

Hillsboro, Kansas
March 2, 2023

1. The City Council met in special session via Zoom and in person on Thursday, March 2, 2023 at 11:50am with Mayor Lou Thurston and Council members Blake Beye, Brent Driggers, David Loewen and Byron McCarty participating.

Members Absent: None.

2. **Others Participating:** Matt Stiles, City Administrator; Danielle Bartel, City Clerk; Darrel Knoll, HHS Government Teacher; Hillsboro High School students including Katie Rempel, Karley Loewen, Keeley Brewer, Deon Weeks, Joshua Diener, Josh Siebert, Christopher Bibens and Wenxi Funk.

3. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Lou Thurston called the meeting to order at 11:50am.

4. **PRESENTATION OF SENIOR GOVERNMENT COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS:** Mayor Lou Thurston introduced Darrel Knoll.

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY AT JEFFERSON & GRAND: Katie Rempel, Karley Loewen and Keely Brewer shared of concerns at the intersection of Jefferson and Grand. To improve safety, the group recommended a cross walk and street sign labeled ‘stop for pedestrians.’ They also proposed eliminating one parking spot on Grand Avenue closest to the intersection and adding parallel parking lines along the west side of Jefferson Street on the block south of Grand. Anticipated cost for materials and communication would be approximately \$3,020. Christopher Bibens inquired if eliminating a parking space could be a traffic solution near the high school parking lot alley on Grand Avenue near Adams Street. The group agreed that could be a good solution. Council thanked the group for their presentation and agreed their recommendations would be feasible.

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AT TABOR COLLEGE CROSS WALKS: Deon Weeks, Joshua Diener, Josh Siebert, Christopher Bibens and Wenxi Funk described pedestrian concerns on D Street at the Tabor College crosswalks. They recommended rectangular rapid flashing beacons with a ‘press to cross’ button be added on each side of the crosswalk. Information was shared about potential funding of \$50,000 through the US Department of Transportation noting a traffic study would be needed prior to applying for funding. The cost for both crosswalks would be approximately \$50,000. Council thanked the group for their presentation.

Darrel Knoll expressed his appreciation for Administrator Stiles and Mayor Thurston in their work to set up the student presentations with the Council. He also shared his thanks to the City Council for investing their time in the students to get kids involved in local government.

Council members agreed there is merit in pursuing both recommendations and that the Jefferson & Grand intersection could be addressed by City staff.

5. **ADJOURNMENT:** Council meeting adjourned at 12:16pm.

ATTEST:

LOUIS THURSTON, MAYOR

DANIELLE BARTEL, CITY CLERK