

Hillsboro, Kansas
June 27, 2023

1. The City Council met in regular session via Zoom and in person on Tuesday, June 27, 2023 at 6:30pm with Mayor Lou Thurston and Council members Blake Beye, Brent Driggers, David Loewen and Byron McCarty participating.

Members Absent: None.

2. **Others Participating:** Andrew Kovar, City Attorney; Matt Stiles, City Administrator; Danielle Bartel, City Clerk.

3. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Lou Thurston called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES for the regular meeting dated June 6, 2023.

VOUCHERS in the amount of \$571,093.19.

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

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Ronald Wilkins of 606 S Lincoln shared that the treadplate cover at the splash pad can become slick and inquired if city staff could add traction to that piece. Administrator Stiles noted that staff would discuss options to mediate this concern.

6. **CDBG APPLICATION FOR 126 N MAIN, RANSON FINANCIAL:** Crystal Hinnen and Rose Mary Saunders of Ranson Financial provided an overview of the CDBG Commercial Rehab application for 126 N Main. Ranson Financial requested City Council's support by sponsoring the application. Administrator Stiles noted these funds would come from a different CDBG grant pool than the funds for the childcare facility. He also clarified the City does not have a financial obligation in this matter and that a public hearing would be held.

Council member McCarty motioned to allow the City to support the CDBG Commercial Rehab grant application for 126 N Main. Council member Loewen seconded. Council member Driggers abstained. Motion carried.

7. BUSINESS ITEMS

ORDINANCE 1369 – ZONING REGULATIONS & AGRICULTURAL EXEMPTION LANGUAGE: Administrator Stiles noted the wording has been revised to clarify the intention to allow fencing on corner lots.

Council member Beye motioned to adopt Ordinance 1369 and authorize the Mayor to sign. Council member Loewen seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

BID FOR DEMOLITION OF 311 N LINCOLN: Administrator Stiles shared the status of the property at 311 N Lincoln and the related safety concerns. He highlighted the estimate provided by Dalke Construction for demolition and noted the City will place a tax lien on the property for the amount of the demolition.

Council member Loewen motioned to accept the estimate from Dalke Construction to demolish the structure at 311 N Lincoln at a cost of \$8,950. Council member Driggers seconded. Motion carried.

2010 FREIGHTLINER TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK: Administrator Stiles provided information regarding the Freightliner for the street department and discussed the proposed purchase from REED Company and a financing option.

Council member Driggers motioned to approve the purchase of the 2010 Freightliner from REED Company at a cost of \$97,600. Council member Beye seconded. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council member Driggers motioned for the City Council to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matter of non-elected personnel pursuant to KSA 75-4319(b)(1) for a period of 20 minutes. The meeting will include the City Administrator and City Attorney. The open meeting will resume at 7:11pm. Council member Beye seconded. Motion carried.

The regular City Council meeting resumed at 7:13pm. Mayor Thurston noted that no action was taken during the executive session.

MERIT BONUS FOR EMPLOYEES: Administrator Stiles reviewed the employee evaluation process, financial impact on the budget, and staff's recommendation to proceed with the 2% merit bonus.

Council member McCarty motioned to approve the 2023 proposed 2% merit bonus for employees as presented. Council member Loewen seconded. Motion carried.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

SPLASH PAD & SWIMMING POOL DEDICATION: Administrator Stiles and Mayor Thurston shared of Delores Dalke's involvement in building the swimming pool and the family agreed it would be an appropriate place to honor her. They also spoke of Larry Paine's involvement in the community plaza that his family stated it would be an honor to have the splash pad named after him.

Administrator Stiles noted the financial impact would include mainly signage. Council discussion regarding Dalke's and Paine's leadership, signage, and a council decision about naming.

Council member Beye motioned to allow the Mayor to make a proclamation to name the swimming pool the Delores Dalke Family Aquatic Center and the splash pad as the Larry Paine Memorial Splash Pad. Council member Driggers seconded. Motion carried.

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

- KPP Rural Development Meeting
- KPP Financial Scorecard
- MOU with Tabor College for CKEC
- Financials & Dashboard
- KPP Bill
- Next City Council Meeting is July 11
- Budget Draft

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

11. COUNCIL COMMENTS: Council member Loewen invited the public and Council to join him and Mayor Thurston for an evening at the Igloo on July 1st. Council member McCarty inquired about having food trucks at the splash pad occasionally.

12. ADJOURNMENT: Council meeting adjourned at 7:33pm.

ATTEST:



DANIELLE BARTEL, CITY CLERK


LOUIS THURSTON, MAYOR