442.76	
7	3.43%	\$ 250.00	\$ 12,471.84	\$ 24,943.68	
Marion National Bank					
5	2.88%	\$ 15.00	\$ 16,625.81	\$ 33,251.62	
6	3.09%	\$ 15.00	\$ 14,141.49	\$ 28,282.98	
7	3.29%	\$ 15.00	\$ 12,390.53	\$ 24,781.06	

Central National Bank has the lowest rate. City Administrator Paine said going with a 6-year lease still leaves enough money in the Equipment Reserve Fund to pay for the annual skid loader lease. Motion was made by Council member Watson and seconded by Council member Driggers to approve the six-year lease with Central National Bank @ 2.91% - annual cost \$28,170.40. Motion carried unanimously.

10. BOARD APPOINTMENTS – deferred

11. CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT –

Hometown Showdown – The picture of the downtown Christmas lights, taken by Tom Stoppel, was submitted to the League of KS Municipalities for a Facebook contest. The winners will have their pictures on the front cover of the KS Government Journal. We have made it to round two, beating Halstead in round one.

LED Street Lights – The electric crew is replacing the HPS bulbs downtown with LED bulbs. We have already replaced the ones in Hillsboro Heights and at the Tabor crosswalk.

Fire Advisory Board – There is a Fire Advisory Board meeting later this evening. City Administrator Paine shared copies of the memo he sent to the townships last June as we were working on the budget.

Regional Water Project – Questions have been raised relating to the regional water project. Mayor Dalke and City Administrator Paine went to Topeka yesterday to meet with KDHE. Basically, Hillsboro will be the water treatment plant for Hillsboro and other communities (including Peabody). Motion was made by Council member Watson and seconded by Council member McCarty to appoint Council member Brent Driggers as Hillsboro’s representative on the Regional Water Advisory Task Force. Motion carried unanimously.

Ambulance Service – Mayor Dalke has been meeting with the county commissioners regarding ambulance service. Hillsboro does not have enough volunteers and she is trying to get the county to provide full-time service. She talked to Salem Home (they own the clinic building by the hospital) and they have offered the use of the apartment below the clinic building rent free. This would provide a place for a full-time crew to stay. Hillsboro has the highest assessed value and we should get the same service as Marion. Council members were in agreement that Mayor Dalke should continue to work with the county commission to try and get full-time ambulance service in Hillsboro.

12. ADJOURNMENT – Motion was made by Council member Watson and seconded by Council member Driggers to adjourn at 4:46 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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DELORES DALKE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JANICE K. MEISINGER, CITY CLERK