

Hillsboro, Kansas  
April 4, 2017

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

2. Others Present: Don Ratzlaff, Hillsboro Free Press; Kelsey Unruh, Hillsboro Star Journal; Dale Dalke, Street Superintendent; Kent Becker, County Commissioner; Brent Unruh and Brandi Barney, Marion County Fair; Lou Thurston, 303 Willow Road; David Brown & Mary Regier, Members of Museum Advisory Board; 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 3-21-17 regular meeting were approved as presented.

**6. VOUCHERS** – Motion was made by Council member Watson and seconded by Council member Driggers to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$75,906.48. Motion carried unanimously.

**7. KENT BECKER – NEW COUNTY COMMISSIONER** – Kent Becker, the new county commissioner for the 1<sup>st</sup> District (which Hillsboro is a part of), met with council to introduce himself and to report on what the county is doing. Bids will be opened on Thursday for the repair of 190<sup>th</sup>. The county commissioners have begun a dialog about hiring a county administrator. They are hiring 2 or 3 full-time EMT's for Hillsboro. He felt the Economic Development Task Force is very focused. They hope to stimulate the economy for all the towns in the county and we should see results in the near future.

**8. REQUEST FROM MARION COUNTY FAIR BOARD (BEER GARDEN)** – The Marion County Fair Board submitted a written request to obtain permission to facilitate a beer garden at the upcoming Marion County Fair. Fair board members would run the beer garden for one night, during the demolition derby, on Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>. A portion of the southeast corner of the rodeo arena would be fenced off. No one will be allowed into the beer garden without a driver's license verifying they are 21 years or older. Anyone wishing to partake can purchase a wrist band for \$12.00. The wristband will allow the person to obtain up to 4 beers. There will be a limit of one wristband per person. Once an individual has reached their limit, they will not be served any more beer and will not be allowed to obtain beer for anyone other than themselves. No beer will be allowed to leave the enclosed area. If this first year goes well, it is their hope to continue facilitating a beer garden at future fairs with the possibility of having the beer garden open on additional evenings as well. Their purpose for this is to raise money for the fair. They would need to obtain a general liquor license for 3 days from the State at a cost of \$25.00. Brandi Barney said they had talked to the city police and sheriff's department and neither were opposed to it. City Administrator Paine talked with Jessey Hiebert and asked him to discuss this with Police Chief Dan Kinning. Dan indicated to Jessey he did not support having a beer garden. City Administrator Paine said he wanted our police department and the fair board on "the same page". Motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Watson to table this item until the next city council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**9. MARY REGIER – MUSEUM CLEANING** – Mary Regier told council that in the past, Friends of the Museum has paid for a thorough cleaning once a year of the Schaeffler and Adobe House. Beth Ens was hired and Mary and her husband also helped. The last time this was done, it took 66 hours. Cleaning needs to be done again in April and will need to be done again in the fall when the masonry work is completed. She asked that \$1,000.00 be allocated from the museum budget for this. In the past, they have brought cleaning supplies and equipment from home. Council said the city would reimburse for cleaning supplies based on receipts submitted. Motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Watson that for this year, the city would allow up to \$1,000 for cleaning of the Schaeffler House and museum complex. Motion carried unanimously. This will be treated as contract labor.

**10. STREET PROJECTS** – The upcoming water project will impact the condition of a number of streets in town. City Administrator Paine prepared a spreadsheet of different locations, options, and possible funding sources. Street Superintendent Dale Dalke and City Administrator Paine both did a priority ranking. Due to the total cost, we are looking at a current plus 10-15 year timeframe. Council member McCarty said he gets the most complaints about Grand Street. City Administrator Paine asked council members to prioritize the list and turn it in at the next city council meeting.

**11. KPP GENERATION PLANNING** – In six years, KPP’s contract with Westar for 50 megawatt hours will expire. KPP has begun the process of determining how to replace this capacity. They will be looking at a study of what the best options will be. City Administrator Paine shared copies of information he received at the KPP meeting last week.

**12. BOARD APPOINTMENTS** – Mayor Dalke reappointed Anita Boese and Deanne Nelson for 3-year terms to the Museum Advisory Board. Motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Driggers to approve these reappointments. Motion carried unanimously. There is one open position on the board.

**13. CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT** – none

**14. HOSPITAL TOUR** – Council meeting recessed at 5:15 p.m. for a tour by Marion Regier, CEO at the new hospital. Motion was made by Council member Watson and seconded by Council member McCarty to adjourn at 6:23 p.m.

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DELORES DALKE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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/s/  
JANICE K. MEISINGER, CITY CLERK