

Hillsboro, Kansas
April 4, 2023

1. The City Council met in regular session via Zoom and in person on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 6:32pm with Mayor Lou Thurston and Council members Blake Beye, David Loewen and Byron McCarty participating.

Members Absent: Brent Driggers.

2. **Others Participating:** Andrew Kovar, City Attorney; Matt Stiles, City Administrator; Danielle Bartel, City Clerk; Dale Dalke, Street Superintendent; Ronald Wilkins, 606 S Lincoln.

3. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Lou Thurston called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.

4. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

MINUTES for the regular meeting dated March 21, 2023.

VOUCHERS in the amount of \$93,887.47.

PARK SHELTER ROOF REPLACEMENT REAPPROVAL in the amount of \$17,883 with Spring Branch Construction.

Council member McCarty motioned to approve the consent agenda. Council member Loewen seconded. Motion carried.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

6. **DEPARTMENT HEAD ANNUAL REPORT – DALE DALKE, STREET SUPERINTENDENT:** Dale Dalke noted he has been with the city for 16 years and highlighted his team of Matt Hein and Darin Luthi. The street department has one open position. Dalke shared of several large projects over the last year with the most significant being the splash park where staff installed new lines on Washington Street, poured 250’ of full curb and angled parking, ran underground trenching for lines, and more. The staff, along with help from Vogts Parga, will pour 60 yards of concrete for the main splash pad next week. Additional work will include fabricating a steel shade structure, sidewalks, a patio area, and planting grass.

Dalke also mentioned significant projects including drainage improvements, decluttering the museum, conducting an online and in person auction, and resealing downtown streets. Looking forward, he shared of streets needing to be rebuilt, and new sidewalks reaching to the outskirts of town. He would also like to see the sidewalk replacement program promoted. Dalke listed several equipment upgrades that would be helpful and thanked the council for supporting the street department with funds and in the work they do. Mayor Thurston thanked him for the report and the work done by Dale and his team.

7. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE 1367 – KEEPING OF CHICKENS: Administrator Stiles reviewed the ordinance for allowing chickens within city limits and the associated requirements.

Council member McCarty motioned to adopt Ordinance 1367 and authorized the mayor to sign. Council member Loewen seconded. Mayor Thurston clarified with the City Attorney that this ordinance does not supersede any homeowners’ association regulations. Motion carried 3-0.

Ronald Wilkins of 606 S Lincon shared his appreciation to the Council and staff for the action taken.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2023-05 – ESTABLISHING THE SUMP PUMP AMNESTY PROGRAM: Administrator Stiles described the sump pump amnesty program which encourages self-reporting by citizens to aid the city in complying with the EPA & KDHE inflow and infiltration mandate.

Council member Loewen motioned to approve Resolution 2023-05 to establish the Sump Pump Amnesty Program. Council member McCarty seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK: Administrator Stiles noted the lease purchase agreement will not be issued until a specific tandem dump truck has been selected. Staff recommended this item be tabled.

Council member Beye motioned to table the lease-purchase agreement with Central National Bank for the purchase of equipment until the specific tandem axle dump truck has been identified. Council member McCarty seconded. Motion carried.

HILLSBORO FORD INVOICES: Administrator Stiles reviewed invoices from Hillsboro Ford totaling \$1,822.30. Council member McCarty motioned to approve payment. Council member Loewen seconded. Council member Beye abstained. Motion carried.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

ORDINANCE 1366 – DOG CONFINEMENT: Administrator Stiles highlighted two minor changes, the first regarding securing a dog on the back of a truck, and second, a technical change to note that the municipal court can determine if a dog is vicious. Staff recommended a public hearing be held on April 18, 2023.

Council member McCarty motioned to set a public hearing for Ordinance 1366 regarding dog confinement at the next regular City Council meeting on April 18, 2023 at 6:30pm. Council member Beye seconded. Council member Loewen mentioned he will not be at the April 18 meeting. Motion carried.

9. CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT: Administrator Stiles reported on the following:

- Fire Station Meeting
- County Zoning
- Light Remodel at the Golf Clubhouse
- Landlord Letter
- Housing Focus Groups
- Switching Backup Server Backup System
- Approved for KDHE Sole Source Purchase
- Meeting with Mirror on STAND Program
- Notorious Exhibit
- Damage at the Park
- Sales Tax Revenue

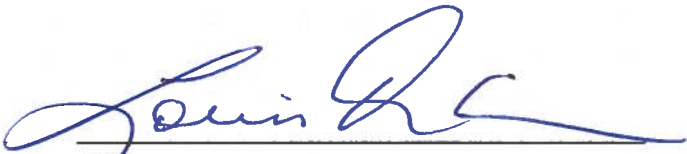
10. LAND BANK MEETING: Council moved into a Land Bank meeting at 7:11pm. The regular City Council meeting resumed at 7:21pm.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

12. COUNCIL COMMENTS: Council member Loewen mentioned that Delores Dalke, former Mayor, is not doing well. Mayor Thurston shared that Dalke is in intensive care and to keep her and her family and friends in mind. Council member Beye shared about the first fire committee meeting and inquired about the Pickup Line. Staff noted the city had discussed a potential location with the owners.

13. ADJOURNMENT: Council meeting adjourned at 7:23pm.

ATTEST:


LOUIS THURSTON, MAYOR


DANIELLE BARTEL, CITY CLERK