

Hillsboro, Kansas
February 20, 2008

1. The city council met in special session on Wednesday, February 20, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in council chambers with Mayor Delores Dalke and Council members Shane Marler, Byron McCarty & Bob Watson present. Absent: Shelby Dirks.

2. Others Present: Larry Kleeman, Financial Advisor; Mark Pankratz; Dan Baldwin, City Attorney; LaVerne Esau, Container Services; Larry Paine, City Administrator; and, Jan Meisinger, City Clerk

3. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Dalke called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Mark Pankratz said the city's liquor laws only restrict liquor stores 200' from churches and schools. He felt taverns should have restrictions as well. Mayor Dalke said the city ordinance follows the state law.

5. MINUTES – The minutes of the 2-6-08 meeting were approved as distributed.

6. VOUCHERS – Motion was made by Council member Watson and seconded by Council member Marler to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$59,939.25. Motion carried unanimously.

7. ANNUAL TAX ABATEMENT REVIEWS – Mr. Kleeman said the city's abatement review committee met on Friday, February 15, 2008 to review applications for continued abatement of property taxes previously approved by the city council. The tax abatements given to Golden Heritage Foods & Countryside Feeds were IRB abatements given at the time industrial revenue bonds were issued. They are not subject to rescission unless circumstances have changed that would make issuing the bonds illegal, or if they are not the current owner of the facilities. Even though both entities have changed ownership & name changes, the bonds are legally issued. Therefore, the city must continue the abatements given at the time bonds were issued.

Container Services currently has five constitutional abatements. They increased employment, their average wage, & total sales in 2007. They continue to meet or exceed the city's current policy requirements for the levels of tax abatement granted.

The Abatement Review Committee's recommendation is to continue the tax abatements previously approved for the year 2008. Motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Watson to continue the tax abatement for Container Services for 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

8. BOARD APPOINTMENTS –

Marion County Economic Development Council – Mayor Dalke reappointed Larry Paine to a 3-year term. Motion was made by Council member Marler and seconded by Council member Watson to approve this reappointment. Motion carried unanimously.

Planning Commission - Mayor Dalke reappointed Gaylord Goertzen & Lynn Penner for 3-year terms. Motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Marler to approve these reappointments. Motion carried unanimously.

Tree Board – Mayor Dalke reappointed Paul Jantzen, Alvin Hett & Cheryl Bartel for 3-year terms. Motion was made by Council member Marler and seconded by Council member Watson to approve these reappointments. Motion carried unanimously. Martin Rhodes has resigned from the Tree Board. Mayor Dalke appointed Eric Rector to fill this unexpired term. Motion was made by Council member Watson and seconded by Council member Marler to approve this appointment. Motion carried unanimously.

Museum Advisory Board – Mayor Dalke appointed Tim Unruh to fill Dale Honeck’s unexpired term. Motion was made by Council member Marler and seconded by Council member McCarty to approve this appointment. Motion carried unanimously.

Convention & Visitor’s Bureau – Mayor Dalke reappointed Frances Walls, Sheryl Lehr, Brenda Coryea & Lola Unruh. Motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Marler to approve these reappointments. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Dalke appointed Edith Rempel to fill the expired term held by Steve Berg. Motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Marler to approve this appointment. Motion carried unanimously.

Recreation Commission – Mayor Dalke reappointed Max Heinrichs. Motion was made by Council member Watson and seconded by Council member McCarty to approve this reappointment. Motion carried unanimously.

Surface Water Advisory Board – Mayor Dalke appointed Shane Marler as a 1-year voting member. Motion was made by Council member Watson and seconded by Council member McCarty to approve this appointment. Motion carried unanimously.

9. ENGINEER’S REPORT – City Administrator Paine said he had met with Mr. Previtara last week regarding the plans for the Hillsboro Business Park. He asked that the engineering documents be completed and ready to go pending the completion of some activity with a retail company interested in building in the Hillsboro Business Park. He also asked that an excelleration/de-excelleration lane be planned from Ash to past Washington Street. The original plans were for a turn-out area. City Administrator Paine felt in the end, this would be the right thing to do even if it costs a little more.

City Administrator Paine said he & Street Superintendent Dale Dalke would be working on a street inventory to determine which streets need a chip & seal, which need to be

totally rebuilt & which ones need a mill & overlay. Then, these projects will be prioritized.

10. FOLLOW-UP FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS –

A strategic planning session has been scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 27th.

A utility rate work session will be held after the next council meeting on Tuesday, March 4th.

Buxton – City Administrator Paine has the list from Buxton and has been working on negotiating for a few more.

Council was disappointed by the list as it tilts mostly to fast food establishments. City Administrator Paine said there was one generic sit-down restaurant that would be a reasonably good candidate. Mayor Dalke said the list narrows down who our real prospects are, and this proves how hard it is to recruit businesses.

11. CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – The hospital is asking for reimbursement for two invoices for lifts. One is for \$5,315.00 and the second is for \$3,993.00. Motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Watson to approve these reimbursements. Motion carried unanimously.

12. ADJOURNMENT – Motion was made by Council member McCarty and seconded by Council member Marler to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

DELORES DALKE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JANICE K. MEISINGER, CITY CLERK